

## **Peregrine Travel is pleased to offer Chengdu, China**

**( Tour Code: FPTK )**

### **2 Nights 3 Days**

Few people do not know about the Giant Panda. Their symbolic black and white fur-color distinguishes them well from any other animals. Giant Panda, with only about one thousand left in the wild, is also the most well known endangered animal in the world. The rare animal is endemic to China, though some of the habitats were found in northern Vietnam and other nearby areas over half a million years ago. Since the very beginning, most of the research works on Giant Panda have been carrying out on-site at the Giant Panda's natural habitats.

Wolong is a part of the Sichuan Province of China. From Chengdu, it is about 3.5 hours' drive. Further drive from Wolong through the Balang Shan (Balang Mountain) will take you to Jiusaigou. Wolong is a highland with almost one thousand meters above sea level. The altitude brings it high contrast of weather among the four seasons of a year.

#### **The Tour Schedule includes:**

**Day 1:** Arrive Chengdu transfer to Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel

**Day: 2:** Full day tour to Giant Panda Wolong Research Center. (B, L) Note that this tour will require 3.5 hours each way by car from Chengdu to Wolong.

**Clients will get to spend 5 minutes hugging and taking photos with Panda.**



**Day 3:** Depart transfer, Tour ends in Chengdu airport to allow clients make their transfers to other cities.

## Chengdu Attractions

### Giant Panda Wolong Research Center



The Wolong Giant Panda Reserve Centre was one of the earliest research bases established in the early 1980s by the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Until 1989, the Ministry of Forestry of PRC and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) formulated the long-term Giant Panda Management Plan.

Today, the Wolong Giant Panda Reserve Centre has been turned into the Giant Panda Breeding Centre focusing on research works on breeding and bamboo ecology. Much other research works are being carried out at other Reserves such as the one in Qinling Mountains of Shaanxi Province.

The Centre basically takes care of giant pandas under three situations:

- \* When the giant pandas are brought up from captive breeding.
- \* When the giant pandas are somehow dispersed from the group, or are rescued from injury, and have lost the ability to survive if released back to the wild.
- \* When the giant panda are ready to be released back to the wild.

The Centre has two types of 'accommodations' for giant pandas - the Captive Cages and the Semi-nature Enclosures.



Most of the giant pandas in the Centre stay individually in the captive cages, which are in fact large enclosures, each consists of an in-door room and an out-door courtyard.

The semi-nature enclosures are very large wild areas but protected by border fences. Those giant pandas that will soon be released back to the wild will be put in the semi-nature enclosures for a long enough period of time for them to adapt to the natural environment. Although food has to be provided, the giant pandas will sleep there, eat there and recover their natural survival skills there until they can be released back to the wild.

## Hotel Information

### Chengdu Holiday Inn Crown Plaza

31 Zong Fu Street Chengdu, China



The Hotel is strategically located in the busy commercial of the city. It is within the main shopping expanse of Zong Fu Street and office complexes, close to the Sichuan Provincial Exhibition centre and the major government offices.

The hotel features 402 rooms

#### Hotel Amenities

#### Photo Gallery



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|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 24 Hour Room Service      | A/C Public Areas       | Baby-Sitting         |
| Beauty Salon              | Concierge Services     | Dry Cleaning/Laundry |
| Foreign Currency Exchange | Free Local Phone Calls | Gift Shop            |
| Safety Deposit Box        | Secretarial Services   | Shoe Shine           |
| Turndown Service          | Wake Up Calls          |                      |

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#### Hotel Description

**Guest Room:** The facilities in the guest rooms are superb, including marble bathrooms, individually controlled air-conditioning systems, color television with satellite TV, a private bar and coffee-making facilities. The hotel also caters well for disabled guests.

**Location:** With both the major shopping area of Zong Fu Street and Chengdu's commercial center within walking distance, the hotel is ideally situated in the heart of the city. The hotel also has easy access to the airport (18 km) and the central railway station (less than 5 km).

**Restaurants:** There is a lobby bar and restaurants, serving French, regional and Japanese, available onsite. Hotel also Sphere Cafe, Golden Century Chinese Restaurant, Spice Market and Fresh Deli Counter