

Peregrine Travel Tour 12-day Package
12days 11 nights Beijing/Xi'an/Kunming/Lijiang/Shangri-La
(PT12D-3)

USD:\$4,380 Double Occupancy

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As the capital of China, Beijing is one of the world's truly imposing cities, with a 3,000-year history and 11 million people. Covering 16,808 square kilometers in area, it is the political, cultural and economic center of the People's Republic of China. Situated in northeast China, Beijing adjoins the Inner Mongolian Highland to the northwest and the Great Northern Plain to the south. Five rivers run through the city, connecting it to the eastern Bohai Sea. Administratively, the Beijing municipality equals the status of a province, reporting directly to the central government. Rich in history, Beijing has been China's primary capital for more than seven centuries. China's imperial past and political present meet at Tiananmen square, where the Forbidden City palace of the emperors gives way to the Great Hall of the People congress building and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao Zedong. The old city walls have been replaced by ring roads, and many of the old residential districts of alleys and courtyard houses have been turned into high-rise hotels, office buildings, and department stores. Beijing, a dynamic city where the old and new intermingle, remains a magnet for visitors from inside and outside China.

Xi'an is a city with incredible history, as well as a prosperous modern city. As the capital city of Shannxi province, it holds a key position in the fertile plain between the highland plateau of the north and the Qinling Mountains to the south. Xi'an has been the capital of eleven dynasties for more than 2000 years. Along with Rome and Constantinople, this city played a vital role in bridging the gap between east and west. There are important sites and relics in this city. The Terracotta Army of Qin Emperor is regarded as the eighth wonder of the world.

Nicknamed the 'City of Eternal Spring', Kunming enjoys a pleasant year-round climate. It is also known as a city which plays host to the many minority cultures which inhabit Yunnan. Around twenty-six ethnic groups can be found living in or around the city. The unique landscape of Kunming featuring attractions such as the Stone Forest and Dianchi Lake attract millions of visitors each year.

The Old Town of Lijiang was first built in Southern Song Dynasty and in 1253, which is surrounded by Lion Mountain in the west and by Elephant and Golden Row Mountains in the north. The streets are paved with the local stone slabs, which do not get muddy in the rainy season and are free of dust in the dry season. Many stone bridges and arches in the city were built during the Ming and Qing dynasties. The ancient traditional culture of the Naxi ethnic group is the Dongba culture, which is based on the Dongba religion. Most believers are skilled in medicine and the culture is passed on through literature and art. The most delicious traditional food is called Lijiang round cake. The Old Town of Lijiang was included in the UNESCO world heritage list in 1997.

For many years the debate went on to determine where is the Shangri-La as described in James Hiltons Book Lost Horizon. It was not until few years ago that the international debate ended and confirmed that Diqing of Yunan Province was indeed what James Hilton was writing about. As a result, Diqing is now officially named Shangri-La and has been designed a UNESCO destination.

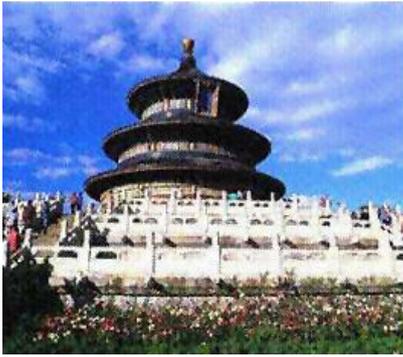
Schedule:

- Day 1** Arrive at Beijing. Transfer to Days & Suites Beijing Hotel for 2 nights stay. (D)
- Day 2** Badaling Great Wall & Summer Palace (B,L,D)
- Day 3** Full day City Tour (Forbidden City & Temple of Heaven) & Evening flight to Xi'an. Transfer to Xi'an Sheraton Hotel for 2 nights stay. (B,L,D)
- Day 4** Full Day Terra cotta Tour (Terracotta Museum & Big Wild Goose Pagoda & Banpo Museum) (B,L,D)
- Day 5** Full Day City Tour (City Wall & Shaanxi History Museum & Forest of Stone Steles Museum) Evening fly to Kunming, Transfer to Kunming Bank Hotel for 2 nights stay. (B,L,D)
- Day 6** Full Day Stone Forests(B,L,D)
- Day 7** Fly to Lijiang, Transfer to Lijiang Treasure Harbour International Hotel for 2 nights stay, Afternoon visit Lijiang Old City (B,L,D)
- Day 8** Full Day Jade Dragon Snow Mountain (B,L,D)
- Day 9** Drive to Shangrila pass by Tiger Leaping Gorges then Transfer to Shangrila Paradise Hotel (B,L,D)
- Day 10** Pudacuo National Park & Songzanlin Moantesy & Old Town & Women's Handicraft Center (B,L,D)
- Day 11** Fly to Kunming then connecting flight to Beijing. Transfer to Days & Suites Beijing Hotel. (B,L,D)
- Day 12** Departure from Beijing. (B)



The Forbidden City

Forbidden City was the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties which is the largest palace complex in the world. It surrounded by 10-meter high walls and a 52-meter wide moat. It covers 74 hectares and has 9,999 rooms. In the forbidden city, you can get more knowledge about the eastern architecture, splendid painted and beautiful craftwork.



Temple of Heaven

Temple of Heaven was built in 1,420 in the Ming Dynasty, which is the most holy of all Beijing's imperial temples. This is where the Emperor came every winter solstice to worship heaven and to solemnly pray for a good harvest. True to the Chinese saying, "Round Heaven, Square Earth." The park is in a square shape and the temple in a round shape which symbolizes that the emperor had to leave the Earth (represented by the square) for Heaven (represented by the round-roofed building).



The Great Wall

The Great Wall is perhaps China's most famous and most mythologized site. Several sections are conveniently visited from Beijing, including at Badaling, the most popular site, about 70 km (43 mi.) northwest of Beijing and at Mutianyu, 90 km (56 mi.) northeast of Beijing. These impressive brick and earth structures date from the Ming dynasty, when the wall was fortified against Mongol forces to the north. The Ming wall is about 26 feet tall and 23 feet wide at the base, and could accommodate up to six horsemen riding abreast. Watch towers, built on high points every 200-300 meters or so with small garrison forces, used fire signals or fireworks as a means of communication. These stretches of the wall are part of a system that extends from the Shanhaiguan fortress on the Bohai Gulf in the east to the Jiayuguan fortress in the west, altogether some 6000 km (3700 mi).



The Summer Palace

The Summer Palace landscape, dominated mainly by Longevity Hill and Kunming Lake, covers an area of 2.9 square kilometers, three quarters of which is under water. Its 70,000 square meters of building space features a variety of palaces, gardens and other ancient-style architectural structures. The Summer Palace is a monument to classical Chinese architecture, in terms of both garden design and construction. Borrowing scenes from surrounding landscapes, it radiates not only the grandeur of an imperial garden but also the beauty of nature in a seamless combination that best illustrates the guiding principle of traditional Chinese garden design: "The works of men should match the works of Heaven".



Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses of Emperor Qin Shi Huang

The Terracotta Warriors and Horses are the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century. Upon ascending the throne at the age of 13 (in 246 BC), Qin Shi Huang, had work begun on his mausoleum. It took 11 years to finish. It is speculated that many buried treasures and sacrificial objects had accompanied the emperor in his after life. It is a sight not to be missed by any visitor to China.



Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Big Wild Goose Pagoda is a well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists. This attraction can be divided into three parts: the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Da Ci'en Temple, and the North Square of Big Wild Goose Pagoda. It attracts numerous visitors for its fame in the Buddhist religion, its simple but appealing style of construction, and its new square in front of the temple.



Banpo Museum

The Banpo Museum is located in the eastern outskirts of Xi'an City. As the first museum at the prehistoric site. It was built at the base of the excavations of the Banpo site. The Banpo site is a typical Neolithic matriarchal community of the Yangshao Culture dating back about 6,000 years. Here a lot of relic exhibited to show how ancient people.



Xi'an City Wall

Xi'an City Wall initially built during the old Tang dynasty (618-907) and ZhuYuanzhang, the first emperor of Ming dynasty, rebuilt the wall, creating the modern Xi'an City Wall. The wall now stands 12 meters tall, 12-14 meters wide at the top and 15-18 meters thick at the bottom. It covers 13.7 kilometers in length with a deep moat surrounding it. It's the most complete city wall that has survived in China, as well as being one of the largest ancient military defensive systems in the world.



Shaanxi History Museum

Shaanxi History Museum Shaanxi Province is the birthplace of the ancient Chinese civilization. Xi'an City was the capital city in thirteen dynasties which in total lasted over 1100 years. The Shaanxi History Museum considers it an obligation to be a showcase of ancient civilizations. It was opened to the public in 1991. Over 700,000 people visit this national treasure each year.



Forest of Stone Steles Museum

Once the site of the Temple of Confucius during the Northern Song dynasty (960-1127), the Forest of Stone Steles Museum is being included in UNESCO's list of world heritage site. With 900 years of history, this treasure house holds the world's largest collection of stone steles of different periods, from the Han Dynasty to the Qing Dynasty. Carved on each of these 3,000 steles are original calligraphies of China's most famous scholars.

Stone Forest (Shi Lin)

The world-famous Stone Forest lies within Lunan County. Owing to the weathering process through the millennia there finally came into being a typical karst physiognomy—a most enchanting sight of fantastic stone pillars, and reputed as the "Number One Grand Spectacle on earth". Many beautiful legends originate in this magical place, passed along by the native people known as Sani, a branch of the Yi ethnic group. One particular story about the faithful love of Ashima, a beautiful, clever and warm-hearted Sani girl, is the most popular and has been told for thousands of years. The Sani people celebrate their national festival - the Torch Festival - every lunar year on June 24. They take part in traditional performances such as wrestling, bull fighting, pole-climbing, dragon-playing, lion-dancing and the A-xi Moon Dance. During this time, the Stone Forest is alive with a particularly joyful, festive atmosphere, making the area even more attractive than usual. However, the Stone Forest - with its sculptures engraved by nature, herself - is always a true miracle for visitors to behold.



The Old Town of Lijiang

The Old Town of Lijiang, a well-preserved old city of ethnic minorities with brilliant culture, is a central town of the Lijiang Autonomous County of the Naxi Ethnic Minority in Yunnan Province. Located on the plateau which is 2,400 meters (7,874 feet) above the sea level and embraced by the tree-covered Lion Mountain in the west, Elephant and Golden Row Mountains in the north, vast fertile fields in the southeast and crystal clear water running through, the old town looks like a big jade ink slab, therefore got the alias the Town of Big Ink Slab (Dayanzhen)



Jade Dragon Snow Mountain (Yulong Mountain)

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Tiger Leaping Gorge



Tiger Leaping Gorge is no doubt an independent hiker's first choice in China . This magnificent gorge holds several peaks at both sides up to 6000 meters. 4000 meters vertically down from the summits flows the roaring Yangzi River (the longest river in China).

Pudacuo National Park



Pudacuo National Park in Shangri-la is 22 kilometers away from the hotel. Included in the natural reserve is an important part of Three Rivers. The park is divided into seven parts, including natural ecology and manmade landscape.



Songzanlin Monastery

Songzanlin Monastery is the biggest monastery in Shangri-La. There are 700 monks and many religious worshippers. The monastery can accommodate 1600 persons.



The Old town of Shangri-La is made up of traditional wooden Tibetan homes, religious buildings alleys and squares. It is distinct from the newly developed town that has grown alongside it. You will be able to see the old versus the new architecture and appreciate the difference in time and history.



Shangri-La Women's Handicraft Center is located in the heart of the old town which is supported by Yunnan Mountain Heritage Foundation, a non-profit community based organization. Summer is the busiest time for women in rural areas around Shangri-la with the harvest of mushrooms in full swing, yaks out to pasture, fields to be tended. They brought crafts, carpets, looms to demonstrate weaving to the center.

Days & Suites Beijing Hotel (Chang An Grand Hotel)

27 Hua Wei Li Chaoyang District Beijing China



Offering comfortable accommodation and various facilities, the Chang An Grand Hotel is an ideal travel destination for both business and leisure travelers visiting Beijing. The hotel has 373 rooms.



Hotel Amenities:

- Airline reservation desk
- Beauty shop
- Car Rental
- Babysitting
- Bar & Lounge
- Concierge desk
- Foreign exchange
- Restaurants
- Housekeeping service daily
- Laundry on-site



Hotel Description

Guest Rooms: Guests are provided with the comfort of tastefully decorated rooms that are spacious and facilitated with numerous in-room amenities. The hotel also offers 24-hour room service for your convenience.

Location: The Chang An Grand Hotel is located in the southeast corner of Beijing City, adjacent to Beijing Curio City, China's largest curio and folk artwork market. It is also close to the Central Business District and downtown.

Restaurant: Guests can enjoy delicious western cuisine in the relaxed atmosphere of the onsite restaurant and later chill out with a refreshing drink at the cocktail bar.

Xi'an Sheraton Hotel

No. 262 Fenghao Road, Xi'an, China



It is close to the Xi'an West Wall and only a few minutes from the center of the city.



Hotel Amenities:

- Baby sitting service
- Banquet facilities
- Beauty salon
- Business centre
- Cocktail bar
- Concierge
- Conference facilities
- Currency exchange
- Disabled facilities
- Photocopying facilities
- Reception facilities
- Restaurants
- Room service
- Safe deposit box
- Sauna
- Shopping arcade
- Spa
- Swimming pool
- Table tennis
- Tour desk

Hotel Description

Guest Rooms: The guestrooms are very large and in good condition. They are all tastefully decorated and equipped with a wide range of deluxe amenities to make your stay as comfortable and convenient as possible.

Location: The hotel is adjacent to the West Second Ring Road, only minutes away from the new Xi'an Developing Zone of High Technology Industries. It is also near the Xi'an West Wall. The major scenic spots can all be accessed easily from this hotel.

Restaurant: The hotel restaurants serve authentic Cantonese seasonal specialties and an array of regional gourmet dishes. The American cuisine is served in the western restaurant.

Bank Hotel, Kunming

No. 399 Youth Road, Kunming, China



It is one of the best hotels in KunMing with best location in downtown. Guests may also enjoy the interest of playing with the Red-beak seagulls from Siberia by the beautiful PanLong River, just a step outside of Bank Hotel



Hotel Amenities

Western
Restaurant ·Music
Lounge
Bank Banquet Hall
Clinic 24-Hours
Security Service
Tennis Court
Bowling Stadium
Swimming Pool
Sauna & Massage
Karaoke
Drug Store
FitnessCenter
Business Center
Baby Room
Beauty Saloon
Foreign Currency
Exchange
Hotel Limousine
Service Laundry
andValet Service

Hotel Description

Guest Rooms: Hotel guest rooms are large sized, fully appointed to present the luxurious atmosphere. All guest rooms are in exceptional condition. Broadband internet connection is available in each room

Location: Bank hotel is located in downtown Kunming, about 15 minutes drive from Kunming International Airport .

Restaurants: Besides luxurious grand ballroom style banquet hall, hotel also has superior international and local flavor restaurants ready to meet your demand. Hotel provides the best choice for its harmonious blend of tradition and modern style

Treasure Harbour International Hotel, Lijiang

Shangri-La Road, Lijiang, Yunnan, P. R. China



The Treasure Harbour International Hotel, Lijiang which is designed and constructed in line with the standards of the platinum 5-star hotel, is located in the main trunk highway of Lijiang -Shangri-La Road, where there is a auspicious Elephant Mountain and the Qing Xi reservoir in the east, the Shangri-la Road in the west and to the south overlooking"the world cultural heritage"-Dayan Old-Aged City. The hotel has 435 rooms.

Hotel Amenities



Baby sitting
Beauty parlour
Boutique
Business centre
Car rental facilities
Disabled facilities
Early check-in
Gymnasium
Laundry facilities
Lifts
Lobby
Outdoor pool
Porterage
Room Service
Sauna
Shop
Travel agency facilities

Hotel Description

Guest Rooms: The hotel is the masterpiece of the distinguished designer, MO & Associates which is enjoying the great prestige all over the world. The hotel has 435 spacious and comfortable rooms and suites with elegant interior design and floor area of over 45 square meters. You can enjoy the poetic charm of the nature through the spectacular views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain .

Location: Located in the Shangri-la road, which is the main street of the city. The Airport is 30 minutes driving distance away and 10 minutes driving distance to Dayan ancient town which was called The World Cultural Heritage .

Restaurant: Chinese Restaurant serves several kinds of cuisine including Cantonese, Huangyang , Hunan cuisine and local snacks. International food and daily buffets also are served as well.

Paradise Hotel (Tian Jie Shen Chuan Hotel),Shangri-la

Changzheng Middle Road, Shangri-La County, Zhongdian, Yunnan, China



The Five-Star Paradise Hotel, completed in 2004, is, at the time of writing the biggest hotel in town. An amalgamation of about six or seven different interior design styles, it features rooms overlooking a courtyard with a (cold) pool, a sauna, and other greenery. The beauty of nature is, literally, right in front of you. The rooms are spacious and bright and are decorated with a soothing palette of colors and warm lighting. There's also an oxygen at the hotel's nurse station.



Hotel Amenities:

- Business Center
- Laundry
- Beauty Salon
- Restaurants in hotel
- Parking
- Health Club
- Chess Room
- Karaoke
- Billiards
- Club Massage
- Tennis Sauna

Hotel Description

Guest Rooms: This 200 superbly appointed guest rooms and suites offer fine quality furnishings and a contemporary feel. Generously proportioned glass windows allow natural light. Hotel is located in down area , with beautiful environment and comfortable rooms .

Location: 15 minutes from the Zhongdian Airport . 7km 's far from Zhongdian airport.

Restaurant: The hotel has Chinese Restaurants, Western Restaurants, Tea Restaurants, Tibet-Style Wine Bar , Tibet - Style Flavor Restaurant and 12 private rooms with different minority features.