

Dragon Tour



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**China
Dragon Year
Special!**

\$1,990 PP

**DEPARTING SYDNEY
ON 03 MAR 2012**

10 day tour to Beijing, Xian & Guilin
Inclusive of \$430 taxes & charges from Sydney



Chinese Dragon in the Zodiac – The Chinese Dragon is one of the most popular and well known of the 12 Chinese Zodiac signs. This type of zodiac signs are based on the years in which people are born, not on the months as traditional Western zodiacs. The sign of the Chinese Dragon, or simply called Dragon, is to be placed in the following periods, from either February or January, for an entire year time: 1904-1905, 1916-1917, 1928-1929, 1940-1941, 1952-1953, 1964-1965, 1976-1977, 1988-1989, 2000-2001, 2012-2013, 2024-2025 and so on. People born in the periods established above are called Dragons, due to the signs of the Chinese Dragon. Apparently many people who believe in this type of Zodiac strive to have their children born among these years, in order to give them a sort of lucky sign. A couple of features of the people born under the Chinese Dragon symbol are related to power and vanity. For example, it is said that the preferred motto of the Chinese Dragon representatives is "I Reign". Also, even the choice of food is connected to the idea of wealth in number, as is the favorite color – which is gold – and the best season – Spring, when everything restarts to grow and develop.

Inclusions:

- China Southern return economy class of Sydney / Beijing / Xian / Guilin / Guangzhou / Sydney with all taxes and fuel surcharges, subject to change
- Twin share room in the 4 star hotels at Beijing Park Plaza at Science Park, Xian Days Inn & Suite Hotel, Guilin Plaza or similar class.
- Inclusive tour with meals as per above (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Chinese Tea and one glass of soft drink or local beer with Lunch & Dinner
- Private English speaking local guides with tours in each city.
- Private air-conditioned bus transfers in each city.
- Free group photo at Tian An Men Square for each family.
- China Bestours travel wallet and backpack.

Exclusions:

- Single entry China visa fee of \$98.50;
- Tipping for tour: A\$60 per person;
- Personal expenses;
- Travel insurance;
- Departing from other cities, please make your own way to Sydney at your own expenses.

****Single supplement: \$350**

****Land only: 1550 per person**

(Land only service start from arrival transfer in Beijing to departure transfer in Guilin, including domestic flights of Beijing / Xian / Guilin only)

Your Travel Agent:

Itinerary

Day 1: 03 Mar Sydney ✈ Guangzhou ✈ Beijing

Today you will fly with China Southern Airlines flight **CZ326 1050/1700** from Sydney to Guangzhou, then connect the flight **CZ3111 1900/2220** onto Beijing, your luggage will be checked through from Sydney to Beijing, upon arrival in Beijing, please put your tour badge on and the tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

Day 2: 04 Mar Beijing

Meal: B/L/BD



Today you visit Tiananmen Square, the largest city square in the world. From Tiananmen Square enter the Forbidden City. This massive complex was the centre of the Ming and Qing dynasties. With almost 10,000 rooms, this well-preserved imperial palace is the largest in the world. After lunch, ride a trishaw to tour the ancient city alleys of the Hutongs and experience the lifestyle of the local people. Tonight a buffet dinner will be served at the hotel.

Day 3: 05 Mar Beijing

Meal: B/L/SD

Today you will experience the splendour of the Great Wall, the pride of China and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is an amazing manmade structure built over 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. After climbing the Great Wall, you then head off to the 2008 Beijing Olympic venues of the Bird's Nest and Water Cube for a photo stop. Next to the Summer Palace, the largest and best preserved of all imperial palace gardens. Marvel with fascination at the Marble Boat and the ornately painted Long Corridor. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Peking Duck Banquet.

Day 4: 06 Mar Beijing ✈ Xian

Meal: B/L/D

Morning is at leisure. Afterwards you tour the magnificent Temple of Heaven, a Ming Temple where the Emperors performed annual rites essential for the well being of their land before you take a late afternoon flight **CZ6948 1550/1745** to Xian, the most historic city in China and the capital of ancient China for 11 dynasties.

Day 5: 07 Mar Xian

Meal: B/L/SD

Today's touring is to the vast treasure of the underground army of the Terracotta Warriors. They are to be found at an archaeological site which so far has yielded some 8000 ancient terracotta soldiers and horses, each a unique, finely detailed sculpture. This afternoon, you visit the ancient city wall which is one of the best preserved in China. Dinner is a sumptuous dumpling banquet and a spectacular Tang Dynasty Show.



Day 6: 08 Mar Xian ✈ Guilin

Meal: B/D

Today your tour guide will take you to the airport for your flight **CZ6376 1215/1400** to Guilin. Upon arrival you will be met and tour to Reed Flute Cave, a wonderful limestone cave with a dazzling variety of stalactites and stalagmites, then transferred to your hotel. You spend 3 nights in Guilin.

Day 7: 09 Mar Guilin ☞ Yangshuo ☞ Guilin

Meal: B/L/D

The highlight of Guilin is the Li River cruise, a 5-6 hour cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo passing through various strange and wonderful mountain formations. Upon arrival Yangshuo you will have time to roam the local market, then drive back to Guilin to visit Elephant Trunk Hill.

Day 8: 10 Mar Guilin ☞ Longsheng ☞ Guilin

Meal: B/L/D



Day excursion to Longsheng. Longsheng is located in the mountainous region on the north eastern part of Guilin. The natural beauty and the colourful ethnic Chinese cultures and customs attract people from all over the world. You visit Zhuang and Yao Minority tribes villages, and the beautiful terrace rice fields on summit of Longji (Dragon's backbone), which are built along the slope winding from the riverside up to the mountaintop, with the highest place of an elevation of 885m and the lowest 380m. A transfer back to Guilin late in the afternoon.

Day 9: 11 Mar Guilin ✈ Guangzhou ✈ Australia

Meal: B

This morning, you tour the Reed Flute Cave, then you will be transferred to the airport for your flight **CZ3304 1810/1910** to Guangzhou, then connect the flight **CZ325 departing at 2105** back to Sydney.

Day 10: 12 Mar Sydney

Arrive in Sydney at 0930 in the morning.