

WONDERS OF CHINA

April 2026

WELLS GRAY TOURS
a world to experience



Yuyuan Gardens in Shanghai

Including Yangtze River cruise

The third-largest country in the world with 20% of the world's population, China is bounded to the north by the deserts of Mongolia, to the west by the Tibetan plateau and the Himalayas, and to the east by the East and South China Seas. China's 22 provinces and 5 autonomous regions are governed from Beijing, along with some 5,000 islands. China isn't just a country – it's a different world. From frenzied metropolises to the epic grasslands of Inner Mongolia – with deserts, sacred peaks, astounding caves, and imperious ruins – it's a land of cultural and geographical wonders. It is not that China has done away with its Maoist past – it is more that the yin of revolutionary zeal is being balanced with the yang of economic pragmatism. The old guard communists are giving way to the new wave entrepreneurs. It is also a land of towering mountains and unique landscapes – background scenery to the fall of dynasties, the rise of emperors, and the turning of the revolutionary wheel.

Be impressed by the high standard of hotels, by the friendliness of the people, and how safe it is to travel around in China. Get ready to explore a whole new world.



INTERNATIONAL



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** April 3, 2026 - 22 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** April 3, 2026 - 22 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** April 4, 2026 - 21 days

► Fares per person

❶ from **\$16,850** double/twin, **\$20,605** single*

**Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Earn 295 Experience Points



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DEPARTURE INFORMATION

**Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the time of booking.
Passengers travelling from the BC Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland regions will begin and end the tour as follows:**

- I BC Interior:** We depart on Friday, April 3, and travel to New Westminster for an overnight stay at the Inn at the Quay. On Saturday, April 4, we fly from Vancouver Airport to Shanghai. We return on Friday, April 24, flying from Hong Kong to Kelowna via Vancouver, then drive home. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.
- V Vancouver Island:** We depart on Friday, April 3, and travel to New Westminster for an overnight stay at the Inn at the Quay. On Saturday, April 4, we fly from Vancouver Airport to Shanghai. We return on Friday, April 24, flying from Hong Kong to Victoria via Vancouver.
- Departure from Victoria:** For passengers in the Greater Victoria Area, transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return. Home pickup may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area depending on the number of people booked and coach size. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.
- Departure from Up-island:** There is an additional cost for clients who wish to fly to and from Nanaimo or Comox Airports on this tour. Transportation to and from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. While we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox Airport at the time of booking.
- L Lower Mainland:** We depart on Saturday, April 4, flying from Vancouver Airport to Shanghai. We return on Friday, April 24, flying from Hong Kong to Vancouver. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack:** Pickup is by the main coach on Friday, April 3, for travel to New Westminster and an overnight stay prior to the flight. Return transportation from Vancouver Airport is not provided on April 24. Please refer to the BC Interior schedule and pricing for full details.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$16,995 double/twin \$20,830 single	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please add 0.1% GST.• There is an additional cost to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox to join this tour.
V	Vancouver Island	\$17,160 double/twin \$20,995 single	
L	Lower Mainland	\$16,850 double/twin \$20,605 single	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- ① **47 total:** 19 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 9 dinners
- ② **46 total:** 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 9 dinners
- ③ **45 total:** 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 8 dinners

► Transportation

- Transportation to Vancouver Airport from the BC Interior, Greater Victoria, or Greater Vancouver Areas
- Flight from Vancouver to Shanghai
- Current air taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person
- 16 days of coach transportation in China
- Transfer from Shanghai Airport to hotel
- Flight from Shanghai to Chongqing
- 3 days on *Yangtze Explorer* cruising the Yangtze River
- Flight from Yichang to Beijing
- Flight from Beijing to Xi'an
- Flight from Xi'an to Guilin
- Bullet Train from Guilin to Hong Kong
- Transfer from Hong Kong hotel to airport
- Flight from Hong Kong to Vancouver
- Flights from Vancouver to Kelowna or Victoria
- Transfers from Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria Airport to the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas

► Accommodation

- ① ② 17 nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- ③ 16 nights accommodation & hotel taxes
 - Luggage handling at hotels & ship
 - 3 nights on *Yangtze Explorer* with stateroom accommodation

► Guides & Gratuities

- Chinese National Guide for 19 days
- Gratuities for Chinese National Guide, local guides & Chinese drivers

► Key Highlights

- Guided tour of Shanghai
- Jade Buddha Temple
- Chinese cooking class
- Yuyuan Garden
- Tour of Tong-li Water Town

- Guided walk in French Concession area
- Choice of shore excursion: Fuling Project 816 **or** Underwater Museum
- Choice of shore excursion: Beacon of Three Kingdoms show **or** Zhongzhou Old Alley
- Choice of shore excursion: Wushan Goddess Sky Road **or** Lesser Three Gorges boat tour
- Three Gorges Dam ship lift
- Tour of Three Gorges Dam
- Great Wall of China with round-trip cable car
- Ming Tombs
- Tour of Beijing landmarks
- Temple of Heaven
- Rickshaw ride through a hutong with home visit
- Summer Palace
- Peking Duck dinner
- Tiananmen Square walking tour
- Guided tour of Forbidden City (Imperial Palace)
- Yonghe Lama Temple
- Tour of Xi'an with Bell & Drum Towers Square & Great Mosque
- Guided walk through the Muslim Quarter
- Terracotta Warriors archaeological site
- Handicraft making of small terracotta warriors
- Tang Dynasty show
- Xi'an Museum
- Big Wild Goose Pagoda
- Jade Arts & Crafts factory tour
- Reed Flute Cave
- Tea Plantation Garden
- Li River cruise
- Guided walk in the countryside near Guilin
- Victoria Peak one-way tram ride
- Wong Tai Sin Temple
- Symphony of Lights show
- Ngong Ping 360 cable car to Lantau Island
- Tian Tan Buddha (Big Buddha)
- Po Lin Monastery
- Tai O stilt-house fishing village
- Boat excursion in Tai O
- Hong Kong Space Museum

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director



ITINERARY

Friday, April 3

Passengers from the BC Interior and Victoria travel to New Westminster. We stay overnight at the Inn at the Quay, built on a pier jutting into the Fraser River. Every room has a view of the river and you can watch all the shipping traffic going by. Meet your fellow travellers during a get-acquainted dinner.

Meals included: ① Lunch, Dinner ② Dinner

Accommodation: Inn at the Quay

Saturday, April 4

A transfer is provided to Vancouver Airport and passengers from Vancouver join us at the airport. Our flight to Shanghai departs in late morning. We cross the International Date Line, regaining this day on our return.

Sunday, April 5

Welcome to China! Arrival in Shanghai is in late afternoon. We are met by our National Guide who will be with us for the whole tour. Our hotel for the next four nights is the Intercontinental Shanghai Jing'An Hotel. It is a 5-star hotel located downtown, close to West Nanjing Road, People's Square, and Jing'An Temple. Relax in the spa, swim in the indoor pool, and enjoy exceptional dining in seven distinct restaurants.

Accommodation: Intercontinental Jing'An Hotel

Monday, April 6

Sleep in and relax this morning while adjusting to the new time zone which is 15 hours ahead of Pacific Time. Savour the first of many incredible breakfasts in the hotel's extensive buffet. **Shanghai** is situated on the estuary of the Yangtze River. It is the largest industrial city in China covering an area of 2,300 square miles with a population of 25 million (including 2 million people in floating homes). Today's Shanghai is a multicultural metropolis with both modern and traditional Chinese features. During an afternoon guided tour, we explore **The Bund**, a grand riverfront promenade that symbolizes Shanghai's modern history and "outward-facing" attitude, and walk the shopping mecca of **Nanjing Road**. A welcome dinner is planned.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Intercontinental Jing'An Hotel

Tuesday, April 7

We visit the **Jade Buddha Temple** which is renowned for its exquisite white jade statues of the Buddha, brought from Burma (now Myanmar) in 1882. Next is a **Chinese cooking class** where the chef teaches us how to make six dishes and cookies, and our lunch is the result of these culinary efforts. In Old Shanghai, the old is juxtaposed with new as we pass Starbucks to visit the 400-year-old **Yuyuan Garden**. It contains a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works, and over-arching trees.

Option: Shanghai Acrobatic Show. \$134 per person. Please select by final payment.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Intercontinental Jing'An Hotel

Wednesday, April 8

We explore **Tong-li Water Town** near Suzhou, one of the top six ancient towns in the region south of the Yangtze River. It is famous as the "Oriental Venice" with its 1000-year-old history, authentic features of old buildings, the Retreat & Reflection Garden, and simple folk culture of the locals. In the afternoon, we walk through the French Concession area of Shanghai that the French government administered from

ITINERARY continued

Wednesday, April 8 continued

1849 until 1943. The tree-lined avenues and the many fine old houses in the area still retain an air of the "Paris of the East".

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Intercontinental Jing'An Hotel

Thursday, April 9

We take a morning flight from Shanghai to **Chongqing**, a sprawling metropolis at the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers. With a history dating back over 3,000 years, it was once the capital of the ancient Ba Kingdom and later became an important regional centre during the Qin and Han dynasties, growing into a major inland port. The city is known for its dramatic mountain landscape, spicy hot pot cuisine (which we sample at lunch), and vibrant river culture. In the afternoon, we board the **Yangtze Explorer** and settle into our staterooms for the three-night cruise down the Yangtze River. Coursing a distance of almost 6,400 km, the mighty Yangtze is the third-longest river in the world and home to more than 300 million people. As the ship passes through deep valleys of lush green hills and narrow canyons with sheer rock cliffs on either side, you may become lost in a timelessness that has escaped the rest of the world.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Yangtze Explorer*

Friday, April 10

You can choose between two shore excursions this morning:

1. **Fuling Project 816.** Hidden in the Wuling Mountains, it was built underground between 1966 and 1984 as a nuclear military plant but never put into service. It is the world's largest known artificial cave, about 20 km long.
2. **White Crane Ridge Underwater Museum.** Ride an escalator down about 40 metres underwater to see the Yangtze River bed and the intricate ancient rock carvings left there since AD 763 in the Tang Dynasty.

In the evening, choose from two shore excursions:

1. **Beacon of Three Kingdoms show,** a marvelous large-scale landscape show that blends history, myth, and stunning visual effects around the lore of The Three Kingdoms.
2. **Zhongzhou Old Alley.** The area embodies the spirit of Ba and Yu and protects the primitive customs of the Three Gorges. Efforts to safeguard Zhongzhou Alley ensure the survival of ancient architecture, from mottled bricks to venerable tiles, while old shops remain central to community life.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Yangtze Explorer*

Saturday, April 11

The ship enters the **Three Gorges** section of the Yangtze River. Admire the splendour of the **Qutang Gorge** in the morning light. This is the first and most dramatic gorge and we pass through the Kui Gate which appears on the 10 RMB Chinese Note. Choose one of the morning tours:

1. **Wushan Goddess Sky Road** is an awesome drive climbing to about 1,200 metres with a terrific view down into the Yangtze gorge.
2. **Lesser Three Gorges.** Daning River is a breathtaking tributary of the Yangtze River. We take a small boat excursion deeper into the enchanting Madu River to view remnants of ancient settlements including the remarkable hanging coffins high on the cliff faces.

Afterwards, we cruise through the **Wu Gorge**, characterized by majestic peaks crowned by lush forests. In the evening, experience a marvel of modern engineering as the *Yangtze Explorer* navigates through the **world's largest ship lift** at the Three Gorges Dam. It boasts a lift capacity of 15,500 tons and a vertical descent of 113 metres, equivalent to a 40-storey building.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Yangtze Explorer*

ITINERARY continued

Sunday, April 12

Arriving in Yichang, we disembark *Yangtze Explorer* after breakfast. We go back to the **Three Gorges Dam** for a tour of this huge project. It is the world's largest hydroelectric power station, stretching over 2 km across the Yangtze and standing 185 metres high. Completed in 2012, it generates over 22,000 megawatts of electricity and also aids in flood control, river navigation, and water storage, although it has raised environmental and social concerns due to large-scale displacement of residents and ecological impact. We fly to Beijing and stay four nights at the New World Beijing Hotel, a 5-star hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: New World Beijing Hotel

Monday, April 13

Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China and the political centre. A highlight is the **Great Wall of China**, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Built between the 7th and 8th centuries BCE, it meanders across the country for more than 6,000 kilometres. We visit the Mutianyu section of the Wall and ride the cablecar for a terrific view. We also visit the **Ming Tombs**, the burial site of 13 Ming Dynasty emperors, with its impressive Spirit Way. We also make photo stops at sites of the **Summer 2008 Olympics** including the National Stadium (Bird's Nest) and National Aquatic Center (Water Cube).

Option: Enjoy an evening performance of the renowned Peking Opera. Cost is \$89 each. Please select by final payment.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: New World Beijing Hotel

Tuesday, April 14

This morning, we tour the **Temple of Heaven**, completed in 1420, which was used by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayers to heaven for a good harvest. Next, we **ride rickshaws** through the 700-year old residential hutong, noted for its quaint narrow streets and colourful courtyards. There is an opportunity to enter the home of a local family and learn more about Chinese culture. After lunch, we visit the prestigious **Summer Palace** where emperors and empresses relaxed amid vast gardens and a man-made lake. In the evening, we savour a dinner of world-renowned **Peking Duck**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: New World Beijing Hotel

Wednesday, April 15

We take a stroll around famous **Tiananmen Square**, said to be the world's largest plaza, and then our guide leads us through the sprawling **Forbidden City**, also called the Palace Museum. It was the Imperial Palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Afterwards, we go to the **Yonghe Lama Temple**, a renowned Tibetan Buddhist monastery, famous for its intricate architecture blending Han and Tibetan styles and its towering 18-metre tall sandalwood statue of the Maitreya Buddha.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: New World Beijing Hotel



ITINERARY continued

Thursday, April 16

Leaving Beijing, we fly to **Xi'an**, a veritable treasure trove of Chinese culture. It was the eastern end of the famed "Silk Road", the trading route used in the Han Dynasty 2,000 years ago, and it served intermittently as the capital of 13 feudal dynasties. In the heart of the city, the Bell and Drum Towers Square serves as a lively hub where ancient timekeeping towers overlook modern activity. Nearby is the Great Mosque which showcases traditional Chinese architecture fused with Islamic design. We walk through the **Muslim Quarter** which buzzes with life, offering flavourful street food, vibrant markets, and a glimpse into the city's multicultural heritage. We stay three nights at the 5-star Westin Hotel. Dinner is a special treat featuring a **Dumpling Banquet**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Westin Hotel

Friday, April 17

The **Terracotta Warriors** are one of China's most iconic archaeological discoveries, unearthed in 1974 by local farmers. Buried for over two millennia, these life-sized clay soldiers were created to guard the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang, China's first emperor, who unified the country in 221 BCE. The vast underground army includes over 8,000 soldiers, along with horses and chariots, each with distinct facial features and intricate armour, reflecting the craftsmanship of the Qin Dynasty. The site offers a fascinating glimpse into ancient military practices, funerary art, and the emperor's quest for immortality. Later, there is an opportunity for handicraft making of small terracotta warriors. Tonight, we enjoy the **Tang Dynasty Show** with dinner at The Tang Palace.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Westin Hotel

Saturday, April 18

Today's tour includes the Xi'an Museum, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, and the Grand Tang Mall. There is a shopping opportunity at a **Jade Arts and Crafts factory**, or you can return to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Westin Hotel

Sunday, April 19

We fly from Xi'an to **Guilin**, considered China's most picturesque city. The landscape has been the subject of Chinese painters and artists for centuries, with its extraordinary limestone towers, tree-lined streets, rice paddies, and the meandering Li River. In the afternoon, we visit **Reed Flute Cave** to see its magnificent stalagmites and stalactites, and the Tea Plantation Garden. We stay two nights in Guilin.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La Hotel

Monday, April 20

We cruise down the scenic **Li River** past mystical landscapes of towering pinnacles. Lunch is served on board. After disembarking at Yangshuo, we take a leisurely stroll in the countryside, then return to Guilin by coach.

Option: Enjoy a foot massage. Cost is \$49 each. Please select by final payment.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La Hotel

Tuesday, April 21

We board the **Bullet Train** in Guilin for a travelling experience unlike anything in Canada. Reaching speeds of over 200 km/hour, the journey to Hong Kong takes less than four hours and we travel in first class luxury with many amenities. **Hong Kong** has long been one of the world's most exciting travel destinations with the juxtaposition of the new, the familiar, and the exotic in this former British colony. High-rise buildings form the backdrop for traditional junks on sheltered Victoria Harbour. Included is a **tram ride up Victoria Peak** with its magnificent view of Hong Kong.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Intercontinental Grand Stanford



Hong Kong

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Wednesday, April 22

The morning is free to engage in a Hong Kong visitor's favourite pastime, shopping. A traditional lunch of Dim Sum is arranged, then we browse the Temple Street Market. Afterwards, we visit the **Wong Tai Sin Temple**, a colourful Taoist temple famed for the many prayers answered: "What you request is what you get." Our farewell dinner is a time to chat about all the wonderful places we have visited during the last three weeks. Later, we watch the **Symphony of Lights show** from the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Intercontinental Grand Stanford

Thursday, April 23

We ride on the awesome **Ngong Ping 360 cable car over to Lantau Island**, a 5-km trip that provides 25 minutes of breathtaking aerial views. We visit the Tian Tan Buddha (Big Buddha) and Po Lin Monastery where a vegetarian lunch is served. Afterwards, we stop at Tai O, a traditional stilt-house fishing village, and take a boat excursion. Keep an eye out for the rare pink dolphins.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Intercontinental Grand Stanford

Friday, April 24

The morning is free time for some final shopping. We visit the **Hong Kong Space Museum** which has exhibits about stars and planets. Then we head to the airport for our evening flights home. We regain the day we lost at the beginning of our journey and land on the same day.

Meals included: Breakfast



Activity Level 3

High Activity: You are an active traveller who wants to explore wherever you go. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can walk

longer distances, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground or cobblestone streets. You can stand for prolonged periods during walking tours. You can climb three flights of stairs easily and unassisted, and can handle your own luggage in airports. Some of the historic sites and temples require a lot of walking. The Forbidden City takes about 3 hours to walk through with many stairs and the coach picks you up on the other side, so you cannot turn around.

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Additionally, this tour is not appropriate for those who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost. The tour director, Chinese guides, and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

Please read the Activity Level 3 declaration attached to this brochure. **By paying the tour deposit**, you agree that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour.



Tour Size 25

This tour is limited to 25 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.



Great Wall of China

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Since long before Marco Polo, China has been a fascinating destination for travellers and it is still a mysterious country, filled with historical and cultural highlights. Shanghai boasts the colonial grandeur of The Bund and the 8-km long shopping mecca of Nanjing Road. The ancient capital of Beijing, barred to westerners until the 1920s, features the 15th century splendour of the Forbidden City, the extraordinary Great Wall, and the imperial tombs of the Ming Dynasty. A 3-night cruise on the Yangtze River through the awesome Three Gorges on the luxury vessel *Yangtze Explorer* is certainly a highlight. Xi'an was once a trading post on the fabled Silk Road and is now renowned for an incredible archeological discovery, the Terracotta Warriors which have guarded an emperor's tomb for 2000 years. The extraordinary limestone towers of Guilin have intrigued Chinese artists for centuries and a cruise on the Li River is a wonderful way to view these mystical formations. Hong Kong is a bustling cosmopolitan city, a mixture of English and Chinese roots, that is a favourite with shoppers.

China's history spans thousands of years, making it one of the world's oldest continuous civilizations. The earliest emerged along the Yellow River around 2100 BCE with the semi-mythical Xia Dynasty, followed by the Shang (1600–1046 BCE) and Zhou (1046–256 BCE) Dynasties. The Zhou introduced the concept of the "Mandate of Heaven" to justify rule. China was unified under the Qin Dynasty by Emperor Qin Shi Huang, who standardized

writing, currency, and began construction of the Great Wall. The Han Dynasty (206 BCE–220 CE) followed, ushering in a golden age of culture, science, and trade along the Silk Road. After centuries of division, the Tang and Song Dynasties led further cultural and technological advancements. The Mongol-led Yuan Dynasty and the Ming Dynasty expanded China's global influence, while the Qing Dynasty (1644–1912) was the last imperial dynasty. The 20th century saw the fall of imperial rule, the rise of the Republic of China, and later the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949 under the leadership of Mao Zedong. Since then, China has transformed into a global economic and political power while preserving its rich historical heritage.

"Wonders of China" is an extensive tour of the significant highlights, but it still has a leisurely itinerary with multiple nights in the cities. We fly between most cities, but also ride the Bullet Train. It is possible to do a whirlwind tour of China's major cities in 10 days, but you would miss some of the great attractions such as Guilin, the Terracotta Warriors, and the Yangtze River cruise.

Your tour is accompanied from British Columbia through China and back by a Wells Gray tour director. The services of a Chinese National Guide are included throughout China and a sightseeing tour in each city is conducted by a local guide. You will be expertly guided and well looked after!

TOUR NOTES

Documentation: A passport is required and must be valid for over 6 months when you enter China. A Tourist Visa is required for Canadians, and details about applying will be provided at final payment. You may have to send your passport away with a Visa application, so plan other trips that require a passport with this in mind.

Currency & Expenses: The currency in China is the yuan and, as of April 2025, a Canadian dollar is worth about 5 CNY. You should order yuan from your bank 1-2 weeks before departure, or plan to use ATMs which are common. Canadian credit cards are generally accepted in major hotels, restaurants, and stores in popular tourist locations. In more rural areas and smaller businesses, they may be less commonly accepted. Gratuities are included for all group meals and for Chinese guides and drivers.

Please book early! China is a very popular tourist destination. Some hotels have strict policies about our commitment to the number of rooms needed and will cancel rooms from our original reservation if they can sell the rooms to other visitors. If this happens, we have to consider the tour full, even though seats are available on the motorcoach. Therefore, waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait till 2028, our next tour."

Accommodation is booked in first-class hotels, rated 4 or 5 stars. On an extensive holiday like this, you want to be staying in well-located and memorable accommodations.

Beverages: Included meals usually have complimentary mineral water, beer, tea, or coke (one glass per meal) at all restaurants in Mainland China. No coffee is served. The restaurants in Hong Kong serve only tea because the prices for other drinks are very high. Other beverages can

be purchased. Please bring a refillable water bottle for use during the travelling days.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights from and to Vancouver. Premium economy and business class may be available. Prices will be available in June 2025. No upgrades are available on the flights within China.

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction (cost available in June 2025) and book your own flight which allows seat selection.

Flight delays or cancellations: Flights can be delayed or cancelled at the last minute, sometimes causing a missed connection. Wells Gray staff will try to assist with re-booking, but the airline usually wants to talk with the individual passenger. There may be an extra payment required if the issue is weather. Wells Gray Tours is not allowed to interfere with this process. Check that your travel insurance policy has a flight delay benefit because that is usually your best recourse for recouping additional flight costs.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. Some restaurants in China may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.



TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due December 3, 2025. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), **Activity Level 3 Declaration**, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard (\$5,000 limit per person on credit cards).

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 3, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From October 4 to December 3, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From December 4, 2025 to January 2, 2026, the cancellation charge is 30% of the tour fare. From January 3 to February 3, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After February 3, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes, currency exchange rates, or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Please do not travel to China without medical insurance as a minimum.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 295 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until December 3, 2025.

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Wonders of China — April 2026

This tour is rated “Activity Level 3” by the tour planners at Wells Gray Tours using our new scale with 4 levels. This rating means there is a lot of activity as described here:



High Activity: You are an active traveller who wants to explore wherever you go. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can walk longer distances, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground or cobblestone streets. You can stand for prolonged periods during walking tours. You can climb three flights of stairs easily and unassisted, and can handle your own luggage in airports. Some of the historic sites and temples require a lot of walking. The Forbidden City takes about 3 hours to walk through with many stairs and the coach picks you up on the other side, so you cannot turn around.

Since a few people who are not capable of doing these activities can hold up the entire group, Wells Gray Tours expects everybody booking a tour with “Activity Level 3” to be reasonably fit physically and mentally. **By paying the deposit**, you agree that you have read this Activity Level 3 Declaration and the statements are true.

- I want to travel on a Wells Gray tour with a rating of “Activity Level 3” on the new scale with 4 levels.
- I have read the brochure with the full itinerary and description of the activities that are typical on this tour.
- I understand that this is the second highest activity level that a Wells Gray tour can be rated.
- I am confident that I can participate in tour activities at this level, and I will not hold up or delay the other members of the tour.
- I do not require the use of a cane, walker, wheelchair, or other mobility assistance devices.
- I have no cognitive impairment such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost.
- If my physical or cognitive condition changes between booking and departure date such that I can no longer do this level of activity, I will notify the Wells Gray office or agent. The specified penalties will apply for cancelling and travel insurance may cover this.
- If I am not capable of keeping up with the group or require ongoing assistance, I understand that the Wells Gray tour director has the right to stop me from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, I acknowledge that I may be required to leave the tour and travel home at my own expense, and that travel insurance will probably not cover me. There will be no refund for unused tour services.

This statement has been implemented by Wells Gray Tours to maintain high quality itineraries, accurate timing, and the enjoyment of all tour participants.