



CHINA TEXTILE & CULTURAL HERITAGE TOUR 2027

Two tours: 10-26 April 2027 & 10-26 October 2027

Day 1 - Arrive in Shanghai. Transfer directly to the hotel.

- ✓ Hotel: Shanghai for 3 nights

Day 2 – Visit the landmarks of Shanghai, such as **Yu Garden**, the **Bund** and **Nanjing Road**.

- ✓ **Yu Garden** is a delicate classical garden that is hidden among high buildings. Adjacent to the garden is the **Yuyuan Bazaar**, where you can savour tasty local snacks and explore elaborate traditional Chinese handicrafts and artworks.

This garden fully embodies the traditional design of Chinese architecture, with jagged pavilions, elegant decorations, glittering fish-filled pools, and pine trees reaching for the sky, all meant to refresh your mood and spirit.

- ✓ Then, we head to **Nanjing Road**, Shanghai's premier shopping street, ideal for a stroll and a taste of the city's modern atmosphere.
- ✓ Lastly, we will walk to **the Bund**, the No.1 attraction in Shanghai and the best viewing deck for the skyline of Lujiazui across the Huangpu River, a cluster of futuristic skyscrapers including Shanghai Tower, Jinmao Tower, Shanghai World Financial Centre, and Oriental Pearl Tower rising from what was once a fishing village. The view captures Shanghai's extraordinary transformation from a treaty port to a global financial hub and innovation powerhouse. Lined with 52 historic European-style buildings, the Bund is also often hailed as an open-air museum of world architecture. Take a pleasant stroll along the promenade, enjoying both the grandeur of the past and the futuristic skyline.
- ✓ Welcome dinner.

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Day 3 – Tongli Water Town and Suzhou Lanliyuan Embroidery Research Institution

- ✓ Over a half-day, we will visit Tongli water town, experience beautiful scenery and immerse you in local culture. We will stroll along the riverside walkway, visit authentic features of old buildings, see the canals that give it the title of the "Venice of the East", and experience the simple folk culture of the locals.
- ✓ Hand-picked local cuisine for lunch.
- ✓ After lunch, we will be heading to the **Lanliyuan Embroidery Research Institute** - the centre for research, training, and production of top-quality silk embroidery. Here, we will participate in a half-day workshop on the intangible cultural heritage of **Su-Embroidery**. In this workshop, we will experience the dedicated Su-Embroidery under the guidance of a local master. The Silk Embroidery Kits will be provided, and a delicious traditional afternoon tea will be served during our workshop.



- ❖ Fees included: return private vehicle, Tongli Water Town entry, lunch, workshop kits and afternoon tea.

Day 4 – Fly from Shanghai to Dali, Yunnan Province. Transfer directly to our hotel.

- ✓ Hotel: for 3 nights

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Day 5 – Tie-Dye Workshop in Zhoucheng Village

Zhoucheng Village is most famously known as the “living fossil of Bai folk culture.” Ethnic customs such as weaving, embroidery, tie-dyeing, and the three-course tea have been handed down from generation to generation in this small village.

- ✓ **Bai tie-dye** mainly focuses on indigo-dye using vegetations like Isais root and Lithospermum as natural dye. We will be involved in the process and learn from local elders. While having a coffee, we will admire the beautiful blue fabrics drying in the wind.
- ✓ **Butterfly Spring** is well known from the classical movie ‘Five Golden Flowers’, and it is always quite fascinating to see the thousands of butterflies that are breeding in this Butterfly World.
- ✓ Experience the **Bai Three-Course Tea Ceremony**. The Bai Three-Course Tea is not just a tea drink. It consists of three cups of tea, each with a distinct flavour and symbolising the three stages of life.
 - ❖ Fees included: return private vehicle, workshop kits, sightseeing, and local English-speaking guide. Lunch at your own cost.



Day 6 – Jياما woodblock printing and Milk Fan making in Xizhou Village

- ✓ **Jياما woodblock** printing workshop takes you inside the **Bai-style wooden houses**, explaining the logic behind their unique design. Then it introduces you to Jياما woodblock printing, revealing how this ancient ritual art is woven into local ceremonies. And perhaps best of all, you get to **print your own piece of Bai heritage to take home** — a souvenir you can use and remember.
- ✓ **Milk Fan**, also known as Rushan, is a popular fan-shaped snack made of milk and yogurt. Produced mainly in Dali, Yunnan province, it can be enjoyed raw, dried, fried, toasted, or cooked with other ingredients, such as Yunnan ham. With a milky-white or yellow appearance, the milk fan is known for its unique flavour. Beyond its taste, milk fan is nutrient-packed with protein and amino acids, offering various health benefits, such as regulating vital energy and blood, calming the nerves, invigorating the stomach and promoting overall well-being. In 2022, the milk fan-making technique was recognised as a provincial item of intangible cultural heritage.



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- ✓ **Shuang Lang Ancient Village** has a long history and rich culture of the Bai ethnic group. The beautiful natural environment nourished a small fishing village. Walk along the village's main Ethnic Culture Street, and there will be artisan workshops displaying Bai tie-dye fabrics and traditional wooden carvings. Rather than mass-produced souvenirs, these items showcase authentic craftsmanship and the region's cultural identity.
- ❖ Fees included: vehicle transport, workshop kits, sightseeing, and a local English-speaking guide. Lunch at your own cost.

Day 7 – Dali to Kaili by Bullet Train. Transfer directly to our hotel.

- ✓ Hotel: for 3 nights

Day 8 – Matang Gejia Batik

- ✓ In Matang Gejia Village, Gejia women master batik from childhood, decorating everything with colourful, intricate designs, often telling the "Hou Yi Shooting the Suns " myth. The village feels like an open-air batik museum! We will experience the entire process in a villager's home – from **drawing traditional patterns in beeswax to dyeing with indigo.**
- ✓ Strolling in Matang Village, we will observe the Gejia women dressed in distinctive ceremonial costumes - fringe hats, twinkling silver ornaments, clothes with batik patterns and embroidery, armour-like tippets, pleated short skirts and embroidered leg wrappings. As we pass by the local families and their wooden houses, we will see women weaving, stitching, batiking, and silversmithing. The handicraft style dates to the Qin Dynasty (221-207 BCE). It reflects the Gejia people's longing for a better life and their boundless love for nature.



- ❖ Fees included: vehicle transport, workshop and sightseeing, and English-speaking guide. Lunch at your own cost.

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Day 9 – Ancient Papermaking in Danzhai Wanda Village

- ✓ **The Papermaking Courtyard:** This courtyard showcases the Shiqiao Ancient Papermaking technique, known as the "living fossil of ancient Chinese papermaking." Using local bark and spring water, artisans create durable paper that has preserved history for over a thousand years. We will make "flower and grass paper" by embedding fresh petals into the pulp, using local barks, fir roots, and clear spring water as raw materials.



- ✓ **The Xiulitao Market** has become a testament to the region's rich cultural heritage, particularly the Miao embroidery tradition, as well as other handicraft traditions.
 - ❖ Fees included: vehicle transport, workshop kits, sightseeing and a local English-speaking guide. Lunch at your own cost.

Day 10 – Kaili to Xian by flight. Transfer directly to our hotel. We will stay 3 nights in Xian in the same hotel.

- ✓ Hotel: for 3 nights

Day 11 – The Terracotta Army

- ✓ **The Terracotta Army** is a collection of terracotta sculptures (Terracotta Warriors and Horses) depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang (210–209 BCE), the first emperor of China. Witness thousands of life-sized terracotta warriors and horses arranged in battle formation – on a scale and in a truly astonishing order. To cap off a visit to the most significant archaeological excavation of the 20th century, we will have a chance to meet the farmer, Mr Li, who discovered the Terracotta Army.
- ✓ Hand-picked local cuisine for lunch.
- ✓ **"Chang'an Twelve Hours" theme street**
 - This unique cultural experience allows visitors to immerse themselves in the ancient capital of Chang'an, which was the political, economic, and cultural centre of China during the Tang Dynasty.

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- **Historical Reenactment:** The theme street features historical reenactments, including traditional performances, folk customs, and the daily life of the Tang Dynasty, providing visitors with a glimpse into the past.
- **Architectural Marvels:** The street is designed with traditional Chinese architecture, showcasing the architectural styles of the Tang Dynasty, which is a feast for the eyes.
- **Interactive experiences,** such as traditional games and activities, where visitors can participate and experience the lifestyle of the Tang Dynasty.
- **Taste authentic Tang Dynasty cuisine,** including famous dishes and snacks that were popular during that era.
- **The theme street offers a variety of traditional handicrafts,** such as pottery, calligraphy, and embroidery, allowing visitors to appreciate the exquisite craftsmanship of the Tang Dynasty.
- ❖ **Fees included:** vehicle transport and English-speaking guide, and lunch.



Day 12 – Xian Day Tour

- ✓ **The Old City Wall** is China's largest and best-preserved ancient city wall. In ancient times, the Xi'an City Wall was a solid boundary that protected people living within. Now, it offers an opportunity to admire the city views while integrating the past and the present.
- ✓ **Xi'an's Muslim Quarter.** This neighbourhood isn't just famous for snacks—it's rooted in over a thousand years of history. The area dates back to the **Tang Dynasty (618–907)**, when Silk Road merchants from Persia and Central Asia began settling in Xi'an. They didn't just bring spices and silks—they brought their faith, culture, and families.
- ✓ **Bell Tower and Drum Tower,** these sites offer a deeper look into the history, culture, and rhythm of daily life in Xi'an, making your visit to the Muslim Quarter so much more than just a food tour. This landmark is one of Xi'an's most iconic sights. It's especially stunning when lit up at night.
- ❖ **Fees included:** vehicle transport and English-speaking guide. Lunch at your own cost.

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Day 13 – Xian to Beijing by Bullet Train. Transfer directly to our hotel.

- ✓ Hotel: for 3 nights
- ✓ **Peking Duck for dinner** at one of the original Peking Duck places, which is over one hundred years old. How could we miss out on this most iconic local dish in Beijing with a 600-year history? When you order Peking Duck, the chef presents the whole roast duck and carves it in front of you. A single duck can be sliced into about 70-80 pieces, each piece containing both skin and meat. The duck is served with thin pancakes, green onions, cucumbers, and sweet soybean paste. Almost every part of the duck can be used to create dishes, including the wings, feet, heart, tongue, and liver. Even the bones can be turned into a delicious duck bone soup, known as the "All Duck Banquet."
- ❖ Fees included: vehicle transport, Picking Duck Banquet.

Day 14 – Forbidden City, Hutongs and Giant Panda House

- ✓ **Forbidden City.** The Forbidden City (as the palatial heart of China. It is an imperial palace complex of the Ming and Qing dynasties (1368–1912) in Beijing, China. As one of the five most important palaces in the world, the palace's grand halls and walls proudly display the essence and culmination of traditional Chinese architecture, befitting the capital city of the world's largest nation.
- ✓ **Beijing hutongs** are one of the best ways to understand the city beyond its imperial landmarks. The hutongs reveal a more intimate side of Beijing: everyday life, courtyard homes, neighbourhood rhythms, and the texture of old streets that have shaped the capital for centuries.
- ✓ **Giant Panda House at the Beijing Zoo.** Here, you can stroll around, get up close and personal with the adorable giant pandas, take in their cuteness, and appreciate the harmonious blend of nature and these lovely creatures.
- ❖ Fees included: vehicle transport, Forbidden City and Beijing Zoo entry, Hutong Tour, lunch and English-speaking guide



Day 15 – Great Wall & Summer Palace

- ✓ **The Great Wall of China** was built over centuries by China's emperors to protect their territory. Today, it stretches for thousands of miles along China's historic northern border. The Great Wall of China was constructed over several dynasties, with its origins dating back to the 7th century BC. Beyond its military function, the Great Wall has become a symbol of Chinese strength, perseverance, and national unity. It represents the historical efforts of the Chinese people to protect their homeland and has significant cultural and historical importance in China and world wide.
- ✓ Hand-picked local cuisine for lunch

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- ✓ **The Summer Palace** is the best-preserved imperial garden in the world and one of the largest of its kind still in existence in China today. In December 1998, UNESCO included the Summer Palace on its World Heritage List. It declared the Summer Palace "a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. The natural landscape of hills and open water is combined with artificial features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges to form a harmonious ensemble of outstanding aesthetic value".
- ❖ Fees included: vehicle transport, Great Wall and Summer Palace entry tickets, lunch and English-speaking guide

Day 16 – Historic Dashilan

- ✓ **Dashilan Street** is a historic commercial hub in Beijing, established in the Ming Yongle era (1420), which evolved into a bustling commercial hub during the late Qing Dynasty. The street is thoughtfully reconstructed to mirror its appearance in the 1920s and 1930s, creating an immersive historical experience that transports you back in time. One of the street's unique features is the harmonious coexistence of old and new. You will find Starbucks and other modern cafes nestled near traditional Paifang gateways and ancient shops.
- ✓ **Beijing – Sydney.** Transfer to Beijing International Airport for departing flights.



Day 17 – Arrive in Sydney



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The 2027 tour costs will be finalised closer to the tour dates. As a guide, the 2026 tour cost is AUD\$6,600 per person (inc GST, twin share, excluding international return flights to China, personal spending, and meals not included in the trip details). In 2026, the extra cost for single-room accommodation is \$970.

Price includes:

- 15 nights' hotels in convenient locations and daily breakfast.
- 2 afternoon teas, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- All China internal transport by bullet train and flights
- Daily vehicle transport and driver, and English-speaking local guides
- All workshops, activities and sightseeing tickets

Price excludes:

- Return International flights
- Personal spending
- Travel insurance

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