



CHINA

A vast land, home to over a quarter of the world's population, China remains enticing and enigmatic. Its special magic, awesome beauty and ancient culture simply dazzle newcomers. With the increasing number of tourists discovering the pleasures of China, tailor-made holidays featuring the main centres are available from Twohigs as shown on this section.

TWOHIGS THOUGHTS

A visit to China is an exciting and fascinating experience. Over the last decade, standards of accommodation have improved dramatically for the western traveller. During the winter months, the north, Beijing and Xian can be very cold, whilst the further south you travel, Shanghai and Hong Kong are milder. Many tours within China are very demanding and not suitable for people with walking difficulties. Days may be long with little leisure time. Flight delays or cancellations do occur. All services are provided by government agencies and itineraries, can often be altered without notice.

XIAN - 'The Eternal City', Xi'an, located in the heart of China's Guanzhong Plain, at the start of the Silk Road. Once a great city at the crossroads of trading routes from China to central Asia, Xian is now famous for its Army of Terracotta Warriors, 7,000 life size terracotta figures lined up for battle in underground vaults. Don't forget to sample dumplings - the local speciality of Xian!

YANGZTE RIVER - The cradle of Chinese civilisation, the Yangzte is the world's 3rd largest river fed by the snow and ice melts from the Qinghai - Tibet Plateau, 6,300kms to the East China Sea. Cruising the mighty Yangzte River, will take you through the cradle of China, giving you the opportunity to see some of the most spectacular scenery imaginable whilst aboard the comfort of your luxurious cruise ship.

GUILIN - Meaning 'Most beautiful scenery under heaven', Guilin is China's pearl with its stunning landscapes and beautiful crystal clear waters, it is located in the South of China. Guilin is a magical place with its strangely shaped hills, verdant vegetation and wonderful caves, making it a must on any itinerary.

CHENGDU - A fantastic opportunity to visit the Giant Panda Breeding and Research Centre, where these magnificent endangered creatures are kept, with the hope to eventually release some back into the wild.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Due to limited space within our brochure, the hotels and resorts on the following pages only represent a selection of our featured properties in China. To see our full collection of properties in China, or for more images on any property featured in our brochure, or to see all our current China offers, please log on to www.twohigs.com.

TIME DIFFERENCE: GMT +8

CURRENCY: Yuan (Y)

FLYING TIME: Approx 12 hours to Beijing.

VISA: A visa is required for Irish passport holders, which which must be obtained prior to departure. For further information please contact The Chinese Embassy, 40 Ailsbury Road, Dublin 4. Tel: 01 - 2691707.



BEIJING

The mystical Forbidden City, the awe inspiring Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven and Tiananmen Square are just a few of the unforgettable array of famous sights to be found in Beijing, ancient China's capital.



CAPITAL HOTEL



Located in the centre of the city, approximately 45 minutes drive from the airport, the Capital Hotel is close to many historical attractions and shopping centres. It is surrounded by a beautiful landscaped garden and is within easy walking distance from Tiananmen Square and the legendary Forbidden City. Facilities include a selection of restaurants and a bar, a swimming pool, gym and a sauna. All 596 **Superior** bedrooms are air-conditioned with telephone, bath/shower and television.

PRICE: 5 nights from €959 per person sharing.

Price based on 2 adults sharing a Standard room on a Room and Breakfast basis, including flights and transfers.



CROWNE PLAZA BEIJING



The Crowne Plaza Beijing is located in a prime location of Beijing along Wangfujing Avenue, just a 10 minute walk from the awe-inspiring Forbidden City, in the heart of the city's shopping and business district and 45 minutes drive from the airport. Facilities include a choice of restaurants and bars, an indoor swimming pool, health club, fitness centre, sauna, steam bath and massage (at a charge). All 360 **Standard** bedrooms are air-conditioned with television, tea and coffee facilities, telephone, minibar and bath/shower.

PRICE: 5 nights from €1099 per person sharing.

Price based on 2 adults sharing a Standard room on a Room and Breakfast basis, including flights and transfers.

SHANGHAI

As China's second most populated city, the frenzied pace of Shanghai goes on from dawn till dusk. Shanghai, a major seaport, is booming with a good variety of restaurants, bars, shops and a space age skyline being developed opposite the famous 'Bund' riverside. This most European of oriental cities has a rich history steeped in colonialism.



NEW WORLD MAYFAIR SHANGHAI



The elegant New World Mayfair Shanghai is conveniently located in the heart of the Chang Ning district, overlooking the lush Zhong Shan Park, it offers a serene setting whilst being close to the hub of the city. New World Mayfair is just 10kms from Hongqiao International Airport and 55kms from Pudong Airport, with the Metro and the light rail station nearby making getting around Shanghai quick and easy. The 'Mayfair Café' restaurant offers hearty meals whilst the 'Chez Lily' restaurant is one of the Shanghai's signature Chinese restaurants. 'JB's' bar is the perfect place to recharge with cocktails, fine wines and cigars. Facilities include a health Club with an outdoor swimming pool (closed in Winter), steam room, Jacuzzi, fitness centre and massage treatments. All 605 **Deluxe** bedrooms are air-conditioned with a television, tea and coffee facilities, minibar and bath / shower.

PRICE: 5 nights from €999 per person sharing.

Price based on 2 adults sharing a Deluxe room on a Room and Breakfast basis, including flights and transfers.



RADISSON SHANGHAI NEW WORLD HOTEL



Centrally located on the famous Nanjing Road and adjoining a 12-storey shopping mall that houses a SEGA world entertainment venue, Madame Tussauds wax museum, a cinema complex and an ice skating rink, Radisson Hotel Shanghai New World is 45 minutes from Shanghai Pudong Airport. Facilities include a choice of restaurants offering Chinese and international cuisine, full-service spa, indoor swimming pool and gym. With its unique tower that features a revolving restaurant and sky bar, the hotel is an icon in the Shanghai Skyline. All 520 **Standard** bedrooms are air-conditioned with television, tea and coffee facilities, minibar, telephone, high-speed broadband internet and bath/shower. Many rooms also offer wonderful offer views of the People's Park.

PRICE: 5 nights from €1269 per person sharing.

Price based on 2 adults sharing a Standard room on a Room and Breakfast basis, including flights and transfers.

CHINA'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE

This tour is designed for the discerning traveller wishing to experience the wonders of China. All our tours are tailor-made to suit your requirements. You may travel any day of the week and Twohigs representatives are at your disposal in China. Remember this once in a lifetime experience includes your own private english speaking guide, private car and dedicated driver. All featured hotels are of a Superior and Deluxe standard.

11 Days / 8 Nights

(Minimum 2 Persons travelling together).

Departures: Daily from Ireland

Beijing: 3 Nights
Xian: 2 Nights
Shanghai: 3 Nights

China's cultural riches and 5,000 years of history place it, without doubt, among the world's greatest travel destinations. A country shrouded in mystery, China's Golden Triangle rewards its visitors with a wonderful introduction to its ancient, bustling cities leaving behind memories to be treasured for a lifetime. Twohigs offer 2 categories of hotels to choose from, Superior and Deluxe.

B = Breakfast. L= Lunch. D= Dinner. NM = No Meals.

DAY 1 - IRELAND / BEIJING

Fly to Paris or Amsterdam and connect with Air France or KLM flight to Beijing. (NM)

DAY 2 - BEIJING

On arrival in Beijing, you will be transferred to the hotel of your choice for a 3 night stay. Remainder of day at leisure to enjoy this wonderful city. (NM)

DAY 3 - BEIJING

After breakfast, you will depart on a full day tour visiting the Forbidden City, which was designed to represent the universe in microcosm. Continue a visit to Tiananmen Square which represents the insular nature of China's imperial past. After lunch, visit to the Summer Palace where the grounds are demarcated by Longevity Hill and Kunming Lake. This evening, enjoy a Peking duck dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel of your choice. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 - BEIJING

After breakfast, you will depart on a full day excursion of the Great Wall, one of the greatest engineering feats of the ancient world and one of man's most remarkable accomplishments. Afternoon visit to the Ming Tombs which is the resting place of 13 Ming Emperors. Overnight at the hotel of your choice. (B, L)

DAY 5 - BEIJING / XIAN

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning before departing for the airport and a 2 hour flight to Xian, the great ancient capital and the eastern end of the Silk Road. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel of your choice for a 2 night stay. This evening, enjoy a traditional Tang Dynasty Dinner with show. (B, D)

DAY 6 - XIAN

After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour visiting the Terracotta Warriors Excavation where in 1974 a group of peasants digging a well accidentally made one of the century's greatest archaeological discoveries. Continue on to the Huaqing hot springs, which were discovered 2,800 years ago during the Western Zhou Dynasty. The springs, for centuries, served as a resort area for China's emperors and ruling families. Evening return to the hotel of your choice. (B, L)

DAY 7 - XIAN / SHANGHAI

After breakfast, depart for the airport and a 2 hour flight to Shanghai, a cosmopolitan, bustling and heavily populated city. Remainder of day at leisure after checking-in to the hotel of your choice for a 3 night stay. (B)

DAY 8 - SHANGHAI

Enjoy an early breakfast, before departing on a full day tour visiting the 'Bund', the exhibition of world architectures. The Art Museum which has a collection of more than 120,000 pieces of cultural relics, Yu Garden, built in 1577 and finally the Jade Buddha Temple which is a replica of a Palace of the Sung Dynasty. Enjoy an early dinner at a local restaurant followed by an astonishing acrobatic show. Overnight at the hotel of your choice. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 - SHANGHAI

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and full day at leisure to enjoy this exciting city. Overnight at your chosen hotel. (B)

DAY 10 - SHANGHAI / PARIS or AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, enjoy your last day at leisure before you transfer to the airport for your return flight to Paris or Amsterdam. (B)

DAY 11 - PARIS or AMSTERDAM / IRELAND

Arrive Paris or Amsterdam to connect with your onward flight to Dublin. (NM)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation as specified.
- International & domestic flights as specified.
- Meals as indicated in tour description.
- Private tours as indicated in tour description.
- English speaking guides.
- Domestic airport taxes

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- All meals not stated.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Domestic and international departure taxes.
- Personal insurance.

SUPERIOR HOTELS AS FOLLOWS

Destination	Hotel
Beijing	Capital Hotel
Xian	Howard Johnson Ginwa Plaza Hotel
Shanghai	New World Mayfair Shanghai

DELUXE HOTELS AS FOLLOWS

Destination	Hotel
Beijing	The Crowne Plaza Beijing
Xian	Golden Flower Hotel by Shangri-La
Shanghai	Radisson Shanghai New World Hotel

Price per person sharing in €	Superior	Deluxe
01 Jan - 28 Feb	2495	2799
01 Mar - 31 Mar	2599	2989
01 Apr - 30 Jun	2655	2999
01 Jul - 31 Aug, 16 Nov - 31 Dec	2569	2869
01 Sep - 15 Nov	2689	3049

Air France Flight Supplements	€
01 Jul - 31 Aug, 15 Dec - 24 Dec	125

KLM Flight Supplements	€
01 Jul - 31 Aug	129

CHINA'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE & YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

This tour is designed for the discerning traveller wishing to experience the wonders of China. All our tours are tailor-made to suit your requirements. You may travel any day of the week and Twohigs representatives are at your disposal in China. Remember this once in a lifetime experience includes your own private english speaking guide, private car and dedicated driver. All featured hotels are of a Superior and Deluxe standard.

15 Days / 12 Nights

(Minimum 2 Persons travelling together).

Departures: From Ireland (Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 01 Mar - 31 Oct. Note: There are some exceptions.)

Beijing:	3 Nights
Xian:	2 Nights
Yangtze Cruise:	4 Nights
Shanghai:	3 Nights

A captivating 14-day journey that embraces the very essence of China, with the major historic sights of Beijing, the ancient warriors of Xian, the vibrant city of Shanghai and the dramatic scenery of the mighty Yangtze River; all creating an unforgettable introduction to this remarkable country.

B = Breakfast. L= Lunch. D= Dinner. NM = No Meals.

DAY 1 - IRELAND / BEIJING

Fly to Paris or Amsterdam and connect with Air France or KLM flight to Beijing. (NM)

DAY 2 - BEIJING

On arrival in Beijing, you will be transferred to the hotel of your choice for a 3 night stay. Remainder of day at leisure to enjoy this wonderful city. (NM)

DAY 3 - BEIJING

After breakfast, you will depart on a full day tour visiting the Forbidden City, which was designed to represent the universe in microcosm. Continue a visit to Tiananmen Square which represents the insular nature of China's imperial past. After lunch, visit to the Summer Palace where the grounds are demarcated by Longevity Hill and Kunming Lake. Finally This evening, enjoy a Peking duck dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel of your choice. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 - BEIJING

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DAY 5 - BEIJING / XIAN

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After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour visiting the Terracotta Warriors Excavation where in 1974 a group of peasants digging a well accidentally made one of the century's greatest archaeological discoveries. Continue on to the Huaqing hot springs, which were

discovered 2,800 years ago during the Western Zhou Dynasty. The springs, for centuries, served as a resort area for China's emperors and ruling families. Evening return to the hotel of your choice. (B, L)

DAY 7 - XIAN / CHONGQING

After breakfast, depart for the airport and 1 hour flight to Chongqing. On arrival you will be met and transferred aboard the beautiful 5* China Regal Cruise Ship. A chance to relax for the next 4 days and absorb the magnificent views aboard your luxury ship. Dinner will be served on board. (B, D)

DAY 8 - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE, DOWNSTREAM

This morning your cruise ship will begin sailing downstream along the Yangtze River. After lunch, you will enjoy a shore excursion to Fengdu Ghost town. Return to your ship for dinner onboard. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE, DOWNSTREAM

Today you will cruise further downstream, through the magnificent Three Gorges. The first of which is Qutang Gorge, hemmed by its mossy cliffs, followed by Wu Gorge, celebrated for its Twelve Peaks and lastly Xiling Gorge, the last and most scenic of all of the gorges. A shore excursion to Shennong Stream will also be arranged today. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE, DOWNSTREAM

After breakfast, you will visit the Three Gorges Dam site, you will then continue onwards to navigate Gezhou Shiplock. (B, L, D)

DAY 11 - WUHAN / SHANGHAI

This morning you arrive at Jingzhou and disembark after breakfast. You will be transferred to Wuhan airport for your flight to Shanghai (approx 3½ hours), with a visit arranged en route to Jinzhou City Wall and the Museum (if time permits). Upon arrival in the cosmopolitan and bustling city of Shanghai, you will transferred to your chosen hotel and the remainder of the day at leisure after checking-in to the hotel of your choice for a 3 night stay. (B)

DAY 12 - SHANGHAI

Enjoy an early breakfast, before departing on a full day tour visiting the 'Bund', the exhibition of world architectures. The Art Museum which has a collection of more than 120,000 pieces of cultural relics, Yu Garden, built in 1577 and finally the Jade Buddha Temple which is a replica of a Palace of the Sung Dynasty. Enjoy an early dinner at a local restaurant followed by an astonishing acrobatic show. Overnight at your chosen hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 13 - SHANGHAI

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and full day at leisure to enjoy this exciting city. (B)

DAY 14 - SHANGHAI / PARIS or AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, enjoy your last day at leisure before you transfer to the airport for your return flight to Paris or Amsterdam. (B)

DAY 15 - PARIS or AMSTERDAM / IRELAND

Arrive Paris or Amsterdam to connect with your onward flight to Dublin. (NM)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation as specified.
- International & domestic flights as specified.
- Meals as indicated in tour description

- Private tours on Beijing, Xian & Shanghai
- Seat-in-coach shore excursion tours on Yangtze River Cruise.
- English speaking guides.

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- All meals not stated.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Domestic and international departure taxes.
- Personal insurance.

CHINA REGAL CRUISE SHIP

Regal China Cruises boasts three elegant, state-of-the-art vessels. Built in 1993, the three sister ships are European-built passenger vessels plying China's rivers offering you a floating luxury hotel with excellent staff and delicious food. There are 2 restaurants available, both offering gourmet Chinese and Western cuisine dishes. The Jade Ballroom offers nightly entertainment with live music, karaoke and dancing, where traditional Chinese performers present opera, dances and acrobatics. The Lotus Bar offers fantastic panoramic views in a relaxed atmosphere. Other facilities include in-house TV videos and briefings on the Yangtze regions geology and history, lessons in the Chinese language, shadow boxing, Tai-chi, Mah-Johng, card games and calligraphy, a beauty salon, sauna, fitness centre and in-room massage can also be arranged. A Business Centre is also available. All 114 Double Stateroom are air-conditioned and heated with a television, minibar, bath/shower and 24-hour room service.

NOTE: This Tour is not available Nov 2008 - February 2009 due to low water levels along the Yangtze River. Please note that cruise itinerary is subject to change without prior notice based on various factors beyond our control and that accommodation on the cruise is of a more simple four star standard.

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DELUXE HOTELS AS FOLLOWS	
Destination	Hotel
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Shanghai	Radisson Shanghai New World Hotel

Price per person sharing in €	Superior
01 Mar - 19 Mar, 27 Jun - 20 Aug	3415
20 Mar - 29 May, 21 Aug - 29 Oct	3599
30 May - 26 Jun	3449

Price per person sharing in €	Deluxe
01 Mar - 19 Mar	3795
20 Mar - 29 May, 21 Aug - 21 Oct	3945
30 May - 26 Jun	3725
27 Jun - 20 Aug	3649

Air France Flight Supplements	€
01 Jul - 31 Aug, 15 Dec - 24 Dec	125

KLM Flight Supplements	€
01 Jul - 31 Aug	129