Depart on your Cathay Pacific flight via Hong Kong to Beijing

On arrival at Beijing airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Later, enjoy a walking food / street tour where you can see and sample some local food (at your own expense).
Enjoy a welcome dinner in the evening.

**Hotel:** Beijing Mercure Downtown Hotel or similar (D)

Today you will visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Temple of heaven. Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class.

**Hotel:** Beijing Mercure Downtown Hotel or similar (B/L/D)
Day 4: 15th May - Beijing

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall (the Juyongguan Section), where you will have a Champagne experience. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. In the afternoon, visit the Jade museum then savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and view the exquisite architecture. This evening, savour Beijing's best known delicacy, Peking duck.

Hotel: Beijing Mercure Downtown Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

Day 5: 16th May – Fly to Xian

Transfer from your Beijing hotel to the airport and fly to Xian. Upon arrival in Xian, transfer to your hotel. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dancing awaits.

Hotel: Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

Day 6: 17th May - Xian

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

Hotel: Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel or similar (B/L/D)
Day 7: 18th May – Xian to Chengdu

A fascinating morning includes a visit to the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Take time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, take the brand new Bullet train to Chengdu, transfer to your hotel, and in the evening, you will sample a Sichuan meal.

Hotel: Tianfu Sunshine Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

Day 8: 19th May – Chengdu

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, which allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum and afterwards there is an optional visit to the Chengdu Wangfujing mall for shopping.

Hotel: Tianfu Sunshine Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

Day 9: 20th May – Transfer to Chongqing

Today you will be transfer to Chongqing, explore Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Later transfer to board the Yangtze River Cruise ship for your 3-night cruise.

Hotel: Victoria cruise boat (B/L/D)
**Day 10 - 11: 21st – 22nd May – Yangtze River Cruise**

Over the next two days, prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another as you savour the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess Stream or Shennong Stream and enjoy a shore excursion to Shibaozhai.

**Hotel:** Victoria cruise boat *(B/L/D)*

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**Day 12: 23rd May – Disembark and fly to Shanghai**

This morning you’ll visit the Three Gorges Dam site. Arrive Yichang and disembark in the afternoon. Transfer to Yichang airport for your flight to Shanghai. Transfer to your Shanghai hotel.

**Hotel:** Jinjiang Hua Ting Hotels & Towers or similar *(B/L/D)*

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**Day 13: 24th May - Shanghai**

Today’s explorations include the classical Yu Garden, a stop in the old town, and the fine arts and antiquities of Shanghai Museum. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Visit a silk museum. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a remarkable sight. Later you will sample some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

**Hotel:** Jinjiang Hua Ting Hotels & Towers or similar *(B/L/D)*

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**Day 14: 25th May – Transfer to airport for flight home**

Transfer after breakfast to the airport for your flight to Australia, arriving late at night.