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a unique travel experience just for women

Charms of China

18 Days | Departing Saturday 6th May 2017 and returning Tuesday 23rd May 2017



PRICE: \$6,399 per person twin share
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,070

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Your Sisterhood tour hostess is on hand to assist with making your holiday a memorable one
- Return economy airfares ex Melbourne with Singapore Airlines to China including taxes #
- Domestic Flights as per itinerary
- Quality 4 Star Accommodation
- English Speaking Specialist Guides
- Breakfast and other meals as per itinerary
- Comprehensive and Unique sightseeing
- 3 Night Yangtze River Cruise (Superior Cabins)
- Other transportation as specified in itinerary
- Document Distribution day prior to departure - subject to minimum numbers attending
- Willing to Share Option (Subject to availability)
- Sisterhood Documentation & Travel Wallet
- Tips and gratuities for drivers & guide
- Single Entry Chinese visa processing fees for Australian Passport Holders

Taxes are subject to change

Other departure cities available on request - please contact Sisterhood Womens Travel.

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Temple of Heaven in Beijing
- Walk through Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City
- Bargain Shopping in Silk Markets
- Visit to a Jade Carving Factory
- Traditional Hutong rickshaw ride
- Tour of the Glorious Summer Palace
- Visit to the Ancient Terracotta Warriors
- Visit to a Pottery Workshop in Xian
- Tang Dynasty Show
- Cycle Ride along Xians ancient City Wall
- Visit to Old Muslim Quarters in Xian
- Visit to the world's largest Buddha in Chengdu
- Visit to the Panda Research Centre in Chengdu
- 3 Night Yangtze River Cruise sailing through Three Gorges
- Glorious Shopping in Shanghai

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TOUR PACE

Medium Paced Tour This tour is not strenuous but does include several days where long periods of sightseeing on foot, climbing of stairs and in/out of boats will be necessary. Anyone with a good level of fitness should be able to complete the itinerary.

DAY 1 Saturday 6 May 2017

Melbourne/ Beijing ~ (Meals Inflight)

Join our Sisterhood Tour Hostess and fellow travellers at the Melbourne Airport at your designated time for our flight to Beijing. Sit back, relax and enjoy your Singapore Airlines Flight.

DAY 2 Sunday 7 May 2017

Beijing

Upon arrival into Beijing, we will be met by our local guide and transferred to our hotel. The rest of our day is at leisure to explore.

DAY 3 Monday 8 May 2017

Beijing ~ (B,L,D)

Morning visit to the Temple of Heaven, where we will see local people practicing Tai Chi, singing and calligraphy in the neighboring park, then take a leisurely walk through Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City. We'll climb up to Jingshan Hill to enjoy the panoramic views and dinner tonight will have us trying the famous Peking duck.

DAY 4 Tuesday 9 May 2017

Beijing - Great Wall ~ (B,L,D)

A morning walk along the famous 2000 year old Great Wall at the Mutianyu section. Here you can admire the panoramic views and gaze in awe at the bridge which extends more than 5,000kms. Afterwards we will visit a Jade carving factory to learn Chinese traditional craftsmanship where we can pick up one or two Jade items at bargain prices, with afternoon shopping at the Silk Market we'll end our day with a 30 minute relaxation foot massage.

DAY 5 Wednesday 10 May 2017

Beijing/Xi'an ~ (B,L,D)

Today starts with exploring the alleyways – "Hutong" by riding on traditional rickshaws, we will then visit local families. After this, we will enjoy an afternoon tour of Summer Palace, before being transferred to the airport for our flight to Xian.

DAY 6 Thursday 11 May 2017

Xi'an ~ (B,L,D)

After breakfast and refreshments at our hotel, we will visit the amazing Terra-Cotta Warriors and we'll visit a pottery workshop to learn how to make these mystical statues.

This afternoon you will learn how to make dumplings. Later, you will enjoy a local specialty - dumpling dinner before the fantastic Tang Dynasty show.

DAY 7 Friday 12 May 2017

Xi'an/Chengdu ~ (B,L,D)

This morning we'll enjoy a stroll on the original City Wall, where we have the opportunity to cycle along this ancient masterpiece. Afterwards, we'll explore the back streets of the Old Muslim Quarters and the Old Mosque, before flying to Chengdu the capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 8 Saturday 13 May 2017

Chengdu ~ (B,L,D)

Today we'll enjoy a scenic drive to the world's largest Buddha statue, 71 metres high, at Leshan County, walk down to the foot of the Buddha and hop on a river cruise to appreciate its full stature and splendour from the River.

DAY 9 Sunday 14 May 2017

Chengdu/Chongqing/Yangtze River ~ (B,L,D)

Today we will visit the fascinating Giant Panda Breeding and Research Centre to learn more about these amazing endangered animals and the programs that are being implemented to protect them. Afterwards we'll explore bustling teahouses and the lively People's Park before transferring to the airport for our flight to Chongqing. Upon arrival we'll transfer to our Yangtze River Cruise ship (price is based on a superior cabin main deck twin share).

DAY 10 Monday 15 May 2017

Yangtze River Cruise ~ (B,L,D)

Early this morning we'll arrive at Fengdu where we'll enjoy an excursion to the 'Ghost City'. Here we will visit temples dedicated to the underworld and Heaven. We can also participate in several tests and tasks to help predict our future, fidelity and fortune.

DAY 11 Tuesday 16 May 2017

Yangtze River Cruise ~ (B,L,D)

This morning we'll enter the Three Gorges passing through the first two - Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge. Further up river we'll enjoy an excursion heading up Danang River entering a series of narrow gorges with steep cliffs and lush scenery.

DAY 12 Wednesday 17 May 2017

Yichang/Shanghai ~ (B,L,D)

This morning we'll visit the site of the Three Gorges Dam before disembarking at Yichang. We'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Shanghai. We will be met and transferred to our hotel where we will have the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 13 Thursday 18 May 2017

Shanghai ~ (B,L,D)

Today's sightseeing begins at the historical riverfront area known as the 'Bund', home to an impressive collection of buildings from the early trade houses of the 1850's to the glamorous Art Deco of the 1920's. After lunch we'll continue on onto the Old Town (Yuan Bazaar) where cobbled streets are lined with traditional shops selling herbal medicines, handicrafts, Chinese tea and a variety of tantalizing snacks. Take a walk through moon gates and latticed pavilions in the peaceful Yu Gardens. This evening we'll enjoy a performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe.

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DAY 14 Friday 19 May 2017

Shanghai ~ (B,L,D)

A free day to indulge ourselves in some wonderful Shanghai shopping, We can try Dong Tai Road Antique Market or one of the popular pearl jewellery factory outlets. Maybe the Yatai Market for "designer" bags and clothes or South Bund fabric market, China's most famous shopping district – Nanjing Pedestrian Street. Tonight, dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 15 Saturday 20 May 2017

Free Day in Shanghai ~ (B,D)

Another free day in Shanghai to continue to explore. We'll regroup for dinner tonight with plenty of time to chat about the day's experiences.

DAY 16 Sunday 21 May 2017

Shanghai ~ (B,L,D)

Today we'll meet our guide and transfer to the old water town of Zhujiajiao. We'll visit Ke Zhi Garden, North Street, Fang Sheng Bridge and the many surrounding ancient buildings. We'll enjoy our last dinner tonight with time to reflect on great memories shared.

DAY 17 Monday 22 May 2017

Shanghai/Melbourne ~ (B)

Today, our last day in China. We will observe local people as they go about their day to day life at People's Square, and then visit superb Shanghai Museum. We'll enjoy a cup of coffee at modern Xintiandi, a restored area of old residential houses. Finally we'll take the high speed Maglev train to the airport for our flight home to Australia.

DAY 18 Tuesday 23 May 2017

Welcome Home ~ (Meals Inflight)

Arrive back into Melbourne early this morning. Say goodbye to your fellow travellers. We thank you for travelling with Sisterhood Womens Travel and we look forward to welcoming you again.

terms and conditions

Booking Conditions

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

When booking a Sisterhood Womens Travel tour it is imperative that you are aware of all of our terms and conditions as these form part of your agreement with Sisterhood Womens Travel. **It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easy going outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected'.** It is the expectation that all travellers will respect fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you.

ABILITY TO TRAVEL

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Sisterhood tour. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk 2km on uneven ground, carry your own luggage and walk up a few flights of stairs. We rely on the information you provide on our 'Fit to Travel' form completed as part of your booking application. You acknowledge that there are no other medical issues (both physical/mental) that SWT needs to be aware of when making your travel arrangements. SWT will not be liable for any damage, injury, death or loss of any kind arising from your failure to disclose relevant medical information. Women with disabilities are welcome on all SWT tours provided you are accompanied by an able bodied companion and do not require special assistance from SWT personnel. SWT reserves the right to refuse to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the tour and who may require services and facilities that SWT cannot guarantee will be available

EXCLUSION FROM TOUR

You may be excluded from any tour at our discretion if you fail to comply with our reasonable instructions whilst on tour or if you interfere with other client's enjoyment of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your tour expelition.

VARIATION TO TOUR COMPONENT

No deduction in our tour costing will be made for leaving a tour early as this will cause a reduction in our travelling numbers and create additional costs.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

SWT is happy to assist with additional arrangements before and after each tour subject to an additional handling fee of \$150.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

Payments required are:

International	25% deposit within 7 days
	35% deposit within 120 days
	Final Payment 90 days prior to departure
Domestic	25% deposit within 7 days
	Final Payment 75 days prior to departure

On occasion and outside of SWT's control a higher deposit or earlier payment date may be required.

LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Bookings made after final payment date will be subject to availability and will require full payment upon confirmation. A late fee of \$100 per person will apply.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

We accept direct deposit, money order, bank cheque or Visa/Mastercard payment. For credit card payments an additional 1.5% surcharge is payable (non- refundable)

MINIMUM NUMBERS

All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a tour falls below the minimum number required for a fully escorted tour, SWT reserves the right to offer the tour escorted by a local guide upon arrival to your destination. If SWT cancels a tour due to lack of numbers a full refund is offered or transfer to another tour. Should a tour be cancelled, SWT cannot assume any responsibility for any additional costs relating to travel arrangements made outside of SWT or travel insurance not taken out through SWT.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing to Sisterhood Womens Travel and will be subject to cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

CANCELLATION

Prior to Final Payment: Loss of Deposit

After Final Payment: 100% of tour cost.

Regrettably cancellation charges cannot be waived.

After Departure: No refund

Final Payment dates are determined by SWT suppliers and may vary from tour to tour.

AMENDMENTS

Once your tour is confirmed and a deposit is paid, a \$100 amendment fee will be incurred for any changes to your tour arrangements.

TOUR PRICING & ITINERARY CHANGES

SWT operates on the basis of fluid pricing. This is the practice within the Travel Industry where pricing changes due to various factors including, but not limited to changing airfares, currency fluctuations, and availability of product. We reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours SWT takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of SWT. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to SWT passengers. SWT advises making full payment for tours as early as possible to avoid any potential price increases.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that travellers are adequately insured for the full duration of their tour arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. SWT offers comprehensive travel insurance at a competitive price and will not be responsible outside their offered policy for inadequate travel insurance in the event of any insurance claims.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

When travelling alone a great way to keep your costs down and make new friends is to be prepared to share a room with another traveller. We are unable to guarantee that your room mate will be of similar age group but it is an enjoyable way to travel and could mean the start of a great friendship. Of course if you prefer a room to yourself the single supplement will apply. If we are successful in matching you with a fellow traveller we give you the opportunity prior to departure to make contact. SWT takes no responsibility for any mismatch of passengers and will not be liable for any additional charges incurred for changing room configuration whilst on tour.

HEALTH & IMMIGRATION

The traveller is responsible for all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries visited or transited. If travelling on an Australian passport you will need at least 6 months validity on your passport taken from the date of re-entry into Australia. If you are travelling under any other passport please advise at the time of booking. Sisterhood Womens Travel will not be held responsible for any incorrect re-entry visas for non- australian passport holders. SWT is happy to offer assistance with visas (additional charges may apply). Please note that passport and visa requirements are the responsibility of you the traveller and SWT takes no responsibility for failure to comply with the provided advice.

NAMES AS PER PASSPORTS

When booking on any tour, it is imperative that you provide SWT with your full correct name as per your passport and a copy of your passport (for international tours) SWT will not be held liable for any or expense incurred for incorrect names.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by contacting 1300 444135 or visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au. We recommend that you review this

information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

These conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and Sisterhood Womens Travel. SWT will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in their itineraries, except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other cause of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of SWT. In such circumstances we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation. SWT acts only as agent for the client and upon the express condition that SWT will not be held liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason or any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party, which is to or does supply any goods or services for SWT tours). Without limiting the foregoing, SWT does not own or operate any third party suppliers of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators and is not responsible for any injury, death or expense due to overbooking accommodation, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (travel insurance is mandatory on all SWT tours). SWT is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services, or guarantee the operation of any particular service. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified to ensure the operation of a tour. SWT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry client where payment has not been received by SWT.

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