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*Sample Tour: China  
Typical 13 Day Itinerary*

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*A Cultural Tour is a great way for young people to gain valuable life skills and to help them to appreciate different cultures and people. Ben LawriesTravel creates tailor-made Cultural Tours for schools to a variety of overseas destinations. Detailed below is just one example.*

## **China: Cultural Tour – 13 days**

**China is undergoing a huge commercial and political upheaval. A country of nearly 1.3 billion people has entered the world market and has become the largest supplier of goods to the major economies around the world. China will increasingly have a major influence on the UK economy and a study tour to this vast country is the best way to give young people an insight into not just the economic impact the country is having on the world but also its cultural diversity, both traditional and modern.**

### **Day 1 – Arrival Beijing**

Arrive Beijing airport from the UK and transfer to a 3 star Beijing hotel.  
*Overnight in Beijing.*

### **Day 2 – Beijing Sightseeing**

Visit Tiananmen Square which witnessed the political protests of 1989 led by students, intellectuals and labour activists and the resulting crackdown by the government.

Follow on with a tour to the Forbidden City the largest and most well preserved imperial residence in China today.

Lunch at a local restaurant and then visit the Summer Palace constructed by the Jin Dynasty (1115-1234) which, by the time of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), had become a luxurious Royal garden providing Royal families with rest and entertainment.

*Overnight in Beijing.*

### **Day 3 – The Great Wall of China**

On the way to the Great Wall, visit the Cloisonne Factory where you can see artists create Chinese royal arts and crafts.

Walk along the Badaling section of the Great Wall, an official World Heritage site. With a history of more than 2,000 years and stretching approximately 6,700 kms from the east to west of China, this truly is one of the greatest wonders of the world.

Lunch at a local restaurant followed by a visit to the Ming Tomb at Changling.  
*Dinner and overnight in Beijing.*

### **Day 4 – Hutong Tour**

Experience “Hutong Culture” and roam through Beijing’s old, narrow streets and visit Siheyuan, the old quadrangles, and learn about the daily life of ordinary Beijing citizens.

Lunch with a local family. *Then catch the Overnight train to Xi’an.*

### **Day 5 – History Tour**

Visit the ancient high city walls of Xi’an. Lunch at a local restaurant and then visit the Shaanxi History museum.  
*Overnight in Xi’an.*

### **Day 6 – Terracotta Warriors**

Visit the Terracotta Warriors and Bronze Chariot, the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century – a sight not to be missed by any visitor to China.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Follow on with a visit to a factory producing sewing machines, some of which are exported to the UK.

In the evening attend the Tang Dynasty Show. *Dinner and overnight in Xi’an.*

### **Day 7 – Mausoleums and Temples**

Take an internal flight to Nanjing and, on arrival, transfer to a local restaurant for lunch.

Visit the Sun Yat Sen mausoleum situated at the foot of the 2nd peak of Mount Zijin. Visit the Linggu temple.  
*Overnight in Nanjing.*

### **Day 8 – Lakes and Factories**

Visit the Yangzhou Tangwang toy factory which exports goods around the world. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then visit the Slim West Lake, a scenic lake on the west side of Yangzhou city. *Overnight in Nanjing.*

### **Day 9 – Grand Canal**

Visit the Nanjing museum and then catch the train to Suzhou. Transfer to a local restaurant for lunch and then visit the institute for embroidery followed by a trip to the Grand canal. *Overnight in Nanjing.*

### **Day 10 – The Bund**

Take a walk through the Linger Garden, one of the four most famous gardens in China. Visit a silk factory before lunch at a local restaurant. Take a train to Shanghai and then walk along the famous Bund waterfront, which has been regarded as the symbol of Shanghai for hundreds of years. Visit the old city and then take a boat along the Huangpu River to get a view of the vast metropolis of Shanghai!  
*Overnight in Shanghai.*

### **Day 11 – Ancient Town**

Visit the ancient peaceful town of Xitang known for its bridges, lanes and ceilinged corridors. Lunch at a local restaurant and then head back to the Bund. Then attend an acrobatic show in the evening.  
*Overnight in Shanghai.*

### **Day 12 – Museum and Factories**

Visit the world-renowned Shanghai museum of ancient Chinese art. Lunch at a local restaurant and then visit the Volkswagen factory. *Overnight in Shanghai.*

### **Day 13 – Depart Beijing**

Coach transfer to Shanghai airport and fly back to the UK.

Guide Prices £1,150 per person including flights ex Edinburgh based on 13 nights half board. Destination coach, rail and air transfers and all excursion fees included.

The above itinerary is for illustration purposes only. All tours are tailor made to the requirements of the individual client.