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CHINA'S ANCIENT EMPIRES TO JAPAN'S CULTURAL CHARMS:

PANDAS, PAGODAS & PALACES



Your Pre-Cruise China Tour Itinerary: A Culturally-Rich Journey to the East

Your idyllic tour and cruise journey begins with a LoveitBookit exclusive land tour in China, combining timeless treasures with modern marvels and traditional cuisine. From the imperial grandeur of Beijing's Forbidden City and the iconic Great Wall to the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an, this expert-guided tour is rich with history, culture and authentic local experiences.

Witness the dramatic skyline and harbour of Hong Kong, get up close with Chengdu's beloved Giant Pandas, and savour local Chinese delicacies including Peking Duck and Sichuan Hot Pot. With deluxe hotel stays, high-speed bullet train experiences and engaging cultural performances, this escorted tour is the perfect blend of discovery, comfort and adventure.



Your Adventure Starts Here

Day 1

Fly to Beijing, China

Day 2

Beijing, China (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

Upon arrival in Beijing (PEK) airport, you'll be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Here, you'll enjoy a 3-night stay, giving you plenty of time to explore the vibrant capital city. Dinner will be served at your hotel this evening. (D)

Day 3

Beijing, China (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

Begin your day at the symbolic heart of Beijing with a walk across the vast Tiananmen Square, before entering the grandeur of the Forbidden City through the Gate of Supreme Harmony. Inside, explore a sprawling complex rich with imperial history and treasures. After lunch, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the picturesque grounds of the Summer Palace – China's largest and best-preserved imperial garden, once the favoured retreat of Qing dynasty emperors. And for dinner, indulge in a traditional Peking Duck feast, a dish once beloved by the imperial court. (B,L,D)

Day 4

Beijing, China (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

Today, venture beyond Beijing with your guide to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World – the Great Wall of China. Begin with a brief introduction to its fascinating history before enjoying a walk along the iconic Mutianyu section, complete with a scenic cable car ride. Afterwards, stop at a jade museum to admire intricately crafted pieces and perhaps select a unique souvenir.

Continue to the Sacred Way and the Ming Tombs, the serene burial site of 13 Ming dynasty emperors. After dinner, sit back and witness a thrilling Chinese acrobatic show – a spectacular display of strength, balance, and artistry. (B,L,D)



Day 5

Bullet Train to Xi'an, China (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

The next day, you'll transfer to Beijing railway station to board a high-speed bullet train to Xi'an. Upon arrival, stretch your legs with a stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century Ancient City Walls, offering a unique glimpse into the city's historic defences. As night falls, experience a dumpling-making demonstration before sitting down to a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings, accompanied by a lively performance of traditional Tang Dynasty dance. (B,L,D)

Day 6

Xi'an, China. Bullet Train to Beijing, China (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

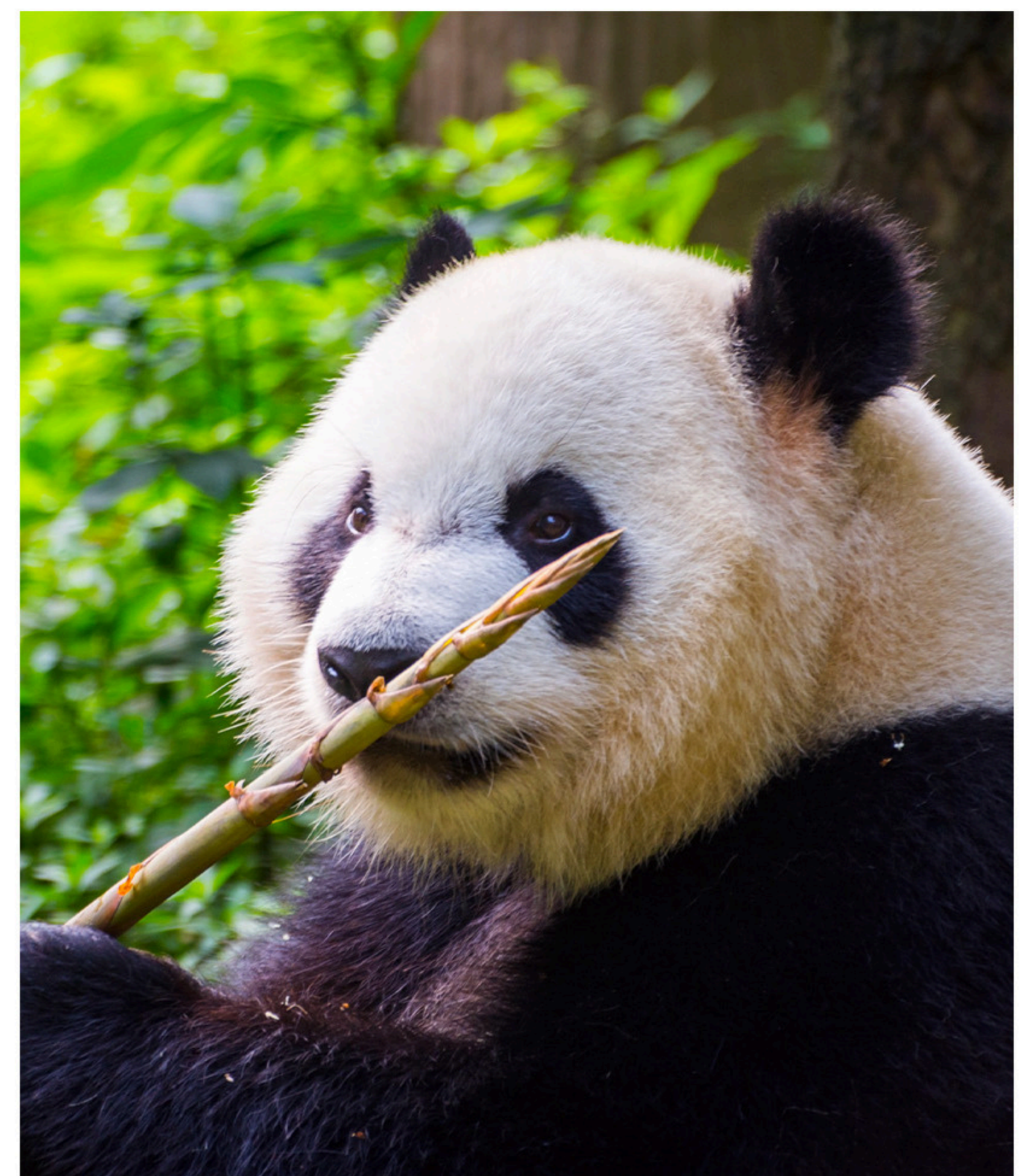
Discovered by chance in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has captivated the world ever since. This morning, explore the impressive ranks of life-sized warriors, each with unique features and intricate detail. Continue to the Xi'an Arts and Ceramics Exhibition Centre to observe skilled artisans recreating these ancient figures using traditional techniques, and perhaps even select a handcrafted souvenir to take home.

Take in the final glimpses of the historic city before heading to Xi'an railway station to board the high-speed bullet train to Chengdu. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure. In the evening, savour the bold flavours of a traditional Sichuan Hot Pot, followed by the captivating spectacle of the Sichuan Changing Face Show, showcasing the local opera artistry. (B,L,D)

Day 7

Chengdu, China (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

After breakfast, join your tour guide for a heartwarming visit to the Chengdu Panda Research Base, home to China's most beloved national treasure – the Giant Panda. Observe these gentle creatures up close in a setting designed to closely resemble their natural habitat and explore the onsite museum to learn about the centre's pioneering breeding and conservation efforts. Later, soak in the ancient charm of Jinli Street, known for its traditional architecture, local snacks and vibrant culture. (B,L)



Day 8

Fly to Hong Kong (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

Board your short flight to Hong Kong, where you'll be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel, ready to explore the dazzling harbour city with a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 9

Hong Kong (*Deluxe Hotel Stay*)

The following morning, meet your English-speaking guide and set out on a fully escorted tour in Hong Kong. Prepare to ascend to Victoria Peak aboard the iconic Peak Tram, where you'll enjoy panoramic views of the city skyline. Return to Central and ride the Central-MidLevels Escalator to Tai Kwun, the city's dynamic new arts and heritage centre.

Continue with a stroll along Hollywood Road – hailed as the second coolest street in the world – and explore the historic Man Mo Temple. Then, you'll visit the colourful Blue House Cluster before savouring a traditional dim sum lunch. Later, take in the scenic harbour views along the Avenue of Stars before returning to your hotel. (B,L)

Day 10

Embark Norwegian Jade in Hong Kong

Parting ways with the guides who've led you through China's wonders, you'll embark on the next leg of your journey aboard the Norwegian Jade, beginning with a call to vibrant Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

