BUSINESS AND CULTURE IN CHINA

12 DAYS
China

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:
■ Round-trip airfare, bus transfers, internal flights
■ 10 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
■ Breakfast and dinner daily, 1 lunch
■ Full-time EF Tour Director
■ 3 business visits
■ 1 cultural exchange
■ Select guides and entrances to special attractions as per itinerary

OPTIONAL:
■ Kung Fu Show
■ Lantau Island tour

PLEASE NOTE: Typical business visits may include car manufacturing plants or technology, pharmaceutical or import/export companies. Itineraries are subject to change. Business visits and lectures will be scheduled subject to availability and confirmed prior to departure date.

Chart China’s emergence as an economic power as you explore the inner workings of the local business environment in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Visit local companies and manufacturing plants to learn firsthand why China is at the forefront of globalization. To truly understand the roots of China’s business prowess, you also have to delve deep into its historic sites with visits to the Great Wall, the Jade Buddha Temple and Shanghai World Financial Tower.

Day 1 Flight
Overnight flight • Your adventure begins as you fly through the night to China.

Day 2 Beijing
Arrival in Beijing • Touch down in Beijing. It was in this city that Chairman Mao proclaimed the People’s Republic of China in 1949. Meet your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay, then transfer to your hotel.

Day 3 Beijing
Guided sightseeing of Beijing • An expert local guide introduces you to the Chinese capital, a treasure chest of imperial monuments. This ancient city first received its modern name when it became the capital for the second time in Chinese history in 1402 ("Beijing" means "Northern Capital"). See Tiananmen Square (the Gate of Heavenly Peace), the largest public square in the world. Visit the Forbidden City (Gugong), accessible only to members of the imperial court until as late as 1949. Get a close-up look at the golden-roofed Imperial Palace, one of the world’s greatest architectural achievements. Hundreds of thousands of workers labored on the construction of this palatial complex during the Ming Dynasty (1403-1424). It was renovated during the 18th century (Qing Dynasty). Although situated in the very heart of Beijing, the Forbidden City is surrounded by both a moat and a protective wall. The emperors who once resided here often spent their entire lives within the complex.
Visit to a tea house • You’ll better understand the importance of tea in Chinese culture when you visit a tea house. Not only for refreshment, Chinese tea holds a place in medicine, art and even literature. Inhale the earthy aromas and experience the culture and custom surrounding this ancient pastime as you are served a traditional tea.
**Day 4 Beijing**

**Excursion to Badaling and the Great Wall of China** • Travel north to Badaling to view one of the wonders of the world: the Great Wall of China. Its construction began in the 5th century B.C. as a defense against the Mongols. 300,000 people (many of whom are buried in the wall) labored on it over several centuries. The Great Wall extends across mountains and valleys for more than 3,000 miles—perhaps only a tenth of its former length!

**Rickshaw tour of hutongs** • A hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing. Today, although the city is becoming an international metropolis, its small lanes and alleyways still provide access to dwellings for half the total urban population.

**Optional Kung Fu Show** • Prepare to be amazed as you take in this dance spectacular. A mixture of kung fu, dance and acrobatics, this show combines ornate costumes, vibrant set design and gravity-defying Kung Fu moves sure to impress you.

**Day 5 Beijing**

**Business visit** • China’s second largest city, Beijing is a major transportation center that is recognized as the political, educational and cultural center of the country. Coupled with its excellent museums, ornate temples and world-class universities, Beijing is a fascinating city to explore. Today, you’ll have the opportunity to visit a leading Beijing company!

**Peking Duck dinner** • Tonight, you’ll be treated to northern China’s most famous dish: Peking Duck! During this special feast, learn about the ritual preparation and savory side dishes that accompany this regional specialty.

**Day 6 Shanghai**

**Flight to Shanghai** • Fly to Shanghai, China's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Shanghai (meaning “up from the sea”) has been an important port for centuries. China’s Communist Party—and later the Cultural Revolution—originated in Shanghai.

**Day 7 Shanghai**

**Guided sightseeing of Shanghai** • Your tour begins in the heart of the city with a visit to the Bund (once considered the “Wall Street of the East” and today the largest base of Chinese industrial technology), a beautifully landscaped promenade overlooking the waterfront. You’ll also view the Jade Buddha Temple. The extraordinary Buddhas you see here (each sculpted from a single piece of white jade) were brought from Burma by a Chinese monk in the last century. One portrays Buddha experiencing Enlightenment, the other his transcendence into Nirvana. Continue on to the glorious Yu Garden, a showplace of classical Chinese landscaping dating back to 1537. The Chinese consider gardening a complex art form in which the challenge is to construct an entire world in miniature, using minerals, plants and animals in a limited space.

**Nanjing Road** • Spend time admiring the crafts and delicacies in the interesting shops that line colorful Nanjing Road.

**Shanghai World Financial Tower** • With 101 floors, the Shanghai World Financial Center is home to a wide variety of businesses and services. You’ll find shops and restaurants that cater to busy financial executives, a hotel, media center and an observatory. Located at a height of 1,555 feet, the observation deck offers spectacular views of the city. See if you can spot Shanghai landmarks like the Hongkou Soccer Stadium, HSBC Tower, Yangpu Bridge or Jin Mao Building.

**Cultural Exchange with Local Students** • Today, meet with a local professor and students to learn about college life in China. Exchange ideas, share opinions and ask questions about the Chinese education experience and the future of business in this thriving country.

**Acrobatics show** • This evening, witness a thrilling display by talented performers during an acrobatics show. The Chinese have been enjoying this entertaining sport for 22 centuries.

**Day 8 Shanghai**

**Visit a local company** • Starting out as a fishing and textiles town, Shanghai has emerged not only as a major tourist destination in China, but also as the world’s busiest cargo port. From its historical landmarks to its modern buildings, like the Oriental Pearl Tower, and its designation as a center for culture and design, Shanghai now boasts the world’s fastest-growing economy. Today, you’ll visit a leading Shanghai company.

**Free time** • Enjoy free time in Shanghai today. You might choose to visit People’s Square, a large public square in the heart of Shanghai that is home to many municipal buildings as well as the City Hall, Grand Theatre, and the impressive Shanghai Museum.

**Day 9 Hong Kong**

**Transfer to Hong Kong** • Board your flight to Hong Kong, China’s Window on the World. This bustling metropolis, important financial center, and former British Crown Colony reverted to Chinese control in 1997. (Britain first claimed Hong Kong following the Opium War in 1842, and later, in 1898, signed a 99-year lease for the territory.) In 1998, Britain ceremoniously ended this lease.
Day 10 Hong Kong
Guided sightseeing of Hong Kong • A guided tour brings you up to Victoria Peak for a truly breathtaking view of the city, harbor and neighboring islands. You’ll also pass Happy Valley, the Royal Yacht Club, Repulse Bay (Hong Kong’s most popular beach) and the world-famous Aberdeen Harbour (known for its floating restaurants).

Dim Sum Lunch • Enjoy the local tradition of a dim sum lunch today. Dim sum gives you the chance to try an amazingly diverse range of Chinese culinary specialties.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange • This afternoon, visit the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the second largest Asian stock exchange.

Day 11 Hong Kong
Free day in Hong Kong • Enjoy a free day to explore the city on your own. You may choose to browse amid Hong Kong’s renowned bargains and stop for tastes of a variety of Chinese regional cuisines: Cantonese, Beijing, Chiu Chow, Hakka, Shanghai or Sichuan.

Optional excursion to Lantau Island • Opt to join this half-day excursion to Lantau Island, the largest island in Hong Kong. Begin your tour with a visit to Po Lin Monastery, originally constructed by three Buddhists in 1924. Climb nearly 268 steps to reach the world’s tallest, outdoor, seated bronze Buddha. The Big Buddha is 75 feet tall and weighs more than 200 tons. You may recognize it from the film Rush Hour II. Then take a stroll along the Wisdom Path, a prayer carved into tree trunks.

Day 12 Home
Return home • Transfer to the airport, where you’ll check in for your return flight home.

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.