

## CHINA | MONGOLIA

China, the most populous country in the world, a very diverse in culture and nature as well. In stretching from its southern borders in the Himalayas to the deserts of Mongolia in the north, and from the East China Sea through the Yangzi River Valley plains, to the Tibetan Plateau in the western mainland, China covers an area of 9,596,960 square kilometres. China also encompasses over 5000 islands, not to mention the disputed territories such as the Spratlys and the Paracels. The nation comprises five autonomous regions and twenty-two provinces, as well as Hong Kong, which is now titled a 'Special Administrative Region'. The seat of government, Beijing, is a large city of 11 million people, and like all of China's urban metropolises, life here contrasts immensely with that of the peasant farmers in rural areas. Due to its size, China's climate is obviously very diverse, ranging from an unbearable 48°C in the northwest during Summer to an equally unbearable -40°C in the far north in winter.

The official language in China is Mandarin, as spoken in Beijing, but there are also many different dialects to listen for.



### CHINA BY TRAIN( 18DAYS) LAND COST: US\$ 1795.00



If you are a person who enjoys freedom and flexibility while you travel, this is the ideal trip for you. It is now well known that the Chinese are advanced in their high speed train technology, and you will get to have a taste of their futuristic ideas while traveling the marvelous country by high speed train. This trip allows you to explore China to your own preference and likings, as you are going to have the freedom to choose the activities on days you are in certain cities such as Beijing, Pingyao, Xi'ao, Yangshuo, and Shanghai. You will still be getting the comfort of getting transferred and being picked up. While you will have choices to do what you want on

certain days, others you will be visiting iconic sights such as the Terra Cotta Army. The hotels are all comfortable and full of character.

### CLASSIC MONGOLIA( 10DAYS) LAND COST: US\$ 2260.00



This tour offers a comprehensive introduction to this varied, ancient and extraordinarily beautiful country Mongolia. Traveling overland in safari style, you will visit the ancient capital at Karakorum, where you will visit the legendary 15th century Erdene Zuu monastery. You will then visit the vast expanses of the Gobi Desert, where you will explore the glacial canyon of Yolyn Am, and the red cliffs of Bayanzag, where the world's richest deposits of dinosaur fossils are found. You will also visit Hustai National Park, where Takhi wild horses inhabit with other wildlife in the wilderness.

Landscape and cultural sightseeing blend easily in Mongolia – you will have the chance to visit families of nomads, remote Buddhist monasteries and traditional events, and to take part in horse-riding or guided walking if you wish – there are also endless opportunities for photography.