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Highly
Recommend
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Second
Visit China

China Cultural Tour (Confucius & Shaolin Monastery) (Tour No. CSSG)

Qingdao, Qufu, Confucius Temple, Mt. Taishan, Luoyang, Longmen Grottoes, Zhengzhou, Kaifeng, Shaolin Monastery 12 Days (10-Night) Deluxe Tour (High Speed Train Experience)



Day 1 - Vancouver / Qingdao (YVR/TAO JD472 1225/1800)

Fly with West Jet to Vancouver and then connect with Capital Airlines for your flight to Qingdao (China). Start your worry-free vacation with the guidance of our Canadian Tour Leader.

Day 2 - Arriving Qingdao

Cross the International Date Line and arrive in Qingdao (China), a beautiful seaside city in Shandong Province. You will be greeted by your local guide and transferred to hotel to rest up for the adventures set for the next day.

Hotel: Renaissance Qingdao West Coast Hotel (5-star)

Day 3 - Qingdao

After breakfast, you will take a city tour in Qingdao. Visit *Zhan Bridge*, the landmark of the City spanning 400-meter-long and 10-meter-wide. Then visit the *Qingdao Catholic Church*, designed by German architect, Arthur Bialucha. Continue on to *Xiao Yu Shan (Little Fish Hill) Park*, where you will see some of the best views in Qingdao, overlooking Huiquan Bay. For lunch, enjoy the renowned *Qingdao's Special Dumpling Banquet* and after, visit the first and only beer theme museum in China: *Tsingtao Beer Museum*. Next visit the *Museum of the Former German Governor's House in Qingdao*. Built in 1903 at a cost of 2.5 million tears of silver, it is one of Qingdao's best examples of Concession Era Architecture. Then, you will proceed to *Eight Great Passes*, also called the "Exhibition of the World's Architectures", named after the eight passes of Great Wall, containing various styles of villas. Tonight enjoy a *Welcome Shandong Cuisine Dinner*. (B / SL / SD)

Hotel: Renaissance Qingdao West Coast Hotel (5-star)

Day 4 - Qingdao ~ Qufu (By Bus)

After breakfast, you will be exploring the *Mount Lao Scenic Area* and *Temple of Supreme Purity in Qingdao*, and after lunch, take a bus ride to *Qufu, Hometown of Confucius*, whose philosophical teachings, have played and continues to play a vital role in the evolution of the Chinese civilization. Tonight, enjoy a dinner in a *Confucius Restaurant*. (B / L / SD)

Hotel: Sun Plaza International Hotel (5 star)

Day 5 - Qufu ~ Confucius Temple ~ Tai'an (By Bus)

Today we will visit the *Confucius Temple* which features a series of impressive gateways, clusters of twisted pines and cypresses, inscribed steles and tortoise tablets recording ancient events. The temple cemetery and the residence together form a UNESCO World Heritage Site. And finally visit *Confucian Mansion* inhabited by Confucius' descendants (now a museum) and the sage's last resting place at *Confucius Forest*. We will drive to Tai'an, the city at the foot of *Historic Mountain Tai*, the most revered of the five sacred Taoist mountains of China. (B / L / D)

Hotel: Blossom Hotel Tai'an (5-star)

Day 6 - Mt. Tai Shan

Following a leisurely breakfast, we will visit *Mt. Tai*. In 1987, the UNESCO designated *Mt. Tai* a *World Natural and Cultural Heritage Site*. Ride the cable car to midpoint and then hike to the summit for a rewarding view of the surrounding countryside.

Please be forewarned that the hour-long journey includes strenuous stair climbing. The energetic may choose to skip the cable car and conquer the entire 6000 steps on foot. Head back to your hotel for a *Buffet Dinner*. (B / L / SD)

Hotel: Blossom Hotel Tai'an (5-star)

Day 7 - Tai'an ~ Ji'nan ~ Luoyang (High Speed Train)

After breakfast, we drive to Ji'nan, the "City of Springs" get ready to enjoy a tour of the "Best Spring of the World" *Baotu Spring* and *Daming Lake*. Then, after lunch, you will take a *High-Speed Train to Luoyang*, a city in He'nan province. You will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. (B / L / D)

Hotel: Luoyang Lee Royal Hotel Mudu (5-star)

Day 8 - Luoyang ~ Shaolin Monastery ~ Zhengzhou

Take a morning visit to *Longmen Grottoes* a UNESCO World Heritage site regarded as one of the three most famous treasure houses of stone inscriptions in China. Take a ride to *Dengfeng* (1.5 hour drive). Visit the famous *Shaolin Monastery*. The Pagoda Forest in Shaolin Temple was a concentration of tomb pagodas for eminent monks, abbots and ranking monks at the temple. You will enjoy world famous *Chinese Shaolin Kung-fu Show* afterwards. Sample a famous traditional *Luoyang's Banquet* for dinner. Then drive to Zhengzhou. (B / L / SD)

Hotel: Henan Skyland GDH Hotel (5-star)

Day 9 - Zhengzhou ~ Yellow River Area

On this day you will visit the *Yellow River Tourist Area*. After lunch enjoy a tour of the *Henan Museum* which has a collection of more than 13,000 pieces of cultural relics through the ages. Visit *Dehua Street*, a typical pedestrian shopping street in Zhengzhou city to experience the atmosphere of the local markets. You can enjoy a free evening and dinner on your own arrangement. (B / L)

Hotel: Henan Skyland GDH Hotel (5-star)

Day 10 - Zhengzhou ~ Kaifeng ~ Zhengzhou

After breakfast you will take a ride to the *Ancient City of Kaifeng* one of the *Eight Ancient Capitals of China*. Upon arrival, you will take a closer look at the *Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival*, also known by its Chinese name as the Qingming Shanghe Tu, a panoramic painting famously attributed to the Song dynasty artist Zhang Zeduan. Also take a visit to *Memorial Temple of Lord Bao*. Lord Bao (999-1062), named Bao Zheng, was a renowned government official of the Northern Song Dynasty (960 - 1127), well remembered for his fair-minded judgments. Visit the *Iron Pagoda*, also known as the First Pagoda under Heaven by many for its exquisite architectural design and magnificent structure. Enjoy the famous one of the "Top Ten Noodles" of China *Zhengzhou Huimian* for dinner. (B / L / D)

Hotel: Henan Skyland GDH Hotel (5-star)

Day 11 - Zhengzhou / Qingdao (By Air) (CGO/TAO JD5818 1210/1400)

After breakfast we will fly back to Qingdao (Lunch on the flight). In the afternoon, we will have a tour to *May Fourth Square* famous for May Fourth Movement, a student lead anti-imperialist, cultural, political movement. Next visit *Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center*, one of the 2008 Beijing Olympic arenas. Tonight we will sample the famous *Featured Wok Steamed Seafood* as a Farewell Dinner. (B / SD)

Hotel: Renaissance Qingdao West Coast Hotel (5-star)

Day 12 - Qingdao / Vancouver / Hometown (TAO/YVR JD471 1410/1010)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport in Qingdao for your departure to Canada. You are to arrive home on the same day. (B)

Bon Voyage!

B-Buffer Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner SD-Special Dinner

Departing from Vancouver - by Capital Airlines



Departure Date	Tour No.	Gateway: Vancouver
16-Oct -2019	CSSG-1016 (2019)	\$2,690 per person
06-Nov-2019	CSSG-1106 (2019)	\$2,690 per person
11-Mar-2020	CSSG-0311 (2020)	\$2,690 per person
08-Apr-2020	CSSG-0408 (2020)	\$2,690 per person
06-May-2020	CSSG-0506 (2020)	\$2,690 per person
09-Sep-2020	CSSG-0909 (2020)	\$2,790 per person
14-Oct-2020	CSSG-1014 (2020)	\$2,790 per person
04-Nov-2020	CSSG-1104 (2020)	\$2,790 per person

Other Gateways To Vancouver



From Other Gateways	Add On Airfare	Canada Domestic AIF & Air Fuel Surcharge
Victoria (YYJ)	\$150 per person	\$60 per person
Calgary (YYC), Edmonton (YEG), Kelowna (YLW), Prince George (YXS)	\$250 per person	\$80 per person
Kamloops (YKA), Regina (YQR), Saskatoon (YXE), Winnipeg (YWG)	\$390 per person	\$125 per person
Toronto (YYZ)	\$390 per person	\$150 per person
Montreal (YUL), Ottawa (YOW)	\$590 per person	\$150 per person
London (YXU), Moncton (YQM), Quebec (YQB), Thunder Bay (YQT)	\$490 per person	\$180 per person
Halifax (YHZ)	\$550 per person	\$210 per person

Fuel surcharge and other cost

Canada AIF & Fuel Surcharge	\$440.00 per person
China Domestic AIF & Fuel Surcharge	\$20.00 per person
Single Supplement	\$650.00 per person
Land Only	\$2,490.00 per person

Fees to be paid locally in China:

Gratuities to China escort, guides and drivers: US\$130 per person for the whole trip.

Remarks:

- China Group Visa: C\$180.00 per person
- Child (11 Yrs & under) rate: 90% of the adult fare, sharing room, no extra bed.
- Add-on ticket by Air Canada or West Jet, seats are subject to availability.
- *Add-on ticket by Air Canada or West Jet, based on Individual ticket, Air fare not including check-in luggage fee.
- Capital Airlines schedule subject to change without prior notice.
- Business Class Upgrade is from \$2,590 per person for Vancouver / Qingdao / Vancouver, seats are subject to availability.
- Personal Insurance: purchase of personal travel and trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended; please contact your travel agent.



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