8-Day Beijing, Chengdu and Guangzhou Tour

Trip overview

Take a sensory journey through China's diverse culture, geography, and world-famous gastronomy on this 8-day private tour spanning **Beijing**, **Chengdu**, and **Guangzhou**. Starting in the capital city of **Beijing**, you will stand atop the majestic **Mutianyu Great Wall**, explore the sacred halls of the **Temple of Heaven**, and master traditional Chinese wok techniques during a hands-on culinary workshop.

Fly southwest to **Chengdu**, the UNESCO-recognized City of Gastronomy and home of the **Giant Pandas**. Get up close with adorable pandas at the **Chengdu Panda Base**, unravel 3,000-year-old mysteries at the ancient **Sanxingdui Museum**, and indulge in fiery Sichuan Hot Pot. Finally, journey south to coastal **Guangzhou**, where exquisite Lingnan craftsmanship at **Chen Clan Ancestral Hall**, vibrant wellness traditions at **Qingping Medicine Market**, and delicate Cantonese Dim Sum offer a sweet, refined finale to your unforgettable Chinese adventure.

- **Durations:** 8 Days
- **Destinations:** Beijing - Chengdu - Guangzhou
- **Tour inquiry:** https://www.asiachinatour.com/8-day-beijing-chengdu-and-guangzhou-tour/

Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Beijing — Seamless Arrival & Private Transfer

Welcome to China's historic capital! Upon your arrival at **Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK)**, **Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX)**, or **Beijing West / South Railway Station**, your dedicated private English-speaking guide and professional driver will greet you warmly in the arrivals hall.

Sit back and relax in your air-conditioned private vehicle as we manage your luggage, transfer you smoothly to your hotel, and assist with seamless hotel check-in protocols. The remainder of the day is yours to unwind from your journey or begin exploring the capital at your own leisure. In the evening, feel free to consult your guide for insider restaurant recommendations—from authentic **Peking Duck** at legendary local eateries to cozy neighborhood dining spots along the historic *hutong* alleyways.

Meals: On your own

Accommodation: Hotel in Central Beijing

Expert Arrival Insights:
*International flights typically arrive at either **Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK)** or **Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX)**. Your private guide will track your flight status in real time to ensure prompt pickup regardless of flight delays. For your first evening, taking a relaxed stroll around **Wangfujing Pedestrian Street** or the **Shichahai Lake Area** offers a gentle introduction to Beijing's evening atmosphere without causing arrival fatigue.*

Day 2: Imperial Wonders of Beijing — Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City & Summer Palace

Begin your morning at the grand **Tiananmen Square**, one of the largest public squares in the world. Framed by iconic structures including the **Tiananmen Gate**, the **Great Hall of the People**, and the **National Museum of China**, this colossal square introduces the grand architectural scale of China's capital.

Walk directly through the Meridian Gate into the **Forbidden City**(The Palace Museum), the magnificent imperial palace complex that served as the seat of power for 24 emperors across the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Explore imperial throne halls, ceremonial courtyards, and royal living quarters designed to reflect the absolute authority of the Son of Heaven.

Pause for lunch at **Courtyard 7(Qintiangfu)** a charming restaurant set inside a restored traditional Siheyuan courtyard offering refined East-meets-West fusion dishes. In the afternoon, head to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed **Summer Palace**. Stroll through imperial gardens, admire the ornate **Long Corridor**, and enjoy scenic lake views along **Kunming Lake** and **Longevity Hill**.

In the evening, savor an authentic imperial feast at Baijia Restaurant(Baijia Dayuan), where Qing Dynasty-style imperial court cuisine is served in a grand Qing-era prince's garden setting with staff dressed in traditional period attire.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Central Beijing

Expert Sightseeing Insights:
*Both the **Forbidden City** and **Tiananmen Square** strictly enforce real-name passport reservation systems and security checks. Your private guide handles all ticket processing in advance to ensure smooth entry. Wearing comfortable walking shoes is essential, as exploring the expansive grounds of the Forbidden City and Summer Palace involves several miles of walking on flat stone pavings and steps.*

Day 3: Great Wall Wonders & Imperial Culinary Traditions

Depart early in the morning for a scenic drive through the Beijing countryside to the magnificent **Mutianyu Great Wall**. Renowned as one of the best-preserved sections of the **Great Wall of China**, Mutianyu offers less-crowded stone watchtowers nestled against dramatic, forest-covered mountain ridges. Take a comfortable cable car ride up to the parapets, stroll along the ancient

ramparts, and enjoy panoramic mountain views before taking an optional toboggan ride down.

Descend the mountain for a rustic farmhouse lunch at **Xinshuangquan Restaurant**, located near the foot of the Great Wall, to enjoy authentic northern countryside delicacies made with fresh local ingredients.

In the afternoon, return to central Beijing to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed **Temple of Heaven**. Explore the **Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests**, where Ming and Qing emperors once performed sacred rites to pray for bountiful yields. Today, the surrounding park serves as a lively community hub where locals gather to practice Tai Chi, traditional dance, and calligraphy. Conclude your day with a classic banquet dinner featuring crispy, wood-roasted Peking Duck at the historic **Quanjude Restaurant**.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Central Beijing

Expert Sightseeing Insights:
*Arriving at **Mutianyu Great Wall** early in the morning allows you to avoid peak tour bus groups and enjoy optimal lighting for wall photography. Cable cars offer a smooth climb to Watchtower 14, while the toboggan slide from Watchtower 6 provides an exciting descent for adventurous travelers. At the **Temple of Heaven**, exploring the park in the late afternoon offers a wonderful glimpse into local lifestyle activities.*

Day 4: Culinary Workshop, Hongqiao Market & Flight to Chengdu

Begin your morning with a hands-on Chinese culinary workshop at **Beijing High School**. Learn about essential seasonings, local produce, and traditional wok techniques from an expert instructor before preparing authentic Chinese dishes and enjoying your delicious culinary creations for lunch.

In the afternoon, your private driver and guide will transfer you to **Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK)** or **Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX)** for your afternoon flight to **Chengdu**, the vibrant capital of Sichuan Province. Upon arrival at **Chengdu Tianfu International Airport (TFU)** or **Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport (CTU)**, meet your local guide for a comfortable hotel transfer. Conclude your day with a relaxing dinner at **Qinshanzhai Medicinal Diet Restaurant**, known for its healthy, light-flavored herbal cuisine served in a charming garden-style environment.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Cooking Class), Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Chengdu Downtown

Expert Journey Insights:
*Today's flight from **Beijing** to **Chengdu** takes approximately 3 hours. Booking an early afternoon flight ensures a smooth connection to Chengdu, leaving plenty of time to enjoy a peaceful, digestive herbal hot pot or light tea dinner at **Qinshanzhai**, perfect for easing into Sichuan's culinary culture after a day of travel.*

Day 5: Giant Pandas, Mysterious Sanxingdui Relics & Authentic Sichuan Cuisine

Begin your morning with an early visit to the **Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding** , the world-famous conservation center for giant pandas and red pandas. Arrive during the cool morning hours to observe pandas at their most active—munching on fresh bamboo and playing in lush outdoor enclosures. Visit the panda nurseries to see adorable panda cubs and explore the modern **Panda Museum** to learn about ongoing international breeding and rewilding efforts.

Head back to downtown **Chengdu** for lunch at **Baguo Buyi Restaurant**, renowned for its authentic Sichuan specialties served in a traditional courtyard setting. In the afternoon, journey to the **Sanxingdui Museum** in Guanghan to encounter one of the most miraculous archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. Marvel at 3,000-to-5,000-year-old treasures from the mysterious ancient Shu Kingdom (contemporaneous with the Shang Dynasty), including the towering **Bronze Sacred Tree**, enigmatic **Vertical-eyed Masks**, and exquisite gold scepters. Conclude your day with a classic, mouth-watering **Sichuan Hot Pot** dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Hot Pot)

Accommodation: Hotel in Chengdu Downtown

Expert Sightseeing Insights:
*Giant pandas prefer cool temperatures and are most active during morning feeding hours between 08:00 and 10:00; by midday, they usually retreat to air-conditioned indoor quarters to rest. Advance ticket reservations with passport details are mandatory for **Sanxingdui Museum** due to strict daily visitor limits.*

Day 6: Chengdu Cultural Heritage & Flight to Guangzhou

Begin your morning at **Wuhou Shrine** (*Wuhou Temple*), China's only ancestral hall dedicated to both a monarch and his legendary prime minister, Zhuge Liang (*Marquis Wu*). Stroll through peaceful bamboo groves, admire red-walled corridors, and explore beautiful classical gardens that commemorate the heroic history of the Three Kingdoms period.

Step directly from the shrine into **Jinli Old Street**, a vibrant pedestrian promenade beautifully restored in traditional Qing Dynasty Sichuan style. Walk along ancient stone-paved alleys filled with folk art stalls, traditional handicrafts, and local snack vendors serving delicacies like *Guokui* (crispy Sichuan meat pie) and sweet sticky rice cakes.

In the afternoon, your private guide and driver will escort you to **Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport (CTU)** or **Chengdu Tianfu International Airport (TFU)** for your flight to **Guangzhou**, the bustling metropolis of South China. Upon arrival at **Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN)**, your local guide will meet you for a comfortable transfer to your downtown hotel to relax before dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Guangzhou Downtown

Expert Journey Insights:
*Exploring **Wuhou Shrine** and **Jinli Old Street** together provides a seamless cultural morning, as the two sites sit adjacent to each other. The flight from **Chengdu** to **Guangzhou** takes approximately 2.5 hours. Arriving in Guangzhou in the late afternoon allows you to enjoy an evening walk along the **Pearl River** or sample classic Cantonese cuisine for your first dinner in South China.*

Day 7: Cantonese Heritage, Authentic Herbal Markets & Dim Sum Culture

Begin your morning exploring the celebrated **Chen Clan Ancestral Hall** (*Chen Ancestral Shrine*), a 130-plus-year-old architectural masterpiece of Southern China. Renowned for its exquisite Cantonese craftsmanship, the complex features ornate wood carvings, vibrant pottery ridge sculptures, brick reliefs, and delicate bronze castings that showcase the pinnacle of Lingnan architectural art.

Next, dive into local life at **Qingping Medicine Market** (*Qingping Market*), one of Guangzhou's largest and most authentic traditional Chinese medicine trading hubs. Walk through vibrant stalls displaying dried herbs, ginseng, tonic flowers, and exotic traditional ingredients that have formed the backbone of local wellness and soup-making traditions for centuries.

In the afternoon, visit the historic **Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall**, built to honor the founding father of modern China. Admire its impressive octagonal dome structure, blue-glazed roof tiles, and classical Lingnan garden surroundings. Conclude your day experiencing world-famous **Cantonese Cuisine**, celebrated for its delicate use of fresh ingredients, subtle herbs, and refined steaming techniques. Your guide will gladly introduce you to traditional *Yum Cha* (*Dim Sum*) etiquette and signature dishes like roasted goose and slow-simmered herbal tonic soups.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Guangzhou Downtown

Expert Sightseeing Insights:
Qingping Medicine Market *provides an authentic look into traditional Cantonese wellness philosophy (Liang Cha and medicinal soup brewing). Combining this market visit with a traditional Cantonese dinner or Dim Sum lunch offers a deep, multi-sensory dive into why Guangzhou is celebrated across China as the "Capital of Food" (Shi Zai Guangzhou).*

Day 8: Farewell Guangzhou & Onward Departure

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at your hotel this morning. Depending on your flight or high-speed train departure schedule, your private driver and English-speaking guide will meet you in the hotel lobby, assist with luggage check-out, and escort you to **Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN)** or **Guangzhou South Railway Station**.

As you prepare for your onward journey or flight home, reflect on the incredible memories made over the past eight days—from ancient imperial landmarks and majestic mountain scenery to diverse culinary traditions and local cultural encounters. We wish you a safe and pleasant journey home, and hope to welcome you back to China again soon!

Meals: Breakfast

Expert Journey Insights:
For international flights departing from ***Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN)****, private transfers are scheduled to arrive at the terminal approximately 3 hours prior to departure to ensure plenty of time for customs clearance, baggage check-in, and VAT tax refunds if applicable.*

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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