

China Bike and Hike



trip highlights

Cycle through rural southern China, passing villages, rice paddies and farmland

Ride among limestone karst landscapes in Fengkai and Yangshuo

Experience the famous Terracotta Warriors, depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China

Discover Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City in Beijing

Cycle through traditional hutong neighbourhoods in Beijing

Walk remote, unrestored sections of the Great Wall at Gubeikou

Savour a traditional Peking Duck dinner in Beijing



Trip Duration	14 days	Trip Code: CBR
Grade	Moderate	
Activities	8 days cycling, Adventure Touring	
Summary	7 day cycle, 2 day walks, 13 nights hotel	

welcome to World Expeditions

For over 50 years, we've been creating high-quality, expedition-style adventures for active travellers with a curious spirit. From our very first trek in the mountains of Nepal to pioneering remote routes across all seven continents, our journeys are built for those who want to truly explore – not just visit.

At the heart of what we do is a simple philosophy: take the paths less travelled.

This means travelling with care, supporting local communities, minimising our impact, and unlocking experiences that most travellers will never have.

If you're ready to go further and dig deeper, we invite you to join us on the China Bike and Hike, a journey that captures the essence of a unique adventure.

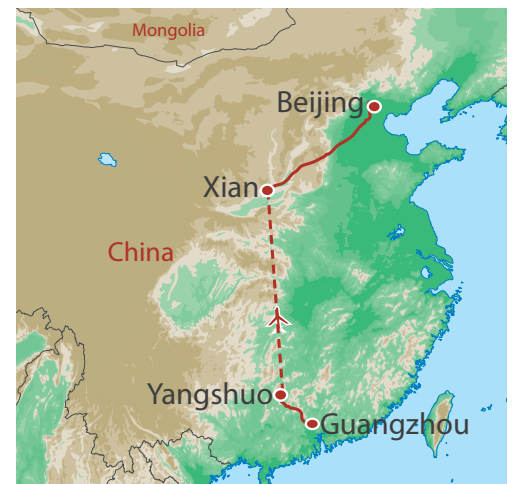
why travel with World Expeditions?

This journey offers a structured way to experience China through a combination of cycling, walking and cultural exploration. From rural landscapes in Guangxi to the historic centres of Xi'an and Beijing, the itinerary connects everyday life with major landmarks. Supported by experienced guides and vehicle backup, the trip balances active travel with comfort, while including quieter sections of the Great Wall for a more immersive experience.



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World Expeditions does not require single travellers to pay a surcharge for travelling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveller of the same gender and if we cannot match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. Please refer to our website for the additional cost.

the trip

This journey combines cycling through southern China's rural landscapes with cultural exploration in Xi'an and Beijing, culminating in walks along quieter sections of the Great Wall. Beginning in Guangdong and Guangxi, the route follows village roads, rice paddies and limestone karst formations around Fengkai and Yangshuo, with opportunities to experience daily life in the countryside. The itinerary then shifts to Xi'an, where visits to the Terracotta Warriors and Mt Lishan provide insight into China's imperial history, before continuing to Beijing. Here, explore major sites including the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, alongside cycling through traditional hutong neighbourhoods. The journey concludes with walks on the Great Wall at Gubeikou and Jinshanling, where restored and unrestored sections offer a more remote and varied perspective of this iconic structure. Supported throughout by local guides and vehicle backup, the trip balances active travel with cultural depth across some of China's most diverse regions.

at a glance

DAY 1	JOIN IN GUANGZHOU
DAY 2	CYCLE WEST RIVER TO MT DINGHU AND TRANSFER ZHAOQING (36KM / 22MI CYCLING)
DAY 3	CYCLE ZHAOQING TO FENGKAI LITTLE GUILIN (50KM / 31MI)
DAY 4	CYCLE FENGKAI TO HUAIJI (70KM / 43MI)
DAY 5	TRANSFER TO ZHONGSHAN AND CYCLE TO GONGCHENG (60KM / 37MI)
DAY 6	CYCLE GONGCHENG TO YANGSHUO (56KM / 35MI)
DAY 7	CYCLE YANGSHUO MOON HILL AND LI RIVER (60KM / 37MI)
DAY 8	YANGSHUO TO GUILIN AND FLY TO XI'AN
DAY 9	EXPLORE MT LISHAN AND TERRACOTTA WARRIORS XI'AN
DAY 10	TRAIN TO BEIJING AND HUTONG CYCLE
DAY 11	EXPLORE BEIJING
DAY 12	HIKE GREAT WALL GUBEIKOU TO JINSHANLING (15.4KM / 9.6MI, 866M / 2841FT ASCENT, 4-5HRS)
DAY 13	HIKE JINSHANLING GREAT WALL (7.67KM / 4.8MI, 697M / 2287FT ASCENT, 4-5HRS)
DAY 14	IN BEIJING, TRIP CONCLUDES

what's included

- 13 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 11 dinners
- Twin-share accommodation in hotels and guesthouses
- Domestic flight (Guilin to Xi'an)
- Train travel (Xi'an to Beijing)
- Private air-conditioned vehicles
- Support vehicles while cycling
- Sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary
- 27 speed touring bikes
- Expert bilingual guides throughout. For smaller groups of 2 - 5 passengers we employ expert local guides only in each location.
- Group medical kit

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

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trip dates

2026 10 May- 23 May
13 Sep - 26 Sep
27 Sep - 10 Oct
11 Oct - 24 Oct
08 Nov - 21 Nov

2027 28 Feb - 13 Mar
21 Mar - 03 Apr
09 May- 22 May
12 Sep - 25 Sep
26 Sep - 09 Oct
10 Oct - 23 Oct
07 Nov - 20 Nov

fast facts

Countries Visited:
China

Visas:
Yes*

Vaccinations:
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:
Private group options are available for this trip*

Singles:
A single supplement is available for this trip*

Leader:
Expert local leader

Advice for people with limited mobility
This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

*Ask our staff for more information.

what's not included

- International airfares and departure taxes
- Visa costs
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Personal expenses (e.g. drinks, laundry, phone)
- Tips and gratuities
- Bike Helmet (compulsory)
- Airport transfers (day 1 & day 14)
- E-Bike rental upgrade

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Join in Guangzhou

On arrival you will need to make your own way to the group hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Guangzhou before we meet in the hotel lounge at approx 6.30pm for a trip briefing with the group leader.

Overnight: Landmark Hotel Canton or similar
meals: D

DAY 2 Cycle West River to Mt Dinghu and transfer Zhaoqing (36km / 22mi cycling)

This morning we transfer by coach out of hectic streets of Guangzhou to begin our cycle along a trail of the West River to Mt Dinghu. On arrival we take a walking tour of this UNESCO designated nature reserve, which is home to ancient forest, waterfalls and diverse birdlife, along with a 300 year old Buddhist temple. Late afternoon we transfer by road to Zhaoqing. Throughout the entire trip there will always be the backup support of a vehicle, so for those times when you are feeling a little lethargic, or where road conditions make it difficult to cycle, you may ride in the mini bus.

Accommodation: White Swan Guest Hotel or similar
meals: B,L,D

DAY 3 Cycle Zhaoqing to Fengkai Little Guilin (50km / 31mi)

This morning we transfer by road out of the city to commence our cycle. Today's ride follows country roads, with very little traffic, to Fengkai. On the ride we will pass through quite a few villages, rice paddies and have the opportunity to engage with the locals. The afternoon ride enters more undulating terrain with forested hills. The region is known for its limestone karst formations, earning the name "Little Guilin."

Accommodation: Fengkai Lingnan Oriental Hotel or similar
meals: B,L,D

DAY 4 Cycle Fengkai to Huaiji (70km / 43mi)

Today's ride takes us through spectacular scenery with karst hills dotting the landscape, carp farms and small villages as we make our way to Huaiji. Today's terrain is mostly flat and is easier than yesterday.

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meals: B,L,D

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thoughtful travel

Our World Expeditions adventures are grounded in a deep commitment to regenerative travel, going beyond minimising harm to actively restoring and enriching the places we visit. We partner closely with local communities, ensuring that our trips support cultural preservation, fair livelihoods, and community-led initiatives. Each expedition is designed to protect and regenerate natural ecosystems through low-impact practices, climate action, and education that fosters respect for biodiversity. We prioritise meaningful connections between travellers and place, encouraging a sense of stewardship that lasts well beyond the journey. By embedding sustainability into every layer of our operations, we aim not only to explore the world responsibly but also to leave it healthier, more resilient, and more vibrant for future generations.

trip grading Moderate

This adventure involves cycling for up to 5-6 hours a day at a steady pace. You will need a good level of fitness and be in good health. The majority of our moderately graded cycles involve the carrying of a day pack only. Be prepared for potential variable weather conditions.

Suggested preparation; 1 hour of aerobic exercise, three to four times a week and extended periods of exercise during the weekend will accustom you to regular exercise. Hill walking with a pack in variable weather conditions will be beneficial if you are taking part in a trekking adventure, kayaking or road cycling is also recommended depending upon the activity you plan to undertake.

DAY 5 Transfer to Zhongshan and cycle to Gongcheng (60km / 37mi)

Transfer by road to Zhongshan before cycling through peaceful countryside toward Gongcheng. The route includes a few climbs and follows quiet roads through karst landscapes and river valleys. We arrive in Gongcheng, a region characterised by traditional rural life of the Yao minority, the UNESCO-recognized "Yao Oil Tea Customs," well-preserved Ming dynasty architecture and vibrant persimmon orchards.

Accommodation: Ji Hotel or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAY 6 Cycle Gongcheng to Yangshuo (56km / 35mi)

Today we cycle through the countryside toward Yangshuo, passing rice paddies, small villages and river crossings. The route offers frequent views of karst hills reflected in waterways. This region remains largely agricultural, with farming communities forming the backbone of daily life. The ride provides continual opportunities to observe rural China.

Accommodation: New West Street Hotel or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAY 7 Cycle Yangshuo Moon Hill and Li River (60km / 37mi)

We cycle through the Yangshuo countryside to Moon Hill and the village of Jinbao. The route passes through rice fields and rural communities with views of surrounding limestone formations. Moon Hill and the nearby village of Jinbao offer iconic Yangshuo scenery featuring a massive natural limestone arch that changes shape (crescent to full moon) from different angles. In the afternoon, we take a bamboo raft journey along the Li River surrounded by mountains and farmland before returning to Yangshuo.

Accommodation: New West Street Hotel or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAY 8 Yangshuo to Guilin and fly to Xi'an

The morning is free for independent exploration in Yangshuo. In the afternoon, transfer to Guilin Airport for a flight to Xi'an. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in this historic city, the traditional starting point of the Silk Road. In the afternoon there is a bike ride on the old city wall which was built in the 14th-century Ming Dynasty over earlier structures and is a 13.7km (8.5mi) circuit.

Accommodation: Manxin Hotel or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAY 9 Explore Mt Lishan and Terracotta Warriors Xi'an

An early start to get to the Terracotta Warriors by 8.30am. The thousands of Terracotta Warriors, who stand outside the tomb of Qin Shihuang, were uncovered in 1974 by peasants digging a well. Each warrior stands over 6 feet tall and has different features and characteristics. Some stand in a vanguard with crossbow and longbow bearers; others hold spears, daggers and axes at the ready. They are accompanied by dozens of horse-drawn carriages and enormous terracotta horses. The sight of the warriors arising from their muddy grave, some intact, others still submerged in the ground, is an extraordinary one. Afterwards we take a short

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adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information on our website, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

hike on Mt. Lishan to get a birds eye view of China's first emperor's tomb. In the afternoon, we return to Xi'an and visit the Muslim Quarter and the Wild Goose Pagoda, a historic Buddhist structure linked to the Silk Road.

Accommodation: Manxin Hotel or similar
meals: B,L

DAY 10 Train to Beijing and hutong cycle

In the morning we travel by high-speed train from Xi'an to Beijing, (4.5 hours). On arrival, transfer to the hotel before heading out to explore the city's historic hutong districts by bicycle. Hutong's are fascinating narrow, grey-brick alleyways dating back over 700 years (Yuan Dynasty) that connect traditional siheyuan (courtyard homes), forming the "living fossil" of old Beijing life. They now feature trendy cafes, boutique hotels, and rooftop bars blending seamlessly with traditional dwellings. Dinner is at a local restaurant, offering an introduction to Beijing's regional cuisine.

Accommodation: Dong Fang Hotel or similar
meals: B,L,D

DAY 11 Explore Beijing

After breakfast we visit Tiananmen Square, Mao's Mausoleum, and the Forbidden City followed by a bike ride in the Hutong area. The Forbidden City is a masterpiece of 5000 years of Chinese civilisation and still vividly displays the power and prestige of the former dynasties. Sprawling over acres, the City is a magnificent group of palaces, pavilions, courtyards and deep terracotta walls. Ornately furnished palace rooms, priceless artworks and treasures are all now open to the public after 500 years of seclusion. The afternoon is free for independent exploration of Beijing.

*Please note that Mao's Mausoleum in the Forbidden City opens from 8:00am-12:00pm Tuesday to Sunday, closed Mondays. Should this day fall on a Monday, we will endeavour to fit it in on another day.

Accommodation: Beijing Dong Fang Hotel or similar.
meals: B,L,D

DAY 12 Hike Great Wall Gubeikou to Jinshanling (15.4km / 9.6mi, 866m / 2841ft ascent, 4-5hrs)

We transfer to the Great Wall at Gubeikou and follow remote and largely unrestored sections set within rugged mountain terrain. This quieter route avoids the main visitor areas, offering a more isolated walking experience. A short detour through a nearby village is required when passing a restricted military zone, providing a glimpse into rural daily life. The walk then returns to the Wall as it approaches Jinshanling, where restored sections highlight the scale and original design of the structure.

Accommodation: Jianxia Guesthouse or similar
meals: B,L

DAY 13 Hike Jinshanling Great Wall (7.67km / 4.8mi, 697m / 2287ft ascent, 4-5hrs)

This section of the Wall is known for its rugged and less-visited character, often described as a highlight for hikers and photographers. The route includes a mix of steep, unrestored and partially restored sections, with expansive views across the surrounding landscape. Along the way, pass a dense concentration of watchtowers,

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over 67 structures built between 1368 and 1644, reflecting the strategic importance of this section. We have lunch in a local farmer's house and afterwards we transfer back to Beijing for our Peking Duck farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Beijing Dong Fang Hotel or similar.

meals: B,L

DAY 14 In Beijing, trip concludes

After breakfast our trip concludes in Beijing.

meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

places of interest

Tiananmen Square

Tiananmen Square is the world's largest public square and is located only a short distance from our hotel. People flying kites, a popular pastime all over China, stand next to guards under the ever-watchful eye of Chairman Mao's portrait. Which ever way you turn there is another photo opportunity to be found in this huge open space.

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The Temple of Heaven itself is an architectural highlight however it's the crowds of people that makes this spot so interesting and memorable. Thousands of people gather here to practice ballroom dancing, Tai chi and calligraphy.

suggested extensions

- Great Wall Trek
- China Silk Road

cycling

This itinerary allows for 7 days of cycling and a maximum of 550 kms, plus optional cycling opportunities on in Zhaoqing and Yangshuo. Average daily distances are approximately 75kms (with a maximum of about 100 km in one day) but there is plenty of scope to cycle more or less, depending on your fitness level. We usually cycle between 3-4 hours before stopping for a relaxing lunch at a restaurant or a picnic spot along the way. The distances may vary depending upon the exact itinerary and hotels involved but longer distances, rough or uphill sections may be covered by putting the bicycles on the follow-up truck and the group boarding the minibus. Since the truck always follows the last cyclist, any passenger who tires of riding may stop the truck, put their bicycle on board and then ride on the truck until it meets up with the minibus. The two vehicles 'leap frog' as the minibus drives ahead of the group, stops, waits for the group and the follow-up truck to pass and then drives a short way ahead of the group again and so on. To assure your safety and to allow you the most scenic sections of the route to cycle along, we will drive small sections of the route on a daily basis to avoid heavy traffic or unsafe cycling conditions. The exact amount of cycling may also vary depending upon the ability of everyone in the group. Be assured that this is a holiday and not a marathon event! Both keen and casual cyclists are well catered for on the trip, as the group tends to spread out so that both the "cruisers" and the more racy types can progress at their own speed. There is NO performance pressure to "keep up" with the rest of the group and you may stop cycling when it suits you. The emphasis is on seeing China and not training for the next Olympics. We has taken people from 12 to 78 years old cycling in China and all have managed extremely well. All luggage is carried in the minibus and it is available

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at any time if you want to 'hang up your cycling gloves' for a while. We usually cycle for another 2-3 hours after lunch and reach our destination no later than 5 p.m.

The bicycles used on this program are 21 speed, steel frame, mountain bikes (generally the Italian Java brand). They are equipped with hand brakes. As there is a rack on the back of the bicycle (but no spring clip), it is possible to attach a pannier over the rear wheels if you bring one. Otherwise you should bring elastic straps to attach your daypack. The bikes are supplied with a bike water bottle rack. Sets of basic tools are aboard the follow-up truck and your trip leader will assist with any difficulties. There are a few smaller women's bicycles available and these can be reserved for shorter group members, however we must be advised of your height well in advance of your departure. *For safety reasons, we also insist that cycle helmets be included as a compulsory item on your equipment list.

country information

China is a destination that captures the imagination with its vast landscapes, enduring traditions and deep historical legacy. Stretching across nearly four million square miles (over 9.5 million square kilometres) and home to more than 1.3 billion people, it is a land of extraordinary contrasts – from alpine plateaus to subtropical forests, bustling megacities to quiet rural villages.

Long shrouded in mystery for Western travellers, China began opening its doors to tourism in the late 1970s. Since then, dozens of previously restricted regions have become accessible, and many ancient sites have been sensitively restored. Today, visitors can explore a remarkable breadth of cultural and natural wonders – including ancient temples, imperial palaces, sections of the Great Wall, and sacred mountains such as Huangshan and Emei.

China is home to 56 officially recognised ethnic groups, each with distinct customs, dress, languages and traditions. This cultural richness is visible in everything from local festivals and tea ceremonies to regional cuisines and architectural styles. While Mandarin is the national language, dialects and minority languages are widely spoken across different provinces.

Modern infrastructure including high-speed rail, well-connected airports and an expanding domestic tourism network makes travelling within China increasingly smooth. Yet much of the country still retains its traditional rhythm, especially in smaller towns and remote landscapes where daily life continues as it has for generations.

This striking blend of old and new, along with the hospitality of its people, makes China a truly rewarding destination for those seeking insight, challenge and cultural depth.

climate

China experiences a rather broad temperature range throughout the year depending on whether you are in the north or south. In late summer, early autumn trips (August to September) expect warm to hot days with temperatures up to 25-30C (78-87F) and a slight chance of rain. During October the days are mild and dry, from 15-20C (60-69F), and nights are cooler. In late October there is increasingly a cooler (but not cold) westerly wind which lowers temperatures, particularly at night. The days, however, remain mild.

Guangdong and Guangxi Provinces, where we cycle, are China's most southerly province and experiences a rather broad temperature range throughout the year. On summer trips (Jun to Sep) expect hot, humid days with temperatures up to 33C (91F) and some rain is likely - although daytime temperatures in the hills further north in Guangdong Province should be milder. During October, the days are mild, from 15-26C (60-79F) and nights are cooler. Some rain is also possible at this time. On winter trips (Nov-Feb) days can be quite cool 12-15C (54-60F) and cold nights - upon occasions night temperatures can fall to below freezing in the north of China.

In Beijing the winter (Nov-Feb) temperatures can drop below -10C (2-3 F) and you will need thermal underwear, a heavy coat, hat, gloves, etc. There may be snow in the capital during December and January - don't be put off as it can be a plus, there are many less tourists and the city looks spectacular clothed in white. In summer the days may be hot, up to 30C (86 F)

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but it is more likely to be quite pleasant. Rain can occur at any time but is more likely in spring, March-May. We suggest you pack a waterproof jacket with hood for all departures.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

equipment provided



The bicycles used on this program are 27 speed, aluminium frame, hard tail mountain bikes, equipped with hand brakes. The bikes are supplied with a water bottle rack – maximum capacity 750ml and a rear saddle bag that can be used for snacks, sunblock, a rainjacket and other small items. These bicycles are used on all of the trips and it is possible that your bicycle will need slight adjustments before you commence riding. However, additional adjustments or repairs can be made along the way and at least one additional bicycle is supplied for each group in case a replacement becomes necessary. Sets of basic tools are aboard the follow-up truck and your trip leader will assist with any difficulties. If you already have a saddle that you are comfortable cycling long distances on, you should bring this with you. A gel seat cover is also highly recommended and well worth the additional cost (available in cycling shops). We regret that there are only a few smaller women's bicycles and these can be reserved for shorter group members, so long as we are advised of your height well in advance of your tour departure. *For safety reasons, we also insist that cycle helmets be included as a compulsory item on your equipment list.

Electric Bikes: Cycle hassle-free and climb hills without difficulty, enjoy nature and landscapes without physical limitations. Electronic Bikes make it possible and are available to hire on this trip for an additional rental fee in addition to your trip cost. The e-Bikes available are Q7 mountain e-bikes and are perfect for those who like to cycle however are concerned about fitness; e-Bikes allow people of different fitness levels to cycle together.

accommodation on the trip



Accommodation on this journey is in a combination of well-located hotels and selected local guesthouses, chosen for comfort, reliability and proximity to the cycling routes. In cities and larger

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towns, stays are in comfortable hotels that provide a consistent standard and good facilities after a day on the bike. ON the Great Wall hikes guesthouses offer a simpler but welcoming experience, often closer to the landscapes and communities being explored. This mix allows for a balance of comfort and local character, ensuring practical overnight stops while maintaining a strong connection to the regions travelled through.

what you carry

Support vehicles follow the group on cycling days to carry all your luggage and you if your legs get too tired! Our bikes are fitted with a 'bike pack' which sits on the bike rack to carry essential items with you as you cycle such as sunscreen, sunglasses, a rain coat and your camera.

equipment required

It is mandatory that you wear a helmet on this bike tour. We deliberately do not supply rental helmets because only a well-fitting helmet can offer a certain amount of protection. Cycling helmets are offered by numerous suppliers in various price and quality categories. When buying a bicycle helmet we recommend getting advice at a specialist store since finding the optimum helmet depends on quite a number of things. Avoid at all cost buying a helmet because of its looks; the main criteria should be a perfect fit. In some areas there are a limited number of helmets are available for hire but as suitability cannot be guaranteed we ask that you bring your own for the best fit and comfort.

vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

visas

Australian, New Zealand, Canada and the UK passport holders can travel to China for tourism without a visa if their stay is 30 days or less. This visa-free policy is effective to 31 December 2026. If you are staying over 30 days you will need to apply for a visa before your trip.

If you require a visa, it is advisable to apply for your visa approximately 6 weeks before your intended entry into China, but not earlier than three months prior. Applying too early may result in your visa expiring before your arrival. Passport holders from Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand and the United States, please visit: <https://cova.mfa.gov.cn/> to be directed to your dedicated city and countries website for instructions.

If you have any doubt about your eligibility, verify the conditions for visa free entry with your nearest Chinese Embassy.

Depending on your passport and location, different requirements apply and they change at short notice. Please refer to websites above for the latest information.

All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

You must complete an electronic arrival card to enter China. You can do this before you arrive or at your point of entry, on the National Immigration Administration website or by scanning a QR code.

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

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how to book

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