
















NZCFS GRAND CANAL HERITAGE TOUR

September 2024

Date	Activity	Stay
Day 1 Sept 4 4/9 Wednesday	Arrive in Beijing Depending on arrival time <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Have a local breakfast, then wander along Beihai Lake  Song Qingling Former Residence  Rickshaw tour through hutongs in Shichahai Park area  Ascend the hill in Jingshan Park for a bird's eye view over the Forbidden City (Palace Museum) and Tiananmen Square 	Beijing
Day 2 5/9 Thursday	Whole day Great Wall tour (Coach: 3.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Huanghuacheng Great Wall, about 80km away from the city centre, to have a close look at the 'wild' Great Wall, away from crowds of tourists  Visit the chestnut garden, tracing back to 800 years ago 	Beijing
Day 3 6/9 Friday	Whole day to explore Grand Canal sites <ul style="list-style-type: none">  The Grand Canal Museum  The Grand Canal Cultural Park 	Beijing
Day 4 7/9 Saturday	Beijing-Tianjin (Bullet train: 10:08-10:38, Coach: 2.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none">  The Fifth Avenue: old Concession area  The Market of Exotic Goods  The Dagukou Fort Ruins Museum, a complete military defence system with over 500 year's history 	Tianjin
Day 5 8/9 Sunday	Activities in Tianjin <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Former Residence of Pu Yi, the last emperor of China  Italy Street  Ancient Culture Street  Boat trip on the Great Canal to Yangliuqing Ancient Town (about 80min) 	Tianjin

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Eye of Tianjin: Ferris Wheel, the city landscape (from the boat) ✚ Shi's Mansion: the most famous local landlord's mansion ✚ Chinese New Year's Poster Hall - national intangible heritage 	
Day 6 9/9 Monday	<p>Tianjin-Taishan Mountain (Bullet train: 10:01-11:32)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Arriving in Tai'an around 11:30 ✚ Up Taishan Mountain by cable car 	Taishan Mountain
Day 7 10/9 Tuesday	<p>Taishan-Qufu (Coach: 1.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Sunrise in Taishan Mountain ✚ Two of Three Confucius Sites in Qufu: Confucius Temple, Cemetery and Mansion 	Qufu
Day 8 11/9 Wednesday	<p>Activities in Qufu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Third of Three Confucius Sites: Confucius Temple, Cemetery and Mansion ✚ Interactive activities including tablet rubbing, bamboo slips, seals for signature, and calligraphy 	Qufu
Day 9 12/9 Thursday	<p>Qufu-Tai'erzhuang (2.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Whole day exploring the Ancient Town by the canal and enjoy the shows and night views 	Tai'erzhuang Ancient Town
Day 10 13/9 Friday	<p>Tai'erzhuang-Huai'an(1.5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Battle of Tai'erzhuang Memorial Hall: a battle of anti-Japanese War in 1938, the first major Chinese victory of the war ✚ Grand Canal National Culture Park 	Huai'an
Day 11 14/9 Saturday	<p>Activities in Huai'an</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Zhou Enlai Memorial Hall - the first premier of new China ✚ Wu Cheng'en Former Residence (the author of Journey to the West, one of the four great classical novels in China) 	Huai'an

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Caoyun System Museum: a centralised transportation system used by central governments of imperial China to collect grain etc. 	
Day 12 15/9 Sunday	<p>Huai'an-Yangzhou (2.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Geyuan Garden ✚ The Grand Canal of China Museum (3hrs) 	Yangzhou
Day 13 16/9 Monday	<p>Yangzhou-Zhenjiang (30min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Taking the public ferry to travel across the Yangtze River (10min) ✚ Xijindu Old Streets ✚ Chunjiangchao Square to see the conjunction point of the Canal and Yangtze River ✚ Beigushan Hill to have a bird's eye view of the city and the Yangtze River (1-2hrs) ✚ Visit a wet local market for some snacks 	Zhenjiang
Day 14 17/9 Tuesday	<p>Zhengjiang-Suzhou(3hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Vinegar Culture Museum: Zhenjiang Vinegar, famous home and abroad ✚ Silk Museum to learn about the history and techniques of silk 	Suzhou
Day 15 18/9 Wednesday	<p>Activities in Suzhou</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Suzhou Museum, showing Chinese garden style design ✚ Lingering Garden ✚ Shantang Street 	Suzhou
Day 16 19/9 Thursday	<p>Suzhou-Wuzhen Water Village (2hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Interactive activity in the foliage (natural dyes) dyeing workshop ✚ Fully exploring the well-protected water village: west part, enjoy a drink alongside the water 	Wuzhen
Day 17 20/9 Friday	<p>Wuzhen-Hangzhou (2hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ East part of the water village, more local residents 	Hangzhou

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Taste a cup of the famous local Longjing green tea in the tea house ✚ Interactive activities: picking and roasting tea leaves 	
Day 18 21/9 Saturday	<p>Activities in Hangzhou</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Morning exercise alongside West Lake ✚ Experiencing the local transportation on the canal (40min) ✚ After getting off the boat, experience the local museums: Grand Canal Museum, Sword & Scissors Museum, Umbrella & Fans Museum, Art Museum, etc. 	Hangzhou
Day 19 22/9 Sunday	<p>Hangzhou-Shanghai (3hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Oriental Pearl Tower to have a bird's eye view of the city ✚ Night view along the Bund 	Shanghai
Day 20 23/9 Monday	<p>Activities in Shanghai</p> <p>Free day, or flexible to use public transportation to explore this modern city. May include East Nanjing Road, People's Park, Shanghai Museum, French Concession area: Fuxing park & Site of first national congress of CPC, etc</p>	Shanghai
Day 21 24/9 Tuesday	Flight back home (NZ288 14:15-05:45) To be confirmed	