



China like never before

Did You Know?

1. There is only one time zone in China; in the West the sunrise can be as late as 10am.
2. Fortune cookies are not a traditional Chinese custom; they were actually invented in San Francisco.
3. The Yangtze River is the longest river in the world to flow entirely within one country.

Places of Interest:

1. The Great Wall of China
2. Forbidden City in Central Beijing
3. Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum (Terracotta Army in Xi'an)
4. West Lake (Xi Hu)
5. Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

Featured Food: *Xiao Long Bao*

Xiao Long Bao, meaning "little basket bun," is a delicate steamed dumpling most often filled with pork and soup. Found both street-side and in Michelin-star restaurants, Shanghai is most famously thought to be the best place for Xiao Long Bao, although other Chinese cities specialize in them too.

Ensemble Recommends:

Visiting China for the first time? Here's a basic 11-day itinerary we recommend.

DAY 1: Arrive in Beijing

DAY 2: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace and Temple of Heaven

DAY 3: Great Wall of China

DAY 4: Fly from Beijing to Xi'an

DAY 5: Terracotta Army

DAY 6: Fly from Xi'an to Guilin

DAY 7: Cruise on the Li River

DAY 8: Fly from Guilin to Shanghai

DAY 9: Yu Gardens, silk factory tour and walking tour to the French Concession

DAY 10: Day trip to Suzhou, including a boat ride

DAY 11: Depart Shanghai

