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Porcelain, Tea and Silk:

A Journey through China's Cultural Heartland

March 7 – March 19, 2027

Visit the birthplace of China's famous porcelain, **Jingdezhen**, now a funky town





Laze on **Hangzhou**'s famous West Lake, after sipping fresh plucked Dragon Well tea

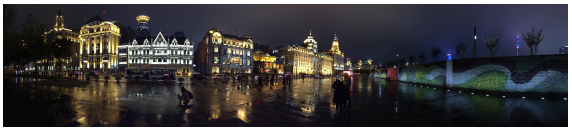



Wander **Suzhou**'s famous gardens and canals, paid for by wealthy silk merchants






We end in modern **Shanghai**, after a treat for the senses and a constant feast for your palate!






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[Where indicated meals are provided; B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner]

1 night Hong Kong, 3 nights Jingdezhen, 3 nights Hangzhou, 2 nights Suzhou, 3 nights Shanghai

Day 1 Sunday, March 7 Hong Kong

We meet in Hong Kong and stroll through the evening markets, enjoying the bustle and busyness of this famous entrepôt, followed by a late night supper. [D]

Day 2 Monday, March 8 Hong Kong to Jingdezhen by train [B,L,D]

In the morning, after perhaps a leisurely stroll in Kowloon Park or a wander down to the Fragrant Harbour, we catch a high-speed train to Jingdezhen. Jingdezhen is the famous porcelain capital of the world, having been producing the finest quality ceramics for more than 1000 years. China's porcelain was one of the reasons for China's great wealth and prestige in centuries past. Nowadays, this history and the exquisite works produced in this city are on display everywhere one turns. There are fascinating museums and art spots dotted throughout the smaller city, including the Jingdezhen Imperial Kiln Museum, the Taoxichuan Ceramic Art Avenue (best enjoyed in the late afternoon and early evening) and the Jingdezhen China Ceramics Museum. This provincial city also provides a rich contrast to the megacities of Hong Kong and Shanghai

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that we visit, because it is small by China's standards, only around 1.6 million (with around 400,000 in the urban area). Upon arrival we will go to our hotel and then begin to explore the city, with a meal in a local restaurant.

Day 3: Tuesday March 9, Jingdezhen [B,L,D]

Today we begin our exploring proper, although of course at a leisurely pace! After breakfast we will visit some of the various museums, including the impressive Imperial Kiln Museum. After lunch and some down time we will explore at our own pace the Taozixchuan Ceramic Art Avenue, followed by a meal near our hotel.

Day 4: Wednesday March 10, Jingdezhen [B,L,D]

Today we continue to explore the various ancient and modern sites in town, with a short day trip to what is considered the birth place of Chinese ceramics: Yaoli Ancient Village (about 1 hour drive from Jingdezhen). There we can stroll, away from crowds, and admire the ancient kilns in this village along a riverside. We return back to our hotel when ready, and finish with a relaxing evening meal.

Day 5: Thursday March 11, Jingdezhen to Hangzhou [B,L,D]

Today we move further north and catch another train, this to time the historic town of Hangzhou. Famous for its Dragon Well Tea (Longjing cha) and for its pictureseque West Lake, Hangzhou was also the southern starting point of the more than 1700 km imperial Grand Canal.

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After we arrive in Hangzhou we will transfer to our hotel and then stroll through the night markets near the lake, before a dinner of local delicacies.

Day 6: Friday March 12, Hangzhou [B,L,D]

Our hotel is right near the West Lake and so people may wish to take a pre-breakfast stroll along its banks, or even join in the locals practising their taichi. After breakfast we will take a private car to the villages surrounding the tea terraces and enjoy a freshly plucked pot of Chinese tea. Then we will enjoy another of China's fascinating and beautiful museums – the China National Tea Museum – before heading back to our hotel by the lake district for some down time, and perhaps a cruise on the lake. In the evening we will once more enjoy the various culinary delights of Hangzhou's unique cuisine.

Day 7: Saturday March 13, Hangzhou [B,L,D]

Today is a great day to enjoy a weekend day in a Chinese city, and so we will wander throughout the city, seeing how the locals spend their leisure time, including heading towards the fascinating and ancient district near the Grand Canal. Here it is possible to catch a ferry down the canal alongside parks, bars and artisanal shops. After leisure time in the afternoon and an early dinner, we will go and enjoy the inspirational dramatic outdoor performance of *'Impressions of Hangzhou'*, which is performed on the West Lake itself.

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Day 8: Sunday March 14, Hangzhou to Suzhou [B,L,D]

Today we farewell one of China's most cultured cities for one of its most beautiful: Suzhou. A long Eurocentric trope has it that Suzhou is the Venice of the East, although given Suzhou is about 900 years older, it is probably better to consider Venice the Suzhou of the West! One of the many reasons for the comparison is the fact that both fine cities have a network of canals running through their middle. We will stay right near one of these canals.

Once we arrive and check in to our hotel, situated in the Gusu district, we will explore the nearby Suzhou Silk Museum in the afternoon before dining at one of Suzhou's fine restaurants for dinner. After dinner people may enjoy wandering around the canals, experiencing the night markets.

Day 9: Monday March 15, Suzhou [B,L,D]

In the morning we will visit one of Suzhou's famous ancient gardens, the Humble Administrator's Garden, situated near a vibrant shopping and market district, and then visit the Suzhou Museum, designed by Chinese-American architect I.M. Pei. In the later afternoon people may wish to wander at leisure or visit one or other of the numerous smaller Chinese gardens dotted around near our hotel, such as the Lion Grove Garden or Master of the Nets Garden, followed by dinner.

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Day 10 Tuesday March 16, Suzhou to Shanghai [B,L, D]

After a quiet start to the day we will catch one of the many fast trains to nearby Shanghai, and then in the afternoon enjoy orientating ourselves around Nanjing Road and the famous Bund, and enjoy some of Shanghai's fine cuisine in the evening.

Day 11: Wednesday March 17, Shanghai [B,L, D]

Shanghai is renowned for being one of the most modern of China's cities and yet it also houses some of China's best antiquities in its beautiful Shanghai Museum East. We will take a guided visit here in the morning and then enjoy a later Shanghai dumpling lunch in the nearby Yu Gardens. Afterwards we will visit the funky shopping district of Tianzifang – built among a group of preserved and renovated *shikumen* buildings in the old French Concession – and then enjoy dinner near our hotel.

Day 12: Thursday March 18, Shanghai [B, D]

Today is our last day together, and people may wish to do some last minute shopping or exploring on their own (as for instance to Xintiandi in the French Concession). We will provide the option of visiting more contemporary art exhibits (for those who wish to), including a visit to the M50 complex and to the Propaganda Poster Art Centre. There is no group lunch this day, although we will finish up with a fine Shanghai meal for our last dinner together.

Day 13 Friday March 19, Shanghai [B,L, D]

Our tour will conclude after breakfast, and Jeremy will assist with transfers for those who wish.

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Terms and conditions

1. Tour Price

The Tour Price is $10,500 per person, twin share. There is no single room supplement. All payments can be made by cheque, electronic transfer or credit card (Visa and Mastercard, not Amex). Tour participants are to sign the attached contract.

2. Inclusions

The Tour Price includes the following items: full accompaniment by Sino-Immersions staff, internal transfers, internal plane ticket, train ticket, metro tickets and ferry tickets are included. Entrance tickets to museums, sites and events are included. Local guides where appropriate. Apart from where indicated in the itinerary, all meals are included. In-country gratuities are also covered. Alcohol, snacks and soft drinks are not included. Souvenirs are not included.

3. Fees and charges

The Tour Price is based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional fees, especially in relation to transfers and airline costs.

4. Cancellation by Client

Within China Sino-Immersions utilizes third party tour operators ("Operators") for tours and excursions ("Excursions.") All Excursions are subject to cancellations or changes without prior notice. Operators reserve the right to deny participation to any Client based upon criteria they may establish. Sino-Immersions does not own, control or operate any kind of transportation company or service, or any Operator. These Operators are owned and operated independently of Sino-Immersions. Within China, Sino Immersions predominantly works with the Operator *Asia Car Service*.

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Client assumes 100% of the risk of participating in the Excursion and agrees that it will not bring any type of action against Sino-Immersions for any injury or damage that occurs in connection with the planning, selection or operation of any Excursion. To the full extent permitted by law, and in consideration of being allowed to participate in the Excursion, the Client releases Sino-Immersions and its agents, representatives, employees, directors and officers, and waives any rights it may have against said parties for damages or claims arising from or in any way connected with Client's participation in the Excursion.

Any cancellation must be made in writing to Sino-Immersions and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received:

- More than 60 days prior to departure, loss of deposit plus any administration fee
- Between 59-50 days prior to departure; 33% of total tour cost
- Between 49-40 days prior to departure; 60% of total tour cost
- 39 days or less prior to departure, 100% of total tour cost
- Any 'no show'; 100% of total tour cost In the event of a cancellation any refunds will be less administration fees including visa, transfer fees, fuel surcharge and any other airline cancellation fees and any applicable amendment fees. Cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. No refund will be made for any unused portions of the tour after the departure date.

5. Cancellation by Sino-Immersions

Sino-Immersions reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. In such an event alternative travel dates will be offered. Should these options not be

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acceptable, Sino-Immersions will refund the full price paid. If the tour is cancelled or varied prior to departure due to unforeseeable circumstances such as, but not restricted to, severe weather conditions or force majeure, Sino-Immersions will refund all monies, less the non-refundable airfare. Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, adverse weather, flight rescheduling, hotel overbooking and faults with transportation or road conditions may also have an effect on the tour itinerary after the commencement date. Any decision made in respect of tour services by independent operators to re-route or amend the itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances is at the discretion of the tour service provider and Sino-Immersions shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events.

6. Travel Insurance

The client **must** take out travel insurance in order to take part in the tour with Sino-Immersions. The travel insurance must cover the entire period of the tour. The insurance policy should provide coverage for medical expenses arising through illness or accident prior to or during the holiday and loss of holiday monies through cancellation and curtailment of the holiday for insurable reasons. Clients should ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for the type of activities in the tour. Sino-Immersions cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on the tour.

7. Tipping

Tipping is an expected element in the tourism industry today and China is no exception. Although tipping remains at the discretion of the individual, Sino- Immersions' all-inclusive package means that we take care of this obligation for you within China. You are not expected to pay further tips to those assisting us, unless you choose to do so.

8. Passports, Visa and Vaccinations

Sino-Immersions will advise clients about Visa requirements; at present China offers Australian travellers up to 30 days visa free travel to China. Clients must ensure they are aware of all relevant passport and visa requirements and that they allow adequate time to obtain them. Please note that many countries – including China - require that passports are valid for six months beyond the period of the Client's stay. Requirements can change and it is the Client's responsibility to ensure that they comply with current passport, visa and health requirements

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and take all necessary documents with them to gain access to China. Clients from Australia are to follow the precautions regarding China recommended on the Australian Government advisory page, smarttraveller.gov.au.

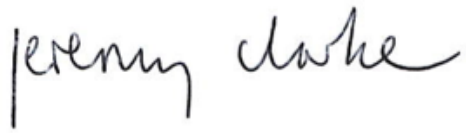
9. Please Note

Changes in taxes, fuel surcharges and currency exchange rates may affect the price of the tour, especially where such fluctuations are significant. Any changes will be advised to clients prior to paying the final payment.

10. Accommodation

Sino-Immersions books all hotels to ensure prime position for the daily touring. All hotels will be a 4 star minimum. Accommodation rooms are twin share unless single rooms are requested. There is no single supplement.

Kind regards,



Dr Jeremy Clarke

Director, Sino-Immersions Pty Ltd and Chief Tour Guide.