

### **Asia Discovery Tours**

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#### 22-day Ceramic Tour With 3-day Yixing Teapot-making Workshop



Day 01, 09 May 2024: Sydney – Shanghai 09 May MU562 Sydney – Shanghai 11:00/19:15

Depart Sydney to Shanghai in the morning and arrive in the evening. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your 4\* hotel for the night.

#### Day 02, 10 May: Shanghai – Hangzhou (B.L.D)

Travel by coach to Hangzhou in the morning. Upon arrival, check into your 4\* hotel in Hangzhou for 2 nights. You will have a free afternoon to explore this exciting city.



# Day 03, 11 May: Hangzhou (B.L.D) Cruise the West Lake by boat and visit the Southern Song Dynasty Guan Kiln Museum

### Day 04, 12 May: Hangzhou – Yixing (B.L.D)

After breakfast we will travel by bullet train to Yixing. In the afternoon you will go for a local tour around Yixing. Yixing, located in southern Jiangsu on the western shore of Lake Tai, is a well-known Chinese center for ceramics in the Wuyue

cultural tradition. Yixing ceramics have a long history. Yixing's boccaro in particular, with its use of a unique clay, characteristic design, and simple natural beauty, has gained fame throughout China and the world. Tourist sights in Yixing include Shanjuan Cave, Zhanggong Cave, Yixing Bamboo Forest, Longbeishan Forest Park, Yiyuan Garden, and the Taozu Sacred Site. Visit some of these scenery spots. Accommodation: Libayuan Hotel



#### Day 05, 13 May: Yixing Teapotmaking Workshop (B.L.D)

Full day Yixing teapot-making workshop

Accommodation: Libayuan Hotel

## Day 06, 14 May: Yixing Teapot-making Workshop (B.L.D)

Full day Yixing teapot-making workshop

Accommodation: Libayuan Hotel

## Day 07, 15 May: Yixing Teapot-making Workshop (B.L.D)

Full day Yixing Teapot-making workshop

Accommodation: Libayuan Hotel

#### Day 08, 16 May: Yixing – Jingdezhen (B.D)

After breakfast we will travel by coach to Jingdezhen (5 hrs 40mins). En-route stop in Huangshan sceneries for lunch at your own cost.

Accommodation: Taoxichuan International trade Hotel

#### Day 09, 17 May: Jingdezhen (B.L.D)

In the morning, Have your orientation in Taoxichuan Ceramic Art Avenue. In the afternoon, have a Blue and White Decorating Workshop.

Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel

#### Day 10, 18 May: Jingdezhen (B.D)

There are no classes for today and we will organise visit to Imperial Kiln as well as the decal and tool street. Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel

#### Day 11, 19 May: Jingdezhen (B.L.D)

Free day today. Visit Ceramic Market on your own in Taoxichuan.

Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel

#### Day 12, 20 May: Jingdezhen (B.L.D)

Have glass-blowing workshop today. Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel

#### Day 13, 21 May: Jingdezhen (B.L.D)

Have a glass-blowing workshop today.

Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel



Have a glass-blowing workshop today.



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#### Day 15, 23 May: Jingdezhen (B.L.D)

In the morning we will have a throwing workshop. In the afternoon, have a slip-casting workshop. Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel

#### Day 16, 24 May: Jingdezhen (B.L.D)

In the morning, we will visit Jingdezhen Ceramics Museum. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour to Jinkeng Village.

Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel

#### Day 17, 25 May: Jingdezhen (B.L.D)

You will have a day out to visit the ancient port of Yaoli and Dongbu. There is a beautiful place between blue hills and a green stream. Fish are flicking with water while people are traveling through picturesque vistas. This is Yaoli, a famed ancient town of porcelain and tea near Jingdezhen. The crystal-clear Yaohe River flows right through the town. Idyllic scenery can be seen everywhere.

Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel

#### Day 18, 26 May: Jingdezhen (B)

No classes. You have a free day to explore Jingdezhen. Accommodation: Taoxichuan International Trade Hotel



#### Day 19, 27 May: Jingdezhen – Xi'an (B)

In the evening, we are transferred to airport for your flight to Xi'an. Xi'an is a large city and capital of Shaanxi Province in central China. Once known as Chang'an (Eternal Peace), it marks the Silk Road's eastern end and was home to the Zhou, Qin, Han and Tang dynasties' ruling houses. At archaeological sites in Xi'an's surrounding plains are the famed Bingmayong (Terra Cotta Army), thousands of life-size, hand-molded figures buried with China's first emperor, Oin Shi Huang.

#### Day 20, 28 May: Xi'an (B.L.D)

In the morning, visit the Ceramic Terra Cotta Warriors Factory to see how the local make the Ceramic terracotta figures, the same way, which their old generation used to make the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses for the Qin Shi Huang's Tomb. Then you will enjoy a full day excursion to the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang guarded by the famous Terracotta Army, 7000 life size clay statues each individually crafted, complete with chariots and horses. You will also visit Banpo Neolithic Villages. In the evening, you will attend a dinner performance of Tang era music and dance at the grand Tang Theater.

Day 21, 29 May: Xi'an – Shanghai – Sydney (B)

29 May MU9804, Xi'an - Shanghai (PVG) 13:00/15:50

29 May MU 561, Shanghai – Sydney 20:45/05:00 (30 May)

In the morning, you are at leisure until transfer to airport for your flight to Sydney via Shanghai.

#### Day 22, 30 May: Sydney

Arrive in Sydney in the morning. Your unforgettable China Ceramics tour ends.

**Tour Price:** \$6,890 per person, twin or double share

Single Supplement: \$1,290

#### **Tour price includes:**

1. China Eastern Airlines return economy air-ticket Sydney – Shanghai – Sydney with airport tax and fuel surcharge.

- 2. China domestic flights Jingdezhen Xi'an Shanghai with airport taxes.
- 3. Bullet train from Hangzhou to Yixing.
- 4. Transfers and transport by air-conditioned coach.
- 5. Twenty night accommodation at the indicated hotels or similar.
- 6. Ceramics training and workshop in Yixing and Jingdezhen.
- 7. Sightseeing tours with entrance fees.
- 8. Meals as stated in the itinerary.
- 9. Evening dance and song performance in Xi'an.
- 10. English-speaking guide in Shanghai, Hangzhou and Xi'an.
- 11. Gratuities to guide and driver.
- 12. China visa fee and handling fee.

#### This price doesn't include:

- 1. Travel insurance.
- 2. Beverage.
- 3. Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- 4. Personal expensive.
- 5. The clay mud and baking fee (the mud is 6yuan per kilo and baking fee is 40yuan per small piece).