

## **Asia Discovery Tours**

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

Join us on a richly immersive 22-day journey through China's historic ceramic heartlands. From a serene cruise on Hangzhou's West Lake to hands-on workshops in Yixing and Jingdezhen—the two most iconic centres of Chinese pottery—you'll gain a deep appreciation for the artistry and tradition behind ceramics. Highlights include a 3-day teapot-making workshop in Yixing, blue-and-white decorating and glass-blowing sessions in Jingdezhen, visits to ancient kilns and museums, plus cultural landmarks such as Xi'an's Terracotta Army and Tang Dynasty performance. This tour blends creativity, craftsmanship, and cultural depth with comfortable accommodation and guided exploration, making it perfect for artists, enthusiasts, and curious travellers alike.

### Day 01, 10 Oct. 2025: Sydney – Hangzhou

#### 10 Oct. MU712 Sydney – Hangzhou 15:10/23:50

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

#### Day 02, 11 Oct: Hangzhou (B,L,D)

Cruise the West Lake by boat and visit the Southern Song Dynasty Guan Kiln Museum

## Day 03, 12 Oct: 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 wellknown 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 or similar



#### Day 04, 13 Oct: Yixing Teapot-making Workshop (B,L,D)

Full day Yixing teapot-making workshop Accommodation: Libayuan Hotel or similar

#### Day 05, 14 Oct: Yixing Teapot-making Workshop (B,L,D)

Full day Yixing teapot-making workshop Accommodation: Libayuan Hotel or similar

#### Day 06, 15 Oct: Yixing Teapot-making Workshop (B,L,D)

Full day Yixing Teapot-making workshop Accommodation: Libayuan Hotel or similar

#### Day 07, 16 Oct: Yixing – Jingdezhen (B,D)

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

Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 08, 17 Oct: Jingdezhen (B,L,D)

In the morning, Have your orientation in Taoxichuan Ceramic Institute. In the afternoon, have a Blue and White Decorating Workshop. Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 09, 18 Oct: Jingdezhen (B,L)

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

#### Day 10, 19 Oct: Jingdezhen (B)

Free day today. Visit Ceramic Market on your own in Taoxichuan. Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 11, 20 Oct: Jingdezhen (B,L,D)

Have glass-blowing workshop today. Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 12, 21 Oct: Jingdezhen (B,L,D)

Have a glass-blowing workshop today. Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 13, 22 Oct: Jingdezhen (B,L,D)

Have a glass-blowing workshop today. Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 14, 23 Oct: Jingdezhen (B,L,D)

In the morning we will have an onglaze enamel workshop (China Painting). In the afternoon, have a Ceramic carving workshop.

Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 15, 24 Oct: Jingdezhen (B,L,D)

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

Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 16, 25 Oct: 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: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar

#### Day 17, 26 Oct: Jingdezhen (B)

You will have a free day to explore Jingdezhen on your own. Accommodation: Toaxichuan International trade Hotel or similar





#### Day 18, 27 Oct: Jingdezhen – Nangchang – Xi'an (B)

After breakfast, travel from Jingdezhen to Nanchang, where 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, handmolded figures buried with China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang.

#### Day 19, 28 Oct: 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 20, 29 Oct: Xi'an – Shanghai (B)

#### MU2318, 29 OCT XI'AN - SHANGHAI 18:00/20:30

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

## Day 21, 30 Oct: Shanghai – Sydney

#### MU735, 30 OCT SHANGHAI – SYDNEY 00:15/13:35 (31 OCT.)

Connect your flight in Shanghai and fly to Sydney overnight.

#### Day 22, 31 Oct: Sydney Arrival

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

**Tour Price:** \$6,780 per person, twin or double share **Single Supplement:** \$1,290

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

1. China Eastern Airlines return economy air-ticket Sydney – Hangzhou//Nanchang – Xi'an – Shanghai – Sydney with airport tax and fuel surcharge.

- 2. Bullet train from Hangzhou to Yixing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> class seat.
- 3. Transfers and transport by air-conditioned coach.
- 4. Nineteen-night accommodation at the indicated hotels or similar.
- 5. Ceramics training and workshop in Yixing and Jingdezhen.
- 6. Sightseeing tours with entrance fees.
- 7. Meals as stated in the itinerary.
- 8. Evening dance and song performance in Xi'an.
- 9. English-speaking guide in Hangzhou and Xi'an.
- 10. Gratuities to guide and driver.

# **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).