



## China Itinerary | 10 – 26 July 2019

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Introducing our 14<sup>th</sup> Tour to the unique country of China!

Whether you're an urban traveller, hiker, cyclist, explorer, irrepresible museum-goer or fanatic foodie, China's diversity is second to none!

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## 10 July | Depart South Africa – Hong Kong

Overnight flight from Cape Town/Johannesburg to Hong Kong.

## 11 July | Arrive Hong Kong (1 night) | D

On arrival in **Hong Kong**, we will be met and transferred to our hotel. In the afternoon we will enjoy a Hong Kong **City Tour** and a **Peak tram shuttle**, which will be followed by a **Sampan ride** and a brief visit to the famed **Stanley Market**. Evening dinner will be at a local Chinese restaurant.

## 12 July | Hong Kong - Guilin (1 night) | BD

After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our **flight to Guilin** on the Mainland. **Fly Hong Kong – Guilin**. Upon arrival in Guilin we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

## 13 July | Guilin-Yangshou (1 night) | BL

Today we will enjoy a **unique boat cruise on the tranquil waters of the beautiful Li River**; lunch will be served on board. We will float past bamboo grooves with sleepy villages and karst peaks of limestone formations, memorialised over the centuries by painters and poets. Upon arrival in **Yangshou** we will be greeted by enthusiastic hawkers saying “hello” (hence the “**Hello Market**”), and explore busy **West Street**, crammed with shops, pubs, cafes and hotels. After dinner we will be invited to watch **cormorant fishing**: **Li River fishermen** can be seen rowing their rafts on the silken waters with their cormorants aboard. These ancient birds are trained to catch fish and this **nocturnal event** is indeed a unique experience, witnessing “**man & bird**” working harmoniously in a **tradition dating back many, many centuries**. Overnight in our hotel.

## 14 July | Yangshou - Guilin- Xi’an (2 nights) | BD

After breakfast we will venture into the countryside and visit “**Wendy’s**”, **Titch friends for many years**. This husband and wife team (who are also **local farmers**) will help us to understand local farming conditions. In the afternoon we will be transferred to **Guilin** for our **flight to Xi’an**. **Fly Guilin-Xian**. On arrival enjoy an unusual lunch at a “**dumpling restaurant**” en route to our hotel.

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## 15 July | Xi'an | BLD

After breakfast we will visit the “**officers and soldiers**” of **Qin Shi Huang**, the first Emperor of China and behold in sheer wonder the excavation of the **Terracotta Warriors & Horses**, as we try to grasp the magnitude of the entire mausoleum project. There are **thousands of pottery officers and men**, each one looking different, as they protect the Emperor Qin in his after-life. This world-famous World Heritage Site from the 3rd Century BC is also explained in film at the local cinema.

## 16 July | Xi'an- Chongqing | (3 nights) | BD

Following breakfast we will visit the famous **local Mosque** and surrounding warren of streets and local bazaar shops; a veritable **shopping experience!** In the afternoon we will fly to Chongqing. **Fly Xian - Chongqing**. We will be introduced to this **major metropolis** by our local guide, and transferred to the Harbour Plaza Hotel for an exquisite “Buffet” dinner. After dinner we will **board our cruise ship** and, during the evening, set sail down the **Yangtze River**. 3 nights aboard **The President 7 (or similar)** in outside cabins with private balconies.

## 17 July | Yangtze River Cruise | BLD

08:00 - 10:00 **Fengdu** (optional). 14:00 - 16:00 Shore excursion to **Shibaozhai**. Staying overnight on board.

## 18 July | Yangtze River Cruise | BLD

07:00 - 09:00 Shore excursion to **White Emperor City** (optional) 09:00 - 13:00 **Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge**. 13:00 - 17:30 Boat excursion to **Shennong Stream**. 18:00 **Xiling Gorge**. Staying overnight on board.

## 19 July | Yichang— Shanghai | (3 nights) | BLD

08:00-10:00 After breakfast on board, we will join the shore excursion to the **3 Gorges Dam site**. 10:00 - 11:00 **Xiling Gorge**. 11:00 **Disembark at Yichang** from where we will fly to Shanghai. **Fly Yichang— Shanghai**. On arrival in Shanghai, we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

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## 20 July | Shanghai | BLD

After breakfast we will visit the **400-year old Yu Garden** in the Old Town, which was laid out in 1559 AD by a powerful Ming official. The garden recreates a beautiful **landscape of pagodas, pavilions, rockeries, fountains, ancient trees and precious flowers**. Lunch at a **Mongolian BBQ restaurant** will be followed by a visit to the **Jade Buddha Temple**, which was constructed in 1882, to house two jade Buddha statues brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. We will round the afternoon off with a visit to the treasure-filled **Shanghai Museum**, whose architecture is equally amazing. Dinner will be followed by a stunning **Acrobatic Show** before we overnight at our hotel.

## 21 July | Shanghai- Suzhou-Shanghai | BLD

After breakfast, we will enjoy a full-day excursion by **high speed train to Suzhou** (the “**home**” of silk) and upon arrival in this “**garden city**”, experience a **boat ride** on the **Grand Canal**, the world’s **longest man-made canal**. We will then visit a **silk factory**, participating thereafter if we wish in a buying frenzy of silk duvets and silk clothing, followed by taking our lunch in the local garden. In the afternoon we will visit the **Garden of Master of Nets**, testimony to **Chinese garden designers** and their skills for synthesizing art, nature and architecture to create unique metaphysical masterpieces. The Master of the Nets is highly regarded among **garden connoisseurs** for its mastery of techniques of relative dimension, contrast, foil, sequence and depth, and borrowed scenery. In the late afternoon we will **return to Shanghai by high speed train**. Dinner and overnight in our hotel.

## 22 July | Shanghai – Beijing |(3 nights) | BLD

In the morning we will visit the **Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition** which shows the past and future development of this vibrant city, and in the afternoon fly to Beijing. **Fly Shanghai – Beijing**. Staying overnight at our hotel.

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## 23 July | Beijing | BLD

After breakfast we will **climb the breathtaking Great Wall of China** (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and visit **Badaling**, one of the most impressive parts of The Wall. These visits lend themselves to wonderful “photo opportunities” of the many **majestic views**. After lunch we will drive to the **Ming Tombs**, to view the most famous **Emperor Mausoleums of the Ming Dynasty** with its 500 years of history. This encompasses Chang Ling and The Sacred Way, which was the main road on which the Ming Dynasty Emperors passed to worship their forefathers. Evening time: enjoy a **Peking Duck Dinner** at Bianyifang’s, followed by **Peking Opera**.

## 24 July | Beijing | BLD

After breakfast, we will visit the **Beijing Zoo** and be introduced to the beloved **Panda Bears**. In the afternoon we will visit **Tian-An-Men Square**, the **world’s largest urban open space**, capable of holding over a **million people** at one time! We follow this with a walk to the magnificent **Forbidden City/Palace Museum** (yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site), the home/office for China’s rulers until 1911. This impressive structure was ‘off-limits’ to all commoners for almost 500 years.

## 25 July | Beijing- South Africa | DB

Morning at leisure. Check out, transfer to the airport for our flight home via Hong Kong.

## 26 July | Arrive South Africa

# Map of China

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## Information & Costs

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**Per person sharing R 49 500 (was R54 000 in 2018)**  
**Single Supplement R 13 900 (was R14 900 in 2018)**

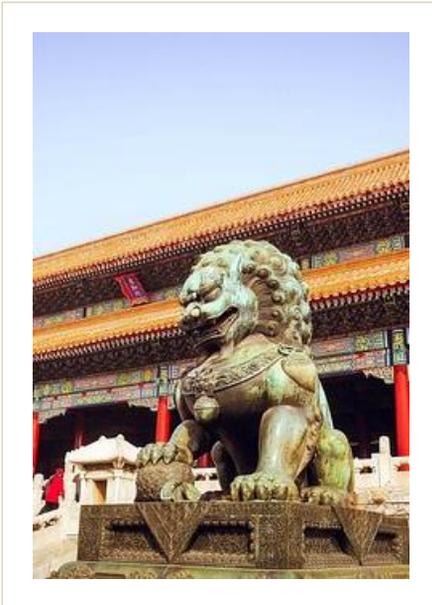
**Includes:**

Domestic flights :  
Guilin-Xian-Chongqing/Yichang-Shanghai-Beijing  
Meals as indicated with Breakfast **(B)**, Lunch **(L)**, Dinner **(D)**  
3 night Yangtze River Cruise in outside cabins with private balconies  
High speed train Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai (in first class, known as 'soft seat'!)

**Excludes:**

Airfare estimate on Cathay Pacific:  
South Africa - Hong Kong - Guilin / Beijing - Hong Kong - South Africa

**Ex Cape Town from R 15 000**  
**Ex Johannesburg from R 12 700**



Based on 15 passengers

You will visit all the places included in the itinerary. However, we reserve the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at the time of, travel.

Estimated costings & Itinerary as at April 2018 | Subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

# Travel Information:

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## VISA & IMMIGRATION

- South African passport holders require a visa for China which is approximately R1700 per person excluding visa service fees.
- British passport holders require a visa for China which is approximately R1900 per person excluding visa service fees.
- Passports need to be valid for at least 6 months after travel & have at least 2 blank pages

## PACKING ESSENTIALS

- A thin water-resistant jacket
- Light cotton clothing
- A few nice outfits for evenings
- A good walking shoes,
- A hat
- Travelling umbrella.

## WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT CHINA

- Rich culture & history
- Global leader in world economy
- Language, cuisine & way of life so different to ours
- Great Wall of China
- Yangtze cruise

## WEATHER IN JULY

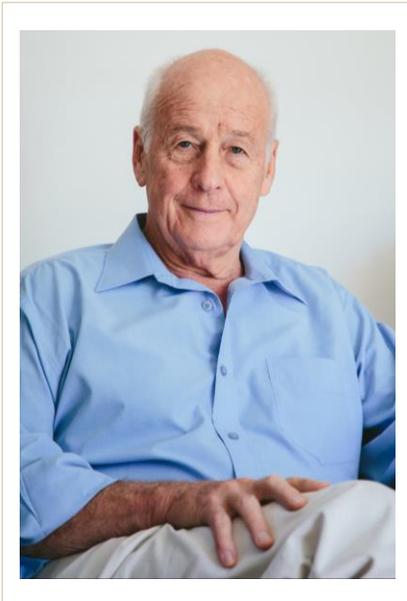
- It is summer in China & the weather is hot. Guilin averages 25–32° C with some rainy downpours.

## CURRENCY

- In Hong Kong the currency is the Hong Kong Dollar. HKD1 = ZAR1,66
- In China the currency is the Chinese Yuan. CNY1 = ZAR2

## Meet your Tour Leader | Michael Johnson

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Born and brought up in East Africa and educated in England at Clifton College and at University of Edinburgh, where he graduated Bcom (Economics). Subsequently qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Deloitte, London (later also as CA (SA) at University of Cape Town).

Worked for many years for various Deloitte offices, and listed in alpha order: Arusha, Cleveland, Durban, London, Mombasa, Nairobi and New York, before settling in 1970 in “his” beautiful Cape Town.

Tour leading for his favourite tour company, Titch Global Tours, is Michael’s main retirement hobby and fun, assisting his daughter Mandi Aliverti.

Titch offers regular, fully-escorted tours to exotic destinations, catering for the “mature traveller”. Michael has been leading tours for over 40 years, starting as early as his University days; that passion is still with him. He is fortunate to have his partner Linda Godlonton accompanying him, assisting him on most of the tours.

Michael loves life and seeks at all times to share his love of travel, as well as his travel brand of *joie de vivre*, with his fellow travellers, who become lifelong friends.

# Titch Global Tours Booking Form | China | July 2019

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R 10,000 and photocopy of your passport to Travel Concepts.

Name as per passport:				Title:	
Name you wish to be called:		Maiden name (if applicable):			
Address:					
Telephone:		Work -		Cell -	
Home -					
Fax:		Email:			
Nationality:		Id no:			
Passport no		Date of birth:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
Alt passport no:		Nationality:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
If you have two passports, which one will you be travelling on:					
Smoking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Special meal requests:		
Seating request (on flight):					
Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.					
Accommodation - I would like to share with:					Single <input type="checkbox"/>
In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. However, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.					
Name of next of kin /friend:		Relationship:			
Address:		Tel:		Email:	
<p>I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R 10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by eft) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the terms &amp; conditions (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with Titch Global Tours, a division of Travel Concepts. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed April 2018, based on 15 full paying passengers. <b>If you are 85 or older, please speak to us about your insurance options before booking.</b></p>					
Signed this.....day of.....2018                      Signature .....					
Method of payment: tick applicable one					
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Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> No. _____ Expiry date: _____ 3 digit code: _____					
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<b>Bank details:</b>		Name: Travel Concepts Bank: Standard Bank Cape Town Branch Code: 051001		Account no.: 0624830802 Swift Code: SBZAZAJJ	
Distinctive Travel Concepts CC   T/A Travel Concepts 1 Park road, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa Telephone: 021 426 5809   Fax: 021 426 5721 Registration No. 2008/001007/23					

# Terms & Conditions | Titch Global Tours

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## A Division of Travel Concepts

**Accommodation** | In specially chosen hotels with private facilities; generally 4 star hotels.

**Airline Clause** | The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.

**Baggage** | One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.

**Cancellation** | All cancellations must be made in writing. Titch Global Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, Titch Global Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Global Tours, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Global Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Global Tours in respect of the tour.

**Fares/Flights** | The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Global Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.

**Gratuities** | Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.

**Insurance** | Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Global Tours, which constitutes an additional expense.

**Itinerary** | The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.

**Meals** | Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary and subject to clause 8 above, by the symbol B, L or D.

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**Liabilities** | Titch Global Tours, its employees, the Tour Operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for the tour, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be held liable for injury, damage or any loss arising in respect of their services. Participation in the tour is strictly undertaken at the traveller's own risk. Titch Global Tours warrants that whilst it will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the services are carried out timeously, and accordingly it cannot warrant such services and cannot be held liable for any claims of whatsoever nature by any person whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of, or in consequence of its services.

**Not included in tour price** | The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.

**Passport and Visas** | Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.

**Payment** | A deposit of R10 000 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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Bank: Standard Bank Cape Town  
Branch Code: 051001  
Account No: 0624830802  
Swift Code: SBZAJJ

**Indemnity** | Titch Global Tours, its employees, tour operators and/or their agents are indemnified from any liability in making arrangements for the tour and Titch Tours, its employees, tour operators and/or their agents will not be liable for injury, damage or any loss which may be occasioned by carrying out the arrangements of the tour or otherwise in connection therewith.