

GIGWAY TRAVEL PROMOTIONS

Curated Journeys to China

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Silk Road, Pandas & Spice

Route: Beijing → Xi'an → Chengdu

Duration: 12 Days / 11 Nights

Bespoke starting point — fully customisable with your tour specialist

Gigway Travel Promotions — Bespoke China Tours

TOUR PROFILE

Categories:

History & Heritage Food & Flavour Wildlife Culture & Arts

Departure: Includes return connection to Beijing for your international flight, or direct departure from an international gateway city of your choice.

Customisation: Cities, pace, duration (8-30+ days) and budget all adjustable — contact our tour specialist.

Best travel window: Mar-Jun & Sep-Oct (Chengdu / Emei clearest)

INTER-CITY TRANSPORT — FLIGHT / TRAIN / CAR TIMES

Leg	Flight	Train	Private Car	Recommended
Beijing → Xi'an	2h 10m	4h 30m–5h	~11–12h	Train — city-centre to city-centre
Xi'an → Chengdu	1h 30m	3h–3h 30m	~8–9h	Train — scenic mountain route

Daily Mobility Ratings

Gentle Mostly flat, smooth paths, seating available **Moderate** Uneven ground, some steps, longer walks **Active** Climbs, stairs, higher elevations; accessible alternatives noted

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day	Location	Highlights	Local Transport	Mobility
1	Beijing	Arrive Beijing · private airport transfer · hotel check-in · welcome dinner <i>Airport transfer; rest day to adjust to time zone.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
2	Beijing	Tiananmen Square · Forbidden City · Jingshan Park panorama · imperial food walk <i>Extensive walking on uneven stone paths; many steps at Jingshan.</i>	Private vehicle	Moderate
3	Beijing	Mutianyu Great Wall (cable car & toboggan optional) · Summer Palace · tea ceremony <i>Great Wall has inclines & uneven steps; cable car/buggy reduce effort. Summer Palace = gentle.</i>	Private vehicle	Active

4	Transfer	Transfer Beijing → Xi'an · Recommended: Train — city-centre to city-centre	2h 10m · 4h 30m–5h · ~11–12h	Gentle
5	Xi'an	Arrive Xi'an · transfer · City Wall sunset bike or stroll · Muslim Quarter food tour <i>City Wall top is flat & wide; Muslim Quarter = busy, cobbled lanes.</i>	Private vehicle	Moderate
6	Xi'an	Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum · Huaqing Hot Springs · Tang Dynasty show (optional) <i>Museum is fully accessible with ramps & flat walkways; shuttle inside site.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
7	Xi'an	Big Wild Goose Pagoda · Shaanxi History Museum · ancient Tang street evening <i>Pagoda climb optional (steep stairs); ground level fully accessible.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
8	Transfer	Transfer Xi'an → Chengdu · Recommended: Train — scenic mountain route	1h 30m · 3h–3h 30m · ~8–9h	Gentle
9	Chengdu	Arrive Chengdu · transfer · People's Park tea house · Jinli Ancient Street evening <i>Flat city paths; tea house seating; Jinli = cobbled but manageable.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
10	Chengdu	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Pandas (early entry) · Red Panda area · botanical garden <i>Paved paths, gentle slopes, frequent rest stops; early visit best for activity.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
11	Chengdu	Wenshu Monastery · Kuanzhai Alleys · Sichuan cooking class or hotpot dinner <i>Cobblestone alleys, busy pedestrian areas; cooking class = seated.</i>	Private vehicle	Moderate
12	Chengdu	Day trip: Leshan Giant Buddha — river boat (easy) or cliff walk (strenuous) · optional	Private vehicle	Active

		Emei foothills <i>FOOT route = very steep stone staircases; BOAT route = fully gentle. Choose boat for limited mobility.</i>		
Departure	Transfer	<i>Return flight or train to Beijing - private transfer to airport - international flight home (we recommend arriving Beijing the day before)</i>	Morning departure from final city; same-day or overnight in Beijing as preferred - we book the connection and airport transfer.	Gentle

IMPORTANT MOBILITY & PLANNING NOTES

- Leshan Giant Buddha: choose the river-boat view for a gentle, step-free experience.
- Chengdu Panda Base = fully accessible paved paths.

What's Included / Not Included

Included	Not Included
✓ Accommodation as specified (4★/5★ or boutique)	✗ International flights
✓ Private ground transport & all transfers	✗ Internal flights (available as add-on)
✓ Local licensed English-speaking expert guides	✗ Personal expenses, meals not listed, tips
✓ Daily breakfast + selected meals as noted	✗ Visa fees
✓ All listed entrance fees & experiences	✗ Travel insurance (highly recommended)
✓ 24/7 on-location support throughout your journey	✗ Optional upgrades & extra activities

READY TO BUILD THIS JOURNEY?

This is a curated starting point. Tell us your preferred dates, group size, and special wishes — our tour specialist will send a fully personalised draft itinerary within 24 business hours, tailored to your budget.

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