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BEST GROUP TOURS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Spring Blossom of China - Peony Festival UNESCO Brilliant Culture and Art Tour

Cities Covered: Beijing, Zhengzhou, Dengfeng, Luoyang, Pingyao, Taiyuan & Datong

Traveling date: Apr 8 – 21, 2027 (14 Days)

Price per person: From \$ **4,388** Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge Single Supp: \$ 1250

The Luoyang Peony Festival is very popular among Chinese tourists and peony enthusiasts the world over. The peonies are in full bloom in April, generally reaching their peak between April 15th-25th, the date set for the annual festival. During this time, gardens are awash with colorful flowers: mostly reds mixed with whites, yellows and purples set against a background of thick, vibrant, dark green leaves, like a myriad of precious stones set in bright, shiny rings. Various folk performances are staged in the gardens.

Tour Package Includes:

- International Flight from Honolulu by Japan Airlines
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- Admissions and Meals as stated
- Visits to **4** UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - Pingyao Ancient City • Longmen Grottoes
 - Buddhist Shaolin Temple • Yungang Grottoes
- Shaolin Chan Zong Show: Kung Fu Performance
- Hands-on Experience – Pingyao Noodles
- Peony Garden: Enjoy China's National Flower
- Hanging Monastery: Be Impressed by the Extremely Sheer Cliffs
- Special Kamg Style Bedroom in 5* Yunjincheng Hotel
- Local Specialty:
 - Dengfeng Roast Duck
 - Luoyang Wu Huang Sheng Yan Dinner Show
 - Pingyao Merchant's Traditional Banquet
- Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers

Day 1 ** Apr 8 Honolulu → Haneda

Our vacation starts by boarding an international flight bound for **Beijing** via Haneda. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

Day 2 ** Apr 9 Haneda

We arrive at Haneda International Airport and overnight in the airport hotel in Haneda.

Day 3 ** Apr 10 Haneda → Beijing

In the morning, we will walk to Haneda Airport and fly to **Beijing**, the huge capital of China and an ancient city of great splendor whose history goes back 3 millennia. Upon arrival, an Air & Sea Travel Representative will greet and take us to our hotel. We can enjoy the rest of the day and explore the city on our own.

Day 4Apr 11 Beijing  Zhengzhou--Dengfeng (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will take a **Bullet Train** to **Zhengzhou**, is the capital city of Henan Province located in the central of China, is one of the eight National Central Cities serving as the political, economic, technological, and educational center of the province, as well as a major transportation hub in China. Lunch bento will be arranged on the train. After arrival, we will check in to our hotel in Dengfeng. A **welcome dinner** will be arranged after that. Tonight, we will watch the **Shaolin Chan Zong Show** which cost 35 million Yuan to produce. One hundred Kung Fu monks perform at the same time and the show is as grand as the Olympic Ceremony.

Day 5Apr 12 Dengfeng (B, L, D)**

Dengfeng is a county-level city in Zhengzhou. It is located at the foot of Mount Song, one of the most sacred mountains in China. The city is one of the most renowned spiritual centers of China and home to various religious institutions and temples such as the Taoist Zhongyue Temple, the UNESCO World Heritage Site Buddhist Shaolin Temple, and the Confucian Songyang Academy. Today’s highlight is a **Shaolin Temple**, the home of Chinese martial arts (Kung Fu) and China’s Oldest Pagoda Forest where monks are buried. Then, we will visit the **Martial Arts School** to understand the life of a student in a Kung Fu school. Then, we will return to our hotel for dinner.

Day 6Apr 13 Dengfeng – Luoyang (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will visit **Gaocheng Astronomical Observatory**, is an ancient observatory in Dengfeng, Henan Province, China, originally built during the Yuan Dynasty. It is famous for its historic astronomical instruments and its role in studying the movement of the sun, stars, and calendar calculations in ancient China, and is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Historic Monuments of Dengfeng.” Then, we will enjoy the special lunch with **Dengfeng Roast Duck**. After that, we will drive to **Luoyang**, an ancient city with a long history and splendid culture. Luoyang lies in the west of Henan Province, which is located in central North China. It is seated on the north bank of the Luo River, a southern tributary of the middle reaches of the Yellow River, so it is called Luoyang because “yang” in Chinese means the north or sunny bank of the river.

Day 7Apr 14 Luoyang (B, L, D)**

Today’s highlight is the **Peony Garden** and **Peony Gene Pool**. The beautiful and graceful peony, known as the “King of Flowers,” is the national flower of China. Luoyang is home to more than 300 varieties of peonies, and each spring visitors from across China and around the world flock here to admire the blossoms at their peak. In the afternoon, we will visit the **Longmen Grottoes**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the three major grotto complexes in China. Carved over more than four centuries, the grottoes feature thousands of Buddhist statues, niches, and inscriptions, showcasing the artistic and cultural achievements of ancient China. Tonight, we will enjoy a special dining experience—**Wu Huang Sheng Yan**. This themed banquet is inspired by ancient imperial feasts and Tang Dynasty culture. Guests are treated to traditional-style cuisine, royal-themed

performances, music, dance, and immersive décor that recreate the grandeur and atmosphere of an imperial celebration from centuries past.

Day 8Apr 15**

Luoyang – Pingyao

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will drive to **Pingyao**, a city listed by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage. Pingyao's old town is typically considered the best ancient walled city in China and is on many lists of the best-walled cities in the world. Picture a period film showing ancient China - and you won't be far off. We will transfer to a Shanxi tour bus as we enter Shanxi province. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel to enjoy the charming old-style courtyard hotel with special **Kang Style Bedrooms** in the walled city of Pingyao. **Pingyao Merchant's Traditional Banquet** will be served in the evening.

Day 9Apr 16**

Pingyao

(B, L, D)

Today we will spend the entire day in the ancient town. Visit **Ancient Ming and Qing Streets**, the **City Wall of Pingyao**, and the **Rishengchang** (Sunrise Property) where the earliest bank started in China. Noodles were one of the popular and main dishes in ancient China. Today, we will have a hands-on experience making **Pingyao Style Noodles**. And we will enjoy the noodles for our dinner.

Day 10Apr 17**

Pingyao – Taiyuan

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will go to **Qiao's Compound**, built on 4,220 square yards. There are six main courtyards and twenty minor ones within the compound. These compounds belonged to one family in the Qing Dynasty. It has been featured in many famous movies such as the "Red Lantern". Then we drive to Taiyuan, the capital city of Shanxi Province, and visit **Donghu Vinegar Garden**. Donghu Vinegar Garden is a corporatization and factory museum in Shanxi Province that dynamically displays the traditional and modern vinegar production process and the historical and cultural connotations of old vinegar. Here, we can fully understand the old Shanxi by means of ancient and modern utensils, literature, pictures, and product displays. Located in Taiyuan, **Zhonglou Street**, also known as Bell Tower Street, is named after a bell tower which was built there during the Ming Dynasty. The ancient bell tower was used to announce the time. Zhonglou Street has been a commercial market area for over a century. Now, many local specialties can be found on the street, like dough carvings, mature vinegar, paper cuttings and more. Let us enjoy some shopping here. We will check in to our hotel in Taiyuan after dinner.

Day 11Apr 18**

Taiyuan – Datong

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, visit the **Coal Museum of China**, which is the symbol of Taiyuan city. The highlights of the tour are the display of coal formation, a 4D Theater show, and a coal cart ride through a replica of an underground coal mine. After lunch, drive to **Datong**, the second-largest city in Shanxi Province. On the way, we will pass through **YanMenGuan Pass**, the location of one of the most important fortresses on the Great Wall of China. Surrounded by tall mountain peaks and accessible only by an ancient road that works its way between the cliffs, this pass was the logical invasion point for foreigners (especially Mongolians) looking to pour into China. Over a 2,000-year period, over 130 major battles took place at this strategically important mountain bottleneck.

Day 12Apr 19**

Datong

(B, L, D)

The scenic spots we will see today are "must-see" places according to many websites and TV programs when visiting Datong. In the morning, we drive to Hunyuan to visit the **Hanging Monastery** (Xuankong Si) which is built on extremely sheer cliffs above Jinlong Canyon. Construction dates back 1400 years to the Northern Wei Dynasty. In the afternoon, we visit the **Caves of Yungang Grottoes** which house over 51,000 Buddha sculptures completed during the Northern Wei Dynasty (460-494AD). It extends one kilometer from east to west, and represent the outstanding achievement of Buddhist cave arts. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is staggering, beautiful, and marvelous. We will have our **Farewell Dinner** tonight.

Day 13Apr 20**

Datong – Beijing

(B, D)

This morning, we will transfer back to Beijing. Upon arrival, please enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. Tonight's Dinner features China's famous **Peking Ducks**.

Day 14Apr 21**

Beijing → Haneda → Honolulu

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After breakfast, we will transfer to the Beijing International Airport for our return flight via Haneda. This ends our wonderful tour in China.

****** Special China Visa w/ 10 years multiple entries is available at \$300 ******

Remarks:

1. Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
2. Business class is available, please call your agent for the price
3. Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
4. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
5. Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges, and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
6. Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at the time of listing and pricing on May 14, 2026
7. Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
8. A special 10-year China Visa for a China group tour is available for USD 300 per person, subject to government-approved. Double-up Special is available, please check with your agent
9. Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers is included
10. It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
11. All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation is required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated is recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
12. As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance is due on Dec 29, 2026. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Cancellation Policy:

Written notice is required for any cancellation. The cancellation fee will be as follows:

- ** Dec 30, 2026 to Feb 16, 2027, 50% of the total price plus any other service fee caused by the cancellation;
- ** From Feb 17, 2027, to departure or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of the total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.

**** We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation****