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£2,763 GBP

Single Room

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Prices valid until
30th December 2022**10 days**

Duration

China

Destination

**Level 1 - Introductory to
Moderate**

Activity

Harbin Ice and Snow Festival small group tours

Jan 03 2023 to Jan 12 2023

Harbin Ice and Snow Festival

Odyssey offers easy, convenient, and relaxed escorted small group tours across China and beyond Asia. We explore China's beauty, its ancient and Imperial heritage, its World Heritage Sites, and world famous cities, all with some truly spectacular scenery along the way. This and more is all waiting to be explored on one of Odyssey's small group tours of China, designed for the senior traveller, and led by experienced, and enthusiastic like minded people

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This Harbin Ice and Snow Festival Small group tour for senior travellers explores the wonders of the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival. This ice and snow festival has been held annually since 1963. The Harbin Ice and Snow festival is one of the world's greatest winter festivals. We will see world record-sized snow sculptures longer than two football fields, as well as ice buildings, palaces, monuments, and statues some 50 metres tall. These technologically sophisticated displays use computer-controlled LED and regular lighting to put on stunning displays of shifting colour and design.

The Harbin Ice and snow festival takes place in Northeast China. Harbin is referred to as the "Ice City." Harbin is one of China's most popular winter destinations. The bitterly cold winters provide perfect conditions for the ice festival. Also included are visits to Shanghai and Beijing, among the most popular destinations in China. Odyssey assists you in securing clothing to protect you from the Winter.

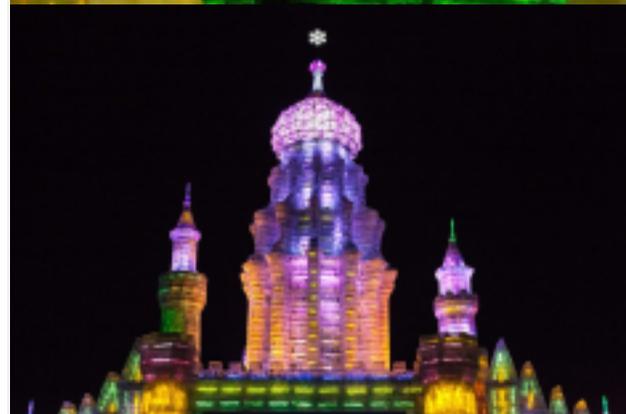
Touring the Harbin Ice and Snow Winter Festival

The Harbin Ice and Snow Festival Small group guided tour begins in Shanghai. Here, we take time to explore one of the world's most urbanised cities. Professional local guides lead us first hand through the magnificent Yu Garden, one of the most lavish Chinese gardens in the region. Following this, we visit the Bund Area, famous for the buildings along the Huangpu River. It is a "Gallery of World's Architecture," so local guides will escort you along the Bund. We learn about the Bund's history and develop an understanding and appreciation of Shanghai's unique historical legacy.

We will continue with a trip to Xin Tian Di, the representative of Shi Ku Men. Here, we enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and soak up Shi Ku Men's nostalgic atmosphere. The remainder of this tour for mature travellers takes in the wonders of the Harbin Ice Festival, with time set aside to explore the remainder of the city, before we travel to Beijing, where the tour draws to a close. There is a full day of touring in Beijing including a

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visit to the [Forbidden city](#). Join us on this unforgettable tour of China, and discover the spectacle of the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival and other cultural sites for yourself!

The Harbin Ice and Snow Festival Small group tour is a short tour, lasting 10 days. It is paced for the mature couple or solo traveller who seeks to explore the eastern seaboard of China in winter. Additionally, to ensure you're prepared for the cold weather, you must pack appropriate winter clothing. Odyssey will assist you with securing this clothing in China at the start of the tours.

For more details, click the 'Top 5' or 'Itinerary' buttons above! If you're keen to experience this tour, [please call](#) or [send an email](#). Or, to book, simply fill in the form on the right hand side of this page.

You can also check out all of Odyssey Traveller's [tours to China](#).

The Guardian newspaper published these photos of Harbin 2018 that you can see when you click through on [this link](#).

Tour Notes

- Itineraries may change if availability, and other inclusions have to be amended prior to departure.

Highlights

1. Enjoy the spectacular Harbin Ice and Snow Festival.
2. Visit the magnificent Yu Gardens, considered to be one of the most lavish of Chinese gardens.
3. Gain an appreciation for Shanghai's unique historical legacy.

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4. Experience the winter magic of Harbin, one of China's most popular winter destinations.
5. Visit to the Bund Area, generally regarded as "A Gallery of World's Architecture."

Itinerary

Day 1

Locations: Shanghai

Overview:

On arrival in Shanghai, we will individually come to the hotel, where we meet for a welcome drink. Our first night will feature an acrobatics show after dinner.

(D)

Accommodation:

Ocean Hotel or similar accommodation.

Day 2

Locations: Shanghai

Overview:

Today's tour will bring us to visit the magnificent Yu Garden, which is considered to be one of the most lavish Chinese gardens in the region. We will continue on to visit Xin Tian Di, the representative of Shi Ku Men. We will enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and experience Shi Ku Men's nostalgic atmosphere.

This is followed by a visit to the Bund Area, which has long been famous for the buildings along the Huangpu River. It is regarded as a "Gallery of World's Architecture." An expert local guide on the Bund history will escort us to develop our awareness, understanding, and



appreciation of Shanghai's unique historical legacy.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Ocean Hotel or similar accommodation.

Day 3

Locations: Shanghai

Overview:

Today we will visit the modern skyscraper of the Shanghai Financial Centre, which is the tallest building in Shanghai. Here we will enjoy a panoramic bird's eye view of this energetic city. From there we will visit the famous Old Shanghai Museum. We will have some free time to stroll around the Nanjing Road.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Ocean Hotel or similar accommodation.

Day 4

Locations: Shanghai – Harbin by air

Overview:

Today we will board our flight to Harbin, which is the biggest city in Northeast China. The city is famous for its ice and snow festival in the winter. Upon arrival in Harbin, we will be taken to Heilongjiang Provincial Museum and, after dinner, check into our hotel. There will also be some leisure time.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Bermen Hotel Harbin or similar



Day 5

Locations: Harbin

Overview:

Today we will visit the Sun Island Snow Carving Expo, featuring snow carvings created by carving experts from all over the world. Then we will visit Tiger Garden, the biggest tiger sanctuary in the Northeast. After dinner, we will visit the Ice and Snow Grand World Park and enjoy the sights of splendid ice light and art.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Bermen Hotel Harbin or similar

Day 6

Locations: Harbin – Beijing by train

Overview:

After breakfast, we will observe the Winter Swimmers on the Songhua river. Then we will visit Stalin Park, on the river, to see the cenotaph built after the floods of 1957. Later, we will take a walk down the central street of the city where we will see a collection of European style architecture, as well as some of the city's most famous shopping destinations. We will also visit the biggest Orthodox Church in far-East region, St. Sophia.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Overnight train to Beijing.

Day 7

Locations: Beijing

Overview:

On arrival in Beijing, we will transfer to a visit to the Temple of Heaven, a UNESCO world heritage site. In the afternoon, we visit the Hutongs and experience a rickshaw ride. Tonight we will be treated to a

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welcome banquet of Peking Duck at a local restaurant named Huajiyuan, which is a Siheyuan (Courtyard) restaurant. Huajiyuan is famous for their Peking Duck, as well as other local dishes. Huajiyuan is located on Gujijie, which is a famous dining destination in Beijing.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Presidential plaza Hotel Beijing or similar.

Day 8

Locations: Beijing

Overview:

Today we will have a full day with visits to the ancient Great Wall at Mutianyu with return cable car, as well as the Avenue of Spirit Guardians at the Ming Tombs.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Presidential Plaza Hotel Beijing or similar.

Day 9

Locations: Beijing

Overview:

Today we will have a full day of sightseeing, starting with an early morning visit to Tiananmen Square and a walk through the "Gate of Heavenly Peace" to the Forbidden City. In the afternoon, we will visit the Summer Palace. After dinner, we will be taken to the Lao She Teahouse for some evening entertainment.

Accommodation:

Presidential Plaza Hotel Beijing or similar

Day 10

Locations: Beijing

Overview:

Tour concludes after breakfast.

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Inclusions / Exclusions

What's included in our Tour

- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Nine breakfasts, six lunches, and nine dinners.
- Services of tour leader for the duration of tour.
- All lectures, excursions, entrance fees, and local guides.
- Economy flight from Beijing to Shanghai.
- Nine nights of hotel accommodation.
- Economy flight from Shanghai to Harbin.
- Rail services.

What's not included in our Tour

- International airfares and departure taxes. For competitive air fares contact Odyssey Travel.
- Shanghai airport transfer (AUD\$95)
- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Visa service and processing fees.
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls and laundry.

Level 1 - Introductory to Moderate

Participants must be able to carry their own luggage, climb and descend stairs, moderate walking on uneven surfaces for 3 - 5

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kilometres per day. Suitable for most fitness levels.

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