

# 5 PLACES TO VISIT WHEN IN CHINA



China is a huge country offering myriad of attractions. Choosing the top destinations for the tourists is essentially impossible. Still, Tourism-Review.com invites you to visit the must-sees of the Chinese world.

## Great Wall

This is one of the most popular attractions in the country. It was built during the Ming Dynasty between 1368 -1644. It runs more than 373 miles, with around 828 city wall platforms and 71 passes in addition to a myriad of towers.

## The Forbidden City

This is a city that is located at the center of Beijing. From the mid Ming Dynasty to nearly the end of the Qing Dynasty it served as a Chinese imperial palace. For more than 500 years, it was the emperor's home and it was also a ceremonial and political center for the Chinese government. Today it is home of the Palace Museum.

## The Shanghai Bund

This is one of the sites located in Shanghai that receives many visitors all over the year. It is located within the earlier Shanghai's International Settlement that runs on River Huangpu banks on the western side facing Pudong on Huangpu's district eastern side. The Bund refers to the buildings and wharves found on this section of the road and the adjacent areas as well. The place is densely populated and you should plan to visit before 8 am and perhaps after 10 pm so that you can get a clear view of the beautiful river.

## The Western Lake of Hangzhou

After having a good time at the bund, this should be your next stop. It only takes a few hours to get here by train from Shanghai. It has been a well-known tourist spot for centuries. In the past it was the ideal retreat spot for imperial majesties. It takes pride in natural settings of peaks that are shaped in a unique manner, serene forests, springs, host of blooms and dense flora. It is best to plan to visit this site during summer and spring when the features are enhanced by a treasure of architecture and sculpture.

## Terracotta in Xi'an

This is a type of obituary art that was laid down in 210 BC with the First Emperor of China. The locals of Xi'an discovered the figures of the army in 1974. They have varied heights with respect to the roles they played where the tallest were serving as Generals. Figures include chariots, horses, strongmen, warriors, musicians and acrobats. They were estimated to be more than 8,000 with more than 130 chariots with horses and another almost 140 cavalry horses.

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