

The Wild Side of China: A Nature Odyssey

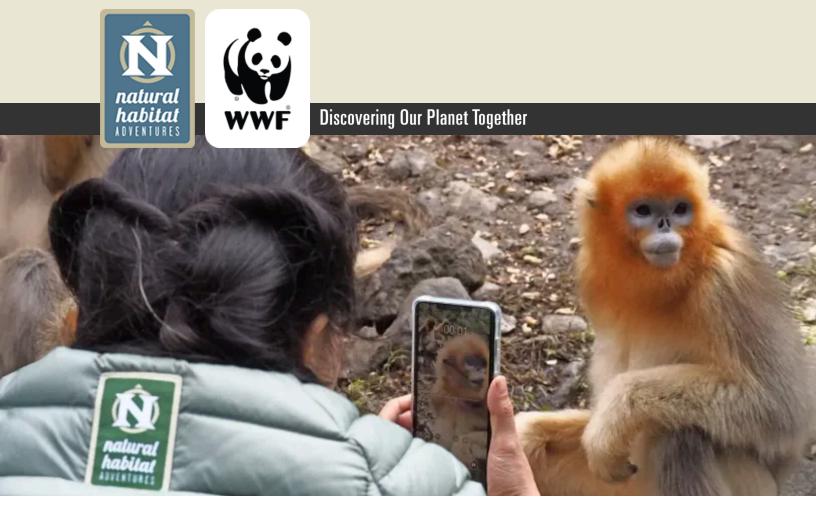
Meet Pandas Up Close & Search for Rare Wildlife on Remote Nature Reserves





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Trip Details:

Days 12 Days / Mar–Apr, Oct–Nov

Price From \$13995

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Deep in the Minshan Mountains of Sichuan province, clear rivers course through deep gorges, and lush forests shelter some of the world's most endangered wildlife. This is the last wild habitat of the giant panda, which subsists on the bamboo protected within a network of remote nature reserves. Supported by WWF, these little-visited wilderness enclaves also harbor rare moon bears, golden snub-nosed monkeys, shaggy takin, Chinese goral, blue sheep and exquisite birds, including the golden pheasant. Enjoy multiple close-up visits with pandas at research and breeding bases, and search for endearing red pandas in Labahe Nature Reserve. Discover a side of China few travelers experience on our unique itinerary, carefully crafted to reveal Chinese nature at its most entrancing.

Trip Highlights

Watch and photograph giant pandas at close range on extended visits to three world-renowned panda research centers—each offering a unique setting and experience

Explore a virtually unvisited national wildlife sanctuary where highly elusive wild pandas live and breed freely—we don't expect to see them, but other rare species are on view

Get close-up photos of endangered golden snub-nosed monkeys, charming blue-faced primates found only in a small area of temperate forest in central China



Itinerary At A Glance

Day 1

Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Day 2

Chengdu / Qing Xi / Wild Panda Nature Reserve

Day 3

Exploring the Wild Panda Nature Reserve

Day 4

Wild Panda Nature Reserve / Pingwu

Day 5

Golden Monkey Nature Reserve

Day 6

Scenic Drive / Dujiangyan Panda Valley

Day 7

Gengda Wolong Panda Base / Rilong

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Day 1: Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Arrive in Chengdu, the vibrant capital of Sichuan province. Over a group lunch, get to know your Expedition Leader and our local Chinese naturalist guide, and enjoy your introduction to the renowned cuisine of Sichuan that will be a highlight of our travels together—in 2011, Chengdu was recognized by UNESCO as a City of Gastronomy. Chengdu is also famed for its association with the giant pandas of Sichuan and is home to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Learn more about the city as we discover some of its highlights with our Expedition Leader this afternoon. Founded in 4th century BC, Chengdu is unique as the only major Chinese settlement that has maintained its name unchanged throughout the imperial, republican and communist eras for more than 2,000 years. Chengdu is an important center for higher education in China and one of the world's top 25 cities for scientific research. We take a walk through serene Bamboo Park on the Jin River, a leafy enclave where locals enjoy strolling, playing mahjong and practicing tai chi. After time to relax at our luxury hotel in the city, gather for a welcome dinner and an orientation to all the nature adventures that lie ahead.







Itinerary At A Glance

Day 8

Rilong—Siguniangshan National Park

Day 9

Baoxing Valley / Labahe Nature Reserve

Day 10

Labahe Nature Reserve

Day 11

Labahe / Bifengxia Panda Base / Chengdu

Day 12

Chengdu / Depart

Day 2: Chengdu / Qing Xi / Wild Panda Nature Reserve

The bustle of the city is soon behind us as we depart this morning on a drive north into the Minshan Mountains, an enclave of lush peaks and deep gorges that protects an abundance of rare and endangered Chinese wildlife. En route, we stop in the Muslim village of Qing Xi, with time to wander its narrow lanes enjoying scenes of relaxed street life amid 300-year-old wooden buildings that date to the Qing dynasty. It's a peaceful setting, with a stream coursing through the center of the village. Just beyond the small town lies a secret slice of Chinese wilderness, a chain of nature reserves little known to outsiders and visited by a mere handful of Westerners. Our destination is a national sanctuary that harbors a vital population of wild pandas. We don't choose to name it, as it is virtually un discovered by tourists, and we are likely to be the only visitors there. As we follow a rushing river up the narrow valley to reach the reserve, keep an eye out for nocturnal wildlife starting to emerge as dusk descends. Eventually, we reach our hotel, tucked away in the forest along the river, in a setting where our nearest neighbors are mostly wild animals that thrive in these remote protected environs.

Day 3: Exploring the Wild Panda Nature Reserve

Our focus for two exciting days is a remote 100,000-acre sanctuary encompassing a densely forested ecosystem that is among the most diverse and intact in Asia. This national reserve, rated Grade I by WWF as a global biodiversity hotspot, is home to healthy populations of some of the world's most endangered and vulnerable wildlife, including at least 60 giant pandas. Among its 430 different mammal species, the reserve also harbors more than 1,200 takin — a large, shaggy relative of wild sheep and goats — as well as more than 2,400 different kinds of plants. Look for wildlife on morning and evening excursions, stopping to enjoy stunning vistas of waterfalls, boulder-strewn gorges and mist-shrouded limestone peaks. This is prime panda habitat, and although sightings of this famously elusive animal are extremely rare, our exclusive permits allow us into remote areas of the reserve where they freely live and breed, affording us the best possible opportunity to spot signs of them in the wild. Even if we are highly unlikely to spy them in the heavy bamboo understory, just knowing that we're in their midst is exhilarating.





Day 4: Wild Panda Nature Reserve / Pingwu

Spend another day searching for wildlife as we explore more of the reserve's lush recesses. Within the sanctuary, we look for Tibetan and rhesus macaques, golden and Sichuan takin, musk deer, muntjac, serow, wild boar and blue sheep. More rarely, we may also see endangered moon bears and red pandas. Birding is superb, with more than 150 species in the reserve—the elegant golden pheasant is a prize. We can often observe all of these from the many remote roads and trails we explore, although dense vegetation and weather may affect our sightings. Late this afternoon, we depart the reserve and follow the scenic Fujiang River through the Min Mountains, returning to Qing Xi where we stop for an authentic local hot pot dinner. Afterward, we drive a short distance to Pingwu in far northwest Sichuan, our destination for the next two nights.

Day 5: Golden Monkey Nature Reserve

Rise early this morning to follow the scenic Fuijang River into the forested nature reserve that is home to golden snub-nosed monkeys living in the shadow of Sichuan's tallest mountain. We walk uphill for about 30 minutes on a trail leading into the reserve where the monkeys reside, with rest stops en route. The reserve covers 62 square miles of wild terrain filled with alpine forest, waterfalls, lakes, colorful karst formations, glacial rivers and an abundance of animal life. We expect excellent sightings of endangered golden monkeys, which have been habituated to humans and are unfazed by our presence. The monkeys live in highly social bands, and their interactions delight us. Covered with a mantle of long, shaggy fur, they are hardy creatures, tolerating winter snow and colder temperatures better than any other non-human primate. On our return journey to Pingwu, we drive through territory home to Baima Tibetans, the descendants of Tibetan soldiers sent here more than 1,300 years ago to conquer the frontier. Keep an eye out for hats sporting white rooster feathers worn only by this group of Tibetan women.

Day 6: Scenic Drive / Dujiangyan Panda Valley

A spectacular mountain drive is in store as we make the journey south to Dujiangyan. Winding through this mountainous region, we pause periodically along our route to admire dramatic landscapes, rural villages and Buddhist temples. Along the way, we pass through Mianyang, known as Fujun in ancient times, with a 2,200-year history that spans the Qin and Han dynasties.

This afternoon, visit Dujiangyan Panda Valley, a new facility that is both a panda research and breeding base and a center for conservation education. This quiet research base is landscaped with beautiful flowers, and in natural environs, pandas are gradually habituated and returned to the wild. Reintroduction training experts from around the world gather here for collaborative research. We may see pandas in transitional concrete block "dens" that are learning to live on their own in the natural surroundings. We often see many red pandas here as well.





Day 7: Gengda Wolong Panda Base / Rilong

Setting out from Dujiangyan, we head for the newly rebuilt Gengda Wolong Panda Center in the Wolong Nature Reserve, a base that integrates scientific research, captive breeding and reintroduction of pandas into the wild. More than 30 pandas reside at the center, which includes a 680-acre bamboo forest. Get close-up photos of giant pandas in this natural habitat that features a striking mountain backdrop. Then, traveling west, we continue to Rilong, a Tibetan village known famously as a base camp for climbing 20,505-foot Mount Siguniang. Translating to Four Sisters Mountain, this imposing massif encompasses four separate peaks and is often referred to as the "Chinese Alps." In Rilong, we are immersed in Tibetan culture, with traditional architecture on display and yak butter tea for sale by local vendors. This high-altitude village, 10,000 feet above sea level, is the center of the Jiarong Tibetan culture, found only in this region of Sichuan province. The rural Jiarong people are known for their intricately embroidered costumes and agricultural lifestyle.

Day 8: Rilong—Siguniangshan National Park

Early risers may catch the sunrise behind the peaks in Rilong, a vista renowned for its singular beauty. We spend the day exploring the dramatic scenery of nearby Siguniangshan National Park. Entering the 25-mile-long Shuangqiao Valley, snow-capped peaks rise in every direction, with Four Sisters Mountain towering above. The valley floor is 10,000 feet above sea level, and the highest mountains nearly double that. Explore the colorful geological features and mirror-like lakes of this subalpine terrain, following boardwalk trails that weave among occasional pagodas and prayer flags. This high-altitude forest is also native habitat for the endangered red panda. Deeper into the valley, we reach the Ginsenguo flatland, with a viewing deck overlooking highland swamps and snowy peaks, and Jiujia Lake, which is actually a group of four seasonal lakes and nine perennial ones—the legendary bathing pools for the "four sisters." After a full day of exploration in the park, we travel back down the valley to spend a second night in Rilong.





Day 9: Baoxing Valley / Labahe Nature Reserve

Depart this morning for Labahe Nature Reserve located southwest of Chengdu in the Hengduan Mountains. En route, we travel through another Jiarong Tibetan region, the Baoxing Valley separating the plains of Sichuan from the Tibetan Plateau. Here we visit Dengchigou Catholic Church where Father Pere Amand David stayed in the mid-19th century, introducing the giant panda to the Western world for the first time. The priest, who was also a natural historian and researcher with the National Museum of France, is credited with finding 68 new bird species, more than 100 insect species, and many mammal species including golden monkeys and Milu deer in addition to giant pandas, which he revealed to the wider world in 1869.

Once we reach the Labahe Reserve, we check in to our hotel, then head out to start exploring. Labahe is one of China's top spots for finding the elusive and endearing red panda, and while sightings are never guaranteed, we often spy them. As the day draws to a close, we may see water deer coming down to a salt lick just outside our hotel.

Day 10: Labahe Nature Reserve

A full day is dedicated to searching for wildlife, especially red pandas, in the Labahe reserve. Although giant pandas also live here, we are less likely to see them. Comprised of mixed forests and pockets of dense bamboo, the reserve's diverse vegetation and altitude create ideal habitat for the red panda, which is adapted to environments above 7,000 feet. A wide variety of other mammals and birds thrives here, too, and we look for Tibetan macaque, Chinese leopard cat, hog badger, serow, sambar deer, golden takin, and red and white giant flying squirrels. Notable birds include the golden-breasted fulvetta, Lady Amherst's pheasant, crimson-breasted woodpecker and three-toed parrotbill. In our private vehicle, we have the freedom to explore different parts of the reserve, including opportunities for stunning landscape photography from higher mountain locations.

Day 11: Labahe / Bifengxia Panda Base / Chengdu

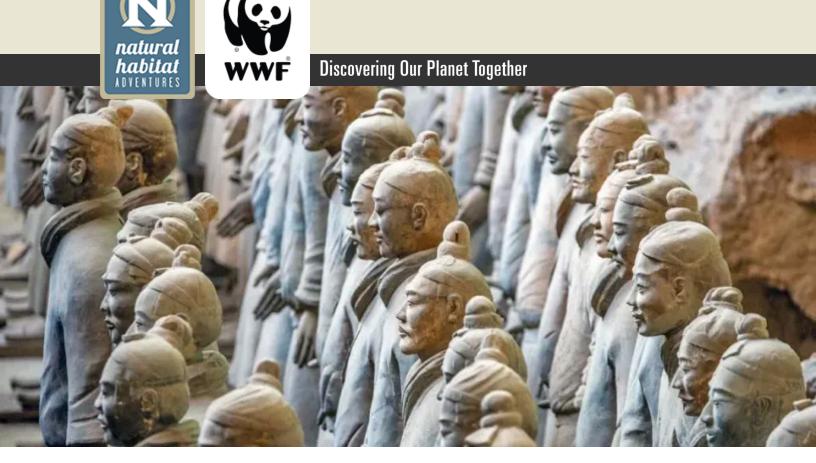
Early this morning, we depart for Bifengixa Panda Base, a branch of the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda opened in 2003. Previously, as the program at the main Wolong Panda Center continued to grow, it becoming crowded, and the threat of an outbreak of disease or infection was of great concern. If an epidemic were to occur among the captive giant pandas at Wolong, it could destroy the entire population. Splitting it into two separate populations, with a second panda group located at Bifengxia, was planned to prevent this from occurring. We'll see plenty of pandas roaming within large enclosures filled with lush vegetation, including their favored food, bamboo. Afterward, we visit scenic Bifengixa Gorge and have lunch before continuing to our hotel at Tianfu Airport for convenient departures tomorrow. This evening, we celebrate our adventures at a farewell dinner.





Day 12: Chengdu / Depart

After breakfast at our hotel, transfer to the nearby airport terminal to meet departing flights.



Accommodation Details:

Shangri-La Chengdu

Wild Panda Reserve Hotel

Jiuzhou Jindu Hotel

Tianfu Source Hotel

Jiarong Tibetan Qingcheng Hotel

Labahe Lanshuijing Hotel

JoyHub Air Hotel

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventuretravel/wild-china-pandatour/accommodations

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Shangri-La Chengdu

This gleaming luxury high-rise enjoys views over the Jinjiang River and glittering Chengdu skyline; spacious rooms and the serene Chi Spa offer quiet spaces to retreat from the urban bustle.



Wild Panda Reserve Hotel

The sole lodging within this remote national nature reserve offers modern accommodations in chalets along a river, and a large dining room for family-style meals.



Jiuzhou Jindu Hotel

Located near the Bao'en Temple in Pingwu, this hotel offers comfortable modern rooms with opportunities to relax in the outdoor pool or retreat to the serene teahouse.







Tianfu Source Hotel

With its prime location in Balan Square and close proximity to scenic and natural areas near Dujiangyan, this contemporary hotel is an ideal base for exploration.



Jiarong Tibetan Qingcheng Hotel

Offering a rare glimpse into authentic Tibetan culture and rural mountain life, this simple, cozy and charming local hotel provides a comfortable stay with big views.



Labahe Lanshuijing Hotel

This modern mountain chalet is situated inside the Labahe Nature Reserve, where the river and broadleaf forest meet, and wildlife abounds.



JoyHub Air Hotel

Enjoy exceptional convenience and deluxe view rooms at this sleek new luxury hotel offering first-class airport accommodations for international departures into and out of Chengdu.





We Show You the Natural Side of China Most Visitors Never See

Google "China tours" and you'll find plenty that will take you to Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. Yet virtually no one offers nature adventures, and no one else takes you to the remote, rarely visited wildlife reserves that we do. Nat Hab holds special permits that grant us access into a nature sanctuary that few Westerners—and very few local tourists—ever see. When you visit China with us, leave behind crowds, traffic and polluted city air for wild mountain terrain.

See Giant Pandas Up Close on Visits to Three Different Sites

Compare China itineraries—we don't think you'll find another that offers this in-depth panda immersion, with unhurried visits to three different panda research bases: Dujiangyan Panda Base, which focuses on rescuing injured and ill wild pandas and disease control; the newly rebuilt Gengda Wolong Panda Center, which integrates scientific research, captive breeding and reintroduction of pandas into the wild; and Dujiangyan Panda Valley, a new facility that is both a panda research and breeding base and a center for conservation education.

Exclusive Access to Search for Pandas & Other Rare Wildlife

This is a genuine Nat Hab privilege: We have secured special permits to visit remote sectors of a totally untouristed nature reserve deep within the Minshan Mountains, a global biodiversity hotspot that's home to some of the world's most endangered wildlife. We'll search for giant pandas and moon bears that inhabit the park, though we won't expect to see them, as both are highly elusive. We have better chances to find other rare Chinese animals like takin, goral, serow and golden pheasant, within a completely natural habitat that few tourists have ever laid eyes on—and only a handful of Westerners (mostly other Nat Hab travelers). The terrain is steep and heavily forested, and animals are often sheltered, camouflaged or seen at a distance—but just being in their midst in such a quiet, wild place is a moving experience.

Get Close to Golden Snub-Nosed Monkeys

Visit a golden monkey nature reserve where we're sure to have close-up encounters with a habituated family group of these entertaining primates. It's a rare opportunity to see and

for wild pandas (though they are exceptionally elusive and rarely seen).

habituated family group of these entertaining primates. It's a rare opportunity to see and photograph this endangered species that is endemic to a very limited part of central and southwest China.

Our Small Groups Go Places Larger Groups Can't

Because we limit this trip to approximately 12 guests, we're able to take you where larger bus tours cannot go, including a remote national park where we have exclusive permits to search





Travel with Two Guides for Exceptional Expertise

Our China trips benefit from the leadership of two guides: a native English-speaking Nat Hab Expedition Leader accompanied by a warm and hospitable Chinese naturalist guide who is highly trained in natural history and interpretation, not to mention being our cultural and linguistic "go-between." It's an optimal combination of interpretive guiding, cultural knowledge and personalized attention.

- Experience Traditional Tibetan Culture

 Our travels include an overland traverse along the edge of the vast Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, where small villages, prayer flags and chortens dot the landscape. Learn more about the deeply traditional Tibetan Buddhist culture, which offers a dramatic counterpoint to the urban setting of Chengdu.
- Savor Outstanding Sichuan Cuisine

 While nature may be your primary interest, food lovers will be thrilled by the culinary delights this trip offers. Sichuan is famed for its piquant cuisine, and we get to sample a wide selection of restaurants and dishes, with items carefully chosen by our local guide to appeal to Western palates. Since food is typically served family-style at a large round table, multiple tastes and dietary preferences can be catered for at every meal (though be sure to make special needs known to us ahead of time). And you won't be eating only in hotels or touristy restaurants: we choose locations popular with local people, for a truly authentic Chinese dining experience that Western visitors will also enjoy.
- A Rare Opportunity to Volunteer with Panda Care When Conditions Permit

 At Dujiangyan Panda Base, we may have an optional opportunity to help with aspects of the pandas' care. This could involve preparing their food or other tasks that place us directly into the daily activities of the pandas' caregivers at this research base. Please note that this volunteer opportunity is intermittent and depends on the pandas' situation at the time, and it will not always be available.
- Our Accommodations Offer the Best in Location and Comfort
 From a 5-star luxury hotel in Chengdu to a quiet mountain inn where other travelers are few, our comfortable lodgings place you in close proximity to famous Chinese landmarks and remote and wild natural settings. Each offers a regional experience of China with plenty of amenities.





10 Travel with Expert Expedition Leaders

Our Nat Hab Expedition Leaders are outstanding North American naturalist guides who are passionate about China and its wildlife. In addition, you'll travel with a Chinese tour guide who is a nature expert, ensuring an optimal balance of scientific knowledge, authentic cultural insight and attentive personal service. Furthermore, our Expedition Leaders have the benefit of additional training and resources from WWF's renowned scientists and researchers. **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

- Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding China Tour
 With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee that clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.
- Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

 We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home.

 Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.
- Natural Habitat Adventures Is WWF's Travel Partner

 Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices: From \$13995

Group Size: Limited to 12 Travelers

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Mar 23, 2026	Apr 3, 2026	\$14095 USD Wildflower Season
Mar 27, 2026	Apr 9, 2026	\$16295 USD Photo Expedition
Apr 7, 2026	Apr 18, 2026	\$14095 USD Wildflower Season
Apr 11, 2026	Apr 24, 2026	\$16295 USD Photo Expedition
Apr 14, 2026	Apr 25, 2026	\$14095 USD Wildflower Season
Oct 10, 2026	Oct 21, 2026	\$14095 USD Fall Foliage Season, Habitat Club Pricing Available
Oct 12, 2026	Oct 23, 2026	\$14095 USD Fall Foliage Season
Oct 18, 2026	Oct 31, 2026	\$16295 USD Photo Expedition





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Oct 24, 2026	Nov 4, 2026	\$14095 USD Fall Foliage Season	
Oct 26, 2026	Nov 8, 2026	\$15995 USD Photo Expedition	
Nov 2, 2026	Nov 15, 2026	\$15995 USD Photo Expedition	

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Mar 23, 2027	Apr 5, 2027	\$16495 USD Photo Expedition
Mar 27, 2027	Apr 7, 2027	\$13995 USD Wildflower Season
Apr 5, 2027	Apr 16, 2027	\$14395 USD Wildflower Season
Apr 8, 2027	Apr 21, 2027	\$16495 USD Photo Expedition
Apr 12, 2027	Apr 23, 2027	\$13995 USD Wildflower Season
Apr 21, 2027	May 2, 2027	\$13995 USD Wildflower Season
Oct 9, 2027	Oct 20, 2027	\$13995 USD Fall Foliage Season
Oct 10, 2027	Oct 23, 2027	\$16495 USD Photo Expedition
Oct 12, 2027	Oct 25, 2027	\$16495 USD Photo Expedition
Oct 22, 2027	Nov 2, 2027	\$13995 USD Fall Foliage Season
Oct 26, 2027	Nov 6, 2027	\$13995 USD Fall Foliage Season
Oct 28, 2027	Nov 10, 2027	\$16495 USD Photo Expedition
Nov 4, 2027	Nov 15, 2027	\$13995 USD Fall Foliage Season





Pricing

See https://nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/wild-china-panda-tour/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local guides, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, still camera fees, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, passage aboard the bullet train from Xi'an to Guangyuan, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Physical Requirements

Important Information About This Trip

Among many travelers, China tends to be known more for its history and culture than its nature. But we focus on the natural treasures most visitors miss, including an in-depth experience with the pandas of Sichuan province and a remote, rarely visited wildlife reserve where wild giant pandas live and breed, as well as a host of other rare animals and birds. Our staff who helped create the itinerary commented: "This itinerary trades time spent in polluted air, traffic, crowds and airports for beautiful, pristine mountain country. But we don't always have 5-star restaurants or services, and English-speaking locals and hotel staff do not exist in many areas. Parts of the trip are more rustic, but the nature rewards are so worth it!"

That said, however, it's important to note that there is a fundamental difference between the wildlife experience in China and what you would experience on a typical African safari, for instance. Terrain here is heavily forested, and while wildlife abounds in natural areas, animals are not always easy to see or photograph. Many are expertly camouflaged or hidden within the vegetation, making them challenging to spot. To date, we have never seen a giant panda in the wild, as they are exceptionally elusive. But rangers have seen them, and we have seen signs of them, including chewed bamboo and scat. Guests should not come to China expecting to see wild pandas, but it is exhilarating nonetheless to know we are in their midst. Weather can also affect wildlife sightings, and when it is inclement, animals may be more likely to take cover in the deep forest. However, our itinerary is carefully designed to capitalize on the very best opportunities to see rare Chinese wildlife, maximizing your chances. Our seasoned Expedition Leaders and local guides are experts at locating wildlife—and we encourage our guests to understand that the privilege of stepping into a wild, untouched world inside China is a reward in itself.

We do have multiple opportunities to see giant pandas up close, though—a highlight of our trip. These encounters occur not in the wild, but at China's panda research bases where the pandas live within a constructed setting that contains or mimics elements of their natural habitat. While the environment is more zoo-like, it provides a rare chance for hours of observing many pandas at close range, a privilege very few people get to enjoy. It's a moving opportunity not available anywhere else but Sichuan.





Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip has different logistics depending on your year of travel.

For 2025 departures, the trip begins in Xi'an and ends in Chengdu. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive the night before Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials.

If you are traveling in 2025 and plan to arrive on Day 1, you must arrive in Xi'an by 9 am in order to participate in activities beginning at 11:30 am.

You may depart Chengdu at any time on the final day, and we recommend using Chengdu Tianfu International Airport (TFU) for your departure flights.

For 2026 and 2027 departures, the trip both begins and ends in Chengdu. As with 2025, **we recommend that you arrive the night before Day 1** to rest from your long travels, with recommended hotels included in your pre-departure materials for early arrivals.

If you plan to arrive on Day 1, you must arrive in Chengdu by 9 am in order to participate in activities beginning at 11:30 am.

You may depart Chengdu at any time on the final day, and TFU is recommended for both arrival and departure.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



Extension Details:

Beijing & the Great Wall Extension \$2495

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Beijing & the Great Wall Extension

Don't miss a chance to walk along the 2,000 year-old Great Wall and experience a taste of China's vibrant capital—discover its dynamic history, stroll through a night market and dine on Peking duck.

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