

The Wild Side of China: A Nature Odyssey

A Far-East Safari to See Pandas, Explore Remote Nature Reserves & Search for Rare Wildlife



Giant panda, Chengdu Panda Base, China © B Josephs

Deep in the Minshan Mountains of China's Sichuan province, great rivers and gorges dissect lush forests that 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 shelter rare moon bears, golden monkeys, shaggy takin, blue sheep and exquisite birds, including the golden pheasant. Discover a side of China most travelers never see on our unique itinerary, carefully crafted to reveal rarely seen panda habitat and Chinese nature at its most captivating. We also observe pandas up close on visits to three different panda research bases—the perfect complement to our Chinese wilderness immersion.

- » Get close to endangered giant pandas and learn about their conservation at three world-renowned panda research bases—plus a chance to volunteer in their care!
- » Travel deep into the distant mountains and forests of Sichuan and the Tibetan Plateau where we search for rare and endangered species found nowhere else
- » Exclusive permits grant us access into a remote, rarely visited wildlife reserve where we may find signs of some of the last wild giant pandas that live and breed freely

"I was in awe of China's beauty. I had no idea the scenery would be so stunning! It was so wonderful to have such fun, 'boots in the mud' experiences each day but to have such beautiful, relaxing lodging in the evening."
— B. Brookman



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ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

Day 1: Chengdu, China • **Day 2:** Dujiangyan Panda Valley / Chengdu • **Day 3:** Chengdu Panda Base / Jianguo • **Day 4:** Jianguo / Qing Xi / Wild Panda Nature Reserve • **Days 5 & 6:** Wild Panda Nature Reserve • **Day 7:** Pingwu / Jiuzhaigou • **Days 8 & 9:** Jiuzhaigou National Park • **Day 10:** Chengdu • **Day 11:** Dujiangyan Panda Research Base / Chengdu • **Day 12:** Chengdu / Depart • **Extensions:** Extra Day in Chengdu, Beijing & the Great Wall

DATES & FEES \$10495-\$10695

GROUP SIZE ~12 GUESTS

2017	2018
Apr 2-13	Apr 2-13
Apr 6-17 P	Apr 6-17 P
Apr 16-27	Apr 16-27
Apr 20-May 1 P	Apr 20-May 1 P
May 1-12	May 1-12
May 4-15 P	May 4-15 P
Sep 3-14	Sep 3-14
Sep 17-28	Sep 17-28
Oct 7-18 P	Oct 7-18 P

P Special Photography Departure

Note: 2018 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



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