



Asia Discovery Tours



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11 Day China Ice Festival Tour (Tour Code: CIT)

The Harbin International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival is an annual winter festival that takes place in Harbin, Heilongjiang, China, and is now the largest ice and snow festival in the world. ADT has organized this tour every January for a few years already and has tried its best not only to provide our customers with the opportunity to appreciate the amazing snow-white landscape of this area, but also to learn more about the past, the present and the future of some of the cities in the Northeast part of China from this tour. Attending the famous Ice and Snow Festival in Harbin and enjoying the charm of snow as well as witnessing lots of highlights including the Siberia tigers in this tour, you will add to your lifetime another album of reminiscence.

(Australia passport holders will have 15 day visa free to China)



Day 01, 14 Jan. 25: Sydney or Melbourne – Shanghai

MU562, 14 JAN. SYDNEY – SHANGHAI 12:30/19:50
MU738, 14 JAN. MELBOURNE – SHANGHAI 1200/19:20

Depart to Shanghai from Sydney or Melbourne on China Eastern Airlines in the afternoon and arrive in Shanghai in the evening. On arrival in Shanghai, you will be met by your friendly China guide and transferred to your 4-star hotel where you will spend one night.

Day 02, 15 Jan: Shanghai – Dalian (By flight) (B.L.D)
MU6335, 15 JAN. SHANGHAI – DALIAN 15:45/1600

After breakfast, your guide meets you and start an orientation city tour. Then you will be transferred to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, you are transferred to Hong Qiao Airport for your China Eastern Airlines flight to Dalian. On arrival in

Dalian you will be met by your friendly China guide and transfer to your 4* hotel in Dalian.

Day 03, 16 Jan: Dalian – Shenyang (B.L.D)

Today you will visit some of the many Russian and Japanese style Streets. Afterwards, a visit to the Bin Hai Road; the North Giant Bridge, Tiger’s Land and the Xin Hai Square City Sculpture





or the People's Square. We depart Dalian by bullet train to Shenyang. Stay overnight at 4* hotel in Shenyang.

Day 04, 17 Jan: Shenyang (B.L.D)

The highlight for today in Shenyang is the renowned Shenyang old Forbidden City. Before the Qing Emperor defeated the peasant uprising army at the end of Ming dynasty and conquered Beijing, Shenyang was the capital city of the Qing Dynasty. Shenyang old Forbidden City is one of the

only two large-scale palace complexes in China. Later you will visit the 918 Museum. This museum is dedicated to showing and explaining the many kinds of torture and killings that the Japanese inflicted on the local Chinese. For dinner this evening, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a local Lao Bian Dumpling Feast. Stay overnight at a 4* hotel in Shenyang.

Day 05, 18 Jan: Shenyang – Changchun (B.L.D)

After breakfast you will say farewell to Shenyang and travel by coach to Changchun, the capital city of Jilin province. Upon arrival, you will visit the largest park - the Nan Hu Park. Here you will find a beautiful lake, weeping willow trees, winter flowers, singing birds and many traditional Chinese ancient buildings. Stay overnight at a 4* hotel in Changchun.

Day 06, 19 Jan: Changchun – Harbin (B.L.D)

In Changchun today you will visit the Imperial Palace, which was used by the last emperor Pu Yi of the Qing Dynasty after 1924. We then continue on by coach to Harbin and upon arrival, you will check in to your 4* hotel.

Day 07, 20 Jan: Harbin (B.L.D)

Harbin is famous for its annual Ice Festival and the city bears "Ice World" as its main claim to fame. Today after breakfast at your hotel, you will be taken to see swimmers who brave the cold in the sub-zero degree temperature and dive into the Songhua River and do their exercise, one of the features of Harbin's Ice & Snow Festival. They swim twice a day in the morning and the afternoon. After lunch we will drive to St Sophia Church for photo stop. We then drive to Harbin's famous Central Street, a long street full of shops, Russian style buildings, Russian shops and Russian snacks. In the late afternoon, we will proceed to the Ice Park to see the Ice Sculptures, in daylight, at Sunset, and in the evening with sculptures lighting up with changing colour lights. You'll have several hours to enjoy looking and wandering around the park, taking photos. If you are tired and feeling a bit cold, you can go into a fast food outlet for hot drinks and hot food if you are cold or hungry and have a quick rest before continuing your tour.





There are plenty of Sculptures to see and take photos of. There are also many icy activities you can participate in. Afterwards we meet up at an agreed time and we will go out for our dinner, then return to the hotel, have a wonderful sleep after a busy tiring day.

Day 08, 21 Jan: Harbin (B.L.D)

This morning you continue with a visit to the famous Songhua River where there will be the opportunity

to see the local winter swimmers' exercise, one of the features of Harbin's Ice & Snow Festival, then we go on to visit the Sun Island Snow Carving Exhibition. There will be plenty of time for you to wander around the riverbank area or participate in local citizen's amusement activities. After lunch, we will visit the Siberian Tiger Park. The Siberian tiger is considered an endangered species and in the 1980s, it was listed as one of the first-class national protected animals of China. After dinner you have the evening at your leisure to perhaps explore the ice sculptures or the city of Harbin on your own. Stay overnight at your 4* hotel in Harbin.

Day 09, 22 Jan: Harbin – Shanghai (B.L.D)

MU5616 22 JAN, HARBIN – SHANGHAI (PVG) 0920/1235

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, you are met and visit the traditional Yu Gardens; the Old Town with its twisting alleyways & many shops and hawkers and of course the Bund. Then you are free to explore Shanghai at your own pace for the day. Visit Pudong area with its ultra-modern architecture.

Day 10, 23 Jan: Shanghai – Sydney or Melbourne (B.L.)

MU561, 23 JAN. SHANGHAI – SYDNEY 20:30/10:00 (24 JAN)

MU737, 23 JAN. SHANGHAI – MELBOURNE 20:05/10:00 (24 JAN)

After breakfast, you are free at leisure to explore Shanghai on your own. In the late afternoon, you are transferred to the Maglev station. Here you will get the opportunity to experience this high-speed wonder out to Pudong Airport for your China Eastern Airlines flight homewards to Sydney or Melbourne, Australia.

Day 11, 24 Jan: Arrival in Sydney or Melbourne, Australia

Your tour to China's Winter Wonderland comes to an end this morning when your China Eastern Airlines flight touches down in Australia.

Tour Price: \$3,180 per person, twin or double share.

Single Supplement: \$790

Tour departure date: 14/01/2025

Tour price includes:

1. China Eastern economy class return ticket Sydney or Melbourne – Shanghai;

2. Airport tax and fuel surcharge;
3. China internal flights Shanghai – Dalian and Harbin – Shanghai and taxes;
4. 4 star hotels as indicated below or similar;
5. Sightseeing tours with entrance fees for all the attractions as stated in the itinerary;
6. Meals as mentioned in the itinerary;
7. Transfers and transportation all through;
8. Bullet train ticket from Dalian to Shenyang;
9. English speaking guide;
10. Gratuities to guide and driver.

Tour price excludes:

1. China visa fee (Australia passport holders don't need visa to China for 15 days);
2. Travel insurance;
3. Any meals or services not mentioned in the itinerary;
4. Personal expenses.

Hotel list:

Shanghai: Shanghai Green Land Jiulong Hotel or similar

Dalian: Holiday Inn Express Dalian City Center or similar

Shenyang: Shenyang Jinjiang Metropolo Hotel or similar

Changchun: Celebrity Hotel or similar

Harbin: Harbin Weijing Holiday Hotel or similar