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# Backyard Tips for **China**



**China ♦ We know it like our own backyard**

# Shanghai

“ Your backyard tips from the team at Acrossia

To get one of the best views of the Bund why go to an observation deck with the crowds when its more fun with a cocktail! Cloud 9 bar is on the 87th floor of the Grand Hyatt Hotel (Jinmao Tower). Get there at dusk and watch the sun set on the Huangpu River.

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Just past People's Park is Huanghe Lu (road), Shanghai's best "food street". A collection of little outlets, you can taste all the flavours of China as you stroll down the road - don't go past the fried dumplings - you will be hard-pressed to find better.

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After a long day's walking treat yourself to a Chinese foot massage. The concierge at your hotel will be able to recommend a good one nearby, it wont cost more than \$20 and most places are open until midnight. Be sure to be VERY honest about your pain threshold though.

The beating heart of modern China, Shanghai is a fast moving city where the emphasis is on business, communications and technology. Testimony to this is the Shanghai World Financial Centre, a magnificent addition to the Pudong skyline which stands at 492 metres and boasts the world's highest observation deck.

Yet even here, visitors will find glimpses of the past and much of Shanghai's history is very much its own – not replicated anywhere else in China. The Bund is one of Shanghai's most famous historical precincts, where well preserved and maintained 1930s art deco architecture, can still be found. Nearby is Nanjing Road, Shanghai's ultimate shopping experience, considered by many to be the busiest shopping street in the world.

Acrossia recommends an evening Huangpu River cruise, which offers remarkable views of the Bund. Passengers will note a stark neon contrast between old and new Shanghai.

Beyond the Bund, travellers should visit the French Concession area, which gave Shanghai its name - The Paris of the East. With traditional Shikumen houses from the early 1900s, plus art deco buildings, the area has been well preserved and still signifies the 'glory of the old days' of Shanghai.

Other 'must sees' include the 1.9 metre Jade Buddha in one of Shanghai's few active Buddhist monasteries, the Oriental Pearl Tower on the eastern bank of the Huangpu, and the famous Yuyuan Garden and adjacent Chenghuangmiao Bazaar (the latter being a fun place to shop for all sorts of produce, from imitation brand names to food).

There are many side trips from Shanghai and it is well worth heading to Suzhou for attractions such as Tongli Village (known as Little Venice), Tiger Hill and its leaning Cloud Rock Pagoda, the Humble Administrator's Garden and The Garden of the Nets.

**Shanghai** - China's largest city  
Meaning: 'On the sea'

Summer: JUN-SEP average temperature 24-28°C

Winter: DEC-FEB average temperature 5-8°C

Ideal climate: MAR-MAY

Population: 23 million

**Shanghai Airport**

Maglev	20 minute intervals
Airport Buses	15-20 minute intervals
Taxi	60 minute duration



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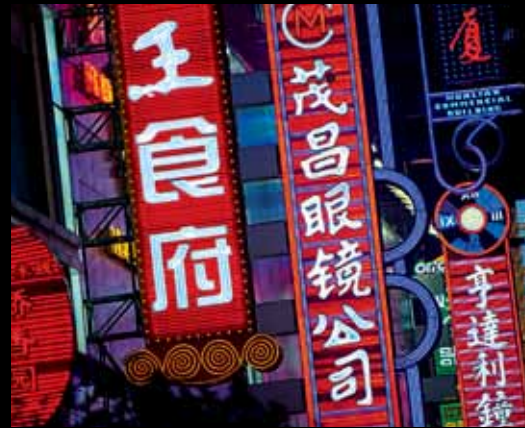
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# Beijing

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The 798 Art district in Dashanzi is the place to go. Cutting edge artists (such as Ai Wei Wei) have overtaken this disused 1950's factory and turned it into their own community. You'll need a good two hours to see the highlights.

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When you enter the Forbidden City, take the eastern side and by not taking the traditional "down the middle path", you will find a huge museum housing the best collection of Ming China you will ever see.

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Established in 1864, Quanjude Peking Duck restaurant is an institution. Go to the original location, Qianmen, look at the photos of famous diners outside (yes that is Fidel!) and see what number your duck is...

**The paradox of Beijing today is that the city is home to some of the world's greatest historical icons – the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and Summer Palace to name just a few – while also exemplifying the rapidly changing face of modern China.**

Even so, for any first time visitor to Beijing, the first stop must be Tian'anmen Square the largest city square in the world and the gateway to the Forbidden City. The latter is the former residence of the Ming and Qing emperors of China, a highlight of a visit to Beijing with all the romantic allure of a time passed. Also not to be missed - with its huge lake, sprawling grounds, temples, pavilions, bridges and corridors - is The Summer Palace, once the playground for the Imperial Court.

No visit to Beijing would be complete without an excursion to The Great Wall, one of the world's most iconic structures. Many people go to Badaling, which is heavily restored and the most populated part of the wall. The Mutianyu section is another option, famed for its Ming dynasty guard towers.

Acrossia's Jessie Zhang recommends getting to other sections of the wall, such as Simatai, where the original steps and ancient brickwork can still be viewed. 'Jinshanling section is restored and has the advantage of being not so crowded. Here you will be able to gaze in wonder as the wall snakes its way across 10 kilometres to Simatai section without the bustling crowds and hawkers.'

Those with time can still explore the nooks and crannies of Beijing and walk the hutongs (narrow alleyways) that traditionally linked courtyard residences to form a neighbourhood, which was then linked to other hutongs. One of the most endearing experiences of old Beijing is to wander through these old neighbourhoods where families live, play cards, hang their washing and conduct business. Some of the best preserved hutongs are near Tian'anmen Square – sit back in a pedicab and have the driver show you the sights.

Other recommendations in Beijing include the Lama Temple, the most renowned Tibetan Buddhist temple outside of Tibet; the Temple of Heaven, not really a temple but the place where the Son of Heaven (the Emperor) performed sacred rites praying for a good harvest; and the Silk Market.

## Beijing

Reminiscent of China's imperial past, features the world's largest palace, Forbidden City  
 Summer: JUN-AUG average temperature 24-26°C  
 Winter: DEC-FEB average temperature -1 to -4°C  
 Ideal climate: SEP-OCT  
 Population: 19 million

### Beijing Airport

Airport Express	15 minute intervals
Express Buses	10-20 minute intervals
Taxi	30-60 minute duration



# Xi'an

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Have a night strolling through the Muslim Quarter. A great collection of street food stalls will ensure you don't go wanting. Once full, wander the lanes searching for those perfect gifts from miniature warriors to calligraphy scrolls.

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Just past the Terracotta Warriors are some typical Yaodong cave dwellings. People have been carving out and living in these cave dwellings for hundreds of years, however unfortunately with progress they are rapidly disappearing.

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Across the road from the Little Goose Pagoda is Maogong Xiangcaiguan restaurant - The Great Helmsman overlooks you as you eat classics from his home city - Hunan. Try the boiled frog if you're brave enough.

**After nine visits to China, Acrossia's Rebekah Cheeseman does not hesitate in identifying her number one 'must see' in the destination. 'It has to be the Terracotta Warriors,' she says.**

The 2000 year old Terracotta Warriors are among the most extraordinary archaeological discoveries ever made. Stumbled on by two farmers in 1974, the 6000 strong army now stands silently in battle formation guarding its emperor. Anyone who wanders through the three pits of warriors is awestruck by the sheer volume, detail and magnificence of the find.

Amazingly, the secrets of six or seven more pits, believed to house not warriors but courtiers and others involved in the Emperor's life, are yet to be revealed.

While the Terracotta Warriors have put Xi'an on the visitor map, the region has many other attractions of interest. The City Wall of Xi'an is the most intact ancient Chinese Wall in existence and features a series of watchtowers, turrets, crenels and gate towers, all surrounded by a moat.

The Bell Tower of Xi'an, built in 1384 during the early Ming Dynasty, is a symbol of the city of Xi'an and one of the grandest of its kind in China.

Big Wild Goose Pagoda was built in 652 during the Tang Dynasty and is a collection storehouse of Buddhist scriptures, while the Great Mosque here is one of the largest in China and is a fascinating blend of Chinese and Islamic architecture.

Those with extra time to explore the region will find a trip to Mt Huashan rewarding. One of the five sacred mountains in China, it is home to several influential Taoist temples.

## Xi'an

Meaning: 'Western peace', known as the birthplace of China's civilisation  
Summer: JUN-AUG average temperature 25-27°C

Winter: DEC-FEB average temperature 0-3°C

Ideal climate: MAR-MAY, SEP-OCT

Population: 8.5 million



# Chengdu

**For many people one word will justify a visit to Chengdu – pandas.**

‘This is the place to really see pandas in an attractive and natural environment,’ says the team at Acrossia. ‘It is also an area that was devastated by the massive 2008 earthquake, so visiting will assist the people of the region and add to their economy. You can hug a panda and make a donation – that’s a win-win.’

Home to nearly 50 giant and red pandas, the Giant Panda Breeding Research Base plays an important role in the survival of this magnificent animal through its world leading research and success with its breeding programmes. (Some 10 to 15 cubs have been born there in the last few years.) Visitors can view the pandas as they feed, play and nap. Extra lucky travellers may see tiny new-borns in the nursery. **Acrossia’s panda tip is to visit in the morning – they are far more active then.**

Chengdu’s other claim to fame is its position on the edge of the Tibetan Plateau and its amazing Buddhist culture. Wenshu Monastery is Chengdu’s largest Buddhist temple. Dating back to the Tang Dynasty, it is well preserved and creates a sense of calm.

Baoguang Temple, adorned with ancient sculptural relics and multiple courtyards, and the Leshan Giant Buddha, carved more than 1200 years ago out of a cliff face and (standing at 71 metres), the world’s tallest Buddha statue, are two other unforgettable sights.

Then there is Mount Emei (Emei Shan). This is one of four Buddhist sacred mountains and at 3,099 metres is the highest by 1,000m. The area was added to UNESCO’s natural and Cultural Heritage List in 1996.

Just out of Chengdu is Luodai Ancient Town. With a history of 1800 years, it is the largest community of Hakka (a branch of the Han ethnic group) in south-western China.

Acrossia advises those with time to spare in Chengdu, to visit People’s Park. ‘After watching the pandas, go and watch the people.’ And be sure to taste the Sichuan cuisine – spicy and good.

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Whenever I’m in Chengdu I spend a couple of hours in the People’s Park watching the old ladies play Mah Jong, It reminds me of my Nana’s bridge afternoons with all the friendly gossip and chatter.

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Wolong Nature reserve was closed for repair in 2008 after the devastating earthquake. All the pandas were moved to Bifengxia Panda Base which you can now go to instead. Take extra cash with you when you go to any panda place, as sometimes they will allow you to ‘hug’ the panda for a donation - best 400 Yuan I have ever spent.

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Some Sichuan Cuisine has a reputation for being VERY spicy and hot so be prepared. No trip to Chengdu is complete without having Kung Pao chicken or twice cooked pork.

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## Chengdu

Home of Giant Pandas, emerging city for international investment in Western China  
Summer: JUN-SEP average temperature 21-25°C  
Winter: DEC-FEB average temperature 6-8°C  
Ideal climate: MAR-JUN, SEP-NOV  
Population: 14 million



# Yangtze

“ Your backyard tips from the team at Acrossia

Another highlight of a Yangtze cruise is Fengdu. Nicknamed the 'City of Ghosts' it was the legendary capital of the Ghost King.

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The most popular cruises on the Yangtze are from Chongqing to Yichang, or vice versa. However you can travel from Chongqing all the way to Shanghai if you're a real cruise buff.

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On the lower Yangtze is Huangshan – the scenery here has inspired many of history's great painters.

The Yangtze River features some of nature's most spectacular creations. However, for many people it is an amazing feat of human engineering – the Three Gorges Dam – that will be the highlight of a cruise on the river. The dam is the world's largest, due to its 2.3 kilometre length (185 metres high, 18 metres wide at the top and 130 metres wide at the bottom) and is also the world's largest hydropower project. Most cruise vessels give passengers time to visit the viewing platform of the now fully operational dam, before continuing the journey towards Chongqing.

The gorges themselves – Qutang, Wu and Xiling have been carved along the Yangtze. Wu, the Gorge of Witches (and the favourite of the Acrossia team) is about 40 kilometres long, with sharp jagged peaks. Visitors should make the effort to get out of bed in time to see the sun rise above Goddess peak – often shrouded in mist. There are many sidetrips to be taken along the Yangtze. These require getting into smaller boats and travelling up narrow passes – highlights include the Little Three Gorges and the Shennong Stream.

With its fast flowing waters that are a stunning jade green contrasted against the trees on either side of you in the sheer limestone cliffs, the journey on Shennong Stream can often be the highlight of most visitors' Yangtze cruise experience. Only recently opened to the outside world this area has been preserved incredibly well. It is most famous for its "hanging coffins" that jut out from the crevices that they have been placed in. More than four storeys high, these sheer cliffs are completely inaccessible and the mystery of how they got there remains unsolved to today.

Shibaozhai is a 12 storey, 56 metre high wooden red pagoda which leans improbably against a rock face. With the construction of the Three Gorges Dam, the base of the pavilion would have been under the new water level, so a coffer dam was built around the base to protect it – a marvel of engineering in its own right. Other features of Shibaozhai include the Duck Well and the Rice Flowing Well – each with their own story.

Cruising the River is a more relaxed approach to travelling through China, away from the hustle and bustle of the big cities.

**Yangtze River** - The largest river in China  
Third longest in world after the Nile and the Amazon

Its basin produces half of China's grain (70% of which is rice)

Chinese name: Cháng Jiang

Length: 6,380 km (3,964 miles)

Source: Glacier of Jiàngendū



# Hong Kong

**The colonial influence and separate development of Hong Kong gives the special administrative region (SAR) an atmosphere and feeling of its own.**

A thriving city, with attractions as diverse as Disneyland and the Big Buddha at Po Lin Monastery (both on Lantau Island), Hong Kong also has pockets of Chinese and British history – side by side and not difficult to find.

Visitors can easily do what the locals do – ride the Star Ferry between Kowloon and Hong Kong Island, shop at the markets (Temple Street, Stanley or Ladies Market to name just a few), or enjoy food from a street stall (or, for that matter, an upmarket restaurant or anything in between).

First time visitors should definitely get to The Peak, the tram trip is an experience in its own right, as it slides past Hong Kong Island’s skyscrapers, and the view from the top makes The Peak one of the destination’s most popular attractions.

Great for families, Ocean Park Hong Kong is a world class marine life theme park, featuring animal exhibits, thrill rides and shows.

Surprisingly to many people, Hong Kong also has a number of rural hikes. Some can easily be accessed alone (like the Dragon’s Back hike and the Lantau Island family trail) while others are best explored with a guide (the deserted beaches hiking tour for example). A Hong Kong biking tour is another fantastic way to explore the region – especially for those wishing to get into Hong Kong’s New Territories.

Visitors will also find a number of important temples – still active places of worship and the focal point of many festivals. Some examples include Lo Pan Temple, dedicated to the patron saint of builders and carpenters; Chi Lin Nunnery and Nan Lian Garden; with its elegant architecture, treasured Buddhist relics and lotus ponds; and Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple, a Taoist, Buddhist and Confucian temple honouring a legendary monk

Hong Kong is on the world stage when it comes to arts, culture and entertainment. Regular events include the Hong Kong International Film Festival, Le French May Arts Festival, a series of Chinese Opera events, the Hong Kong Arts Festival and much more. (See page 11 for more details of coming events in Hong Kong and around China.)

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Taste some of the most delicious vegetarian food at Po Lin Monastery on Lantau Island - will help to get your strength up before exploring the monastery’s Big Buddha.

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The Star Ferry is not only easy to use, it’s an attraction in its own right. Great views of Hong Kong and a chance to travel like the locals do.

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Look to purchase an Octopus pass at a local subway station. Prepaid use of the underground network eliminates the hassle of coins, with a refund of bond upon return of card.

## Hong Kong

Meaning: ‘Fragrant harbour’, a world financial centre  
 Summer: MAY-SEP average temperature 26-29°C  
 Winter: DEC-FEB average temperature 16-18°C  
 Ideal climate: OCT-DEC  
 Population: 7 million

**Currency:** Hong Kong Dollar  
**Religions:** Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism  
**Language:** English and Cantonese  
**Time Zone:** (-4) hours of New Zealand (-5) hours of New Zealand DST  
**Electricity:** Current is 220V, 50HZ  
 Plug is a 3 point rectangle pin adapter

## Hong Kong Airport

Airport Express 12 minute intervals  
 Taxi 40 minutes to Central





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# Guilin

**Spectacular rural and river scenery, with nature at its most breathtaking set Guilin apart.**

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The best time to visit Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces is just after the summer rains (Jul-Sep). This is when the fields are glistening with reflections.

## Guilin

Meaning: 'Osmunthus tree woods', renowned for hilly landscape  
 Summer: JUN-AUG average temperature 26-28°C  
 Winter: DEC-FEB average temperature 8-11°C  
 Ideal climate: APR-OCT  
 Population: 5 million

'It's all about the nature in Guilin,' says Rebekah Cheeseman. 'If you see pictures of peaks and caves on posters and in magazine spreads promoting China, the likelihood is the images come from this area.' Acrossia encourages visitors to discover the huge array of limestone karst peaks that encircle Guilin. A highlight is the Reed Flute Cave (Ludi Yan) with its fantastic stalactites and stalagmites, as well as the underground grotto that easily holds 1000 people. A great way to see the area is by Li River Cruise, where you can view farmers sowing their fields and water buffalo wallowing in the water – all set against the dramatic backdrop of limestone peaks. Highly recommended is a side trip to Longji and the Dragon BackBone Terrace Fields. This feat of farm engineering reaches all the way up a string of 800 metre peaks and resembles the scales of a dragon's backbone (hence its name).



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Possibly the best Yum Cha you will ever eat in your life will be in Guangzhou. Go to Tao Tao lu restaurant, do prepare for a bit of a wait at lunchtime - but it's well worth the wait.

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Visit the Tea Market in Fangcun, which is filled with blocks and blocks of shops - it certainly does feel like all the tea in China! Just don't forget to declare it when you get home.

## Guangzhou

Known as the City of Flowers, home to China's largest trade fair, Canton Fair  
 Summer: JUN-OCT average temperature 24-29°C  
 Winter: DEC-FEB average temperature 14-15°C  
 Ideal climate: SEP-DEC  
 Population: 12 million

### Guangzhou Airport

Metro – Line 3 to  
 Guangzhou East Station 45 minute duration  
 Airport Express 15-30 minute intervals  
 Taxi 60 minute duration

# Guangzhou

**With its mix of ancient sites, tasty Cantonese food and markets, Guangzhou is the place to take in Chinese life on various levels.**

It's a good place to get a shopping fix – Qingping market alone has over 2000 stalls and attracts more than 60,000 shoppers each day.

For those seeking culture and history, Guangzhou has plenty to offer. The Chen Clan Ancestral Hall is a spectacular temple. Covering an area of 15,000 square metres, it served as a hall for ancestor worship as well as being a temporary residence for all the Chen descendants who travelled to Guangzhou for imperial examination. The temple of the Six Banyan Trees dates back to AD537 and is popular for its beautiful Hua Ta (Flower Pagoda) built a few hundred years later. Meantime, the Tomb of Nanyue King is a superb mausoleum. Discovered by accident in 1983, it is considered one of China's best museums.

A little out of town is Zu Miao, an essential Foshan attraction. Built by Taoists during the northern Song Dynasty, the temple's highlights include a 2.5 tonne statue of Beidi, the Taoist god of water and guardian of the city. Nearby is Nanfeng Ancient Kiln, the oldest kiln in China. Visitors need to set aside time to enjoy dining – the Yum Cha in Guangzhou is particularly good. Of course, this region is the old Canton and with that comes Cantonese food, the most familiar Chinese cuisine for New Zealanders.



# China's Special Events and Festivals

## October 2012

01 Oct – 31 Oct	China Tourism Art Joy Festival	Guangzhou
07 Oct – 14 Oct	Shanghai Masters	Shanghai
11 Oct – 31 Oct	Beijing International Music Festival	Beijing
13 Oct	China International Trade Fair Household and Accessories	Shanghai
15 Oct – 05 Nov	108th Canton Fair	Guangzhou
20 Oct – 28 Oct	Hainan International Cycle Race	Haikou
21 Oct – 24 Oct	Ningbo International Fashion Fair	Ningbo
23 Oct	Yangjian Kite Festival	Guangzhou
24 Oct – 05 Nov	Silk Road Festival	Lanzhou

## November 2012

01 Nov	China World Golf Championships	Guangdong
05 Nov – 08 Nov	Xiamen International Tea Fair	Xiamen
07 Nov	International Marathon City Wall	Xi'an
08 Nov – 10 Nov	Wuyuan Tourism Festival	Wuyuan
12 Nov – 22 Nov	Guangzhou International Food Festival	Guangzhou
14 Nov – 19 Nov	Qiang New Year	Jiuzhaigou
16 Nov – 10 Jan	Beijing Comedy Festival	Beijing
19 Nov – 18 Dec	West Lake Festival	Hangzhou
Nov	Hong Kong International Jazz Festival	Hong Kong

## December 2012

01 Dec – 01 Jan	Hong Kong Winter Festival	Hong Kong
08 Dec – 10 Dec	Hotel Facilities Exhibition	Guangzhou
16 Dec – 19 Dec	Beijing International Import Foods Exhibition	Beijing

## January 2013

5 Jan – 28 Feb	Harbin Ice Festival	Harbin
24 Jan	Zigong Lantern Festival	Zigong
Jan	Dong Nationality Fireworks Festival	Guilin
Jan/Feb	Spring Festival	Beijing

## February 2013

10 Feb	Chinese New Year International Performance Night	Hong Kong
10 Feb – 15 Feb	Spring Festival Flower Fair	Guangzhou
10 Feb – 10 Mar	Hong Kong Arts Festival	Hong Kong
11 Feb	Chinese New Year Fireworks Performance	Hong Kong
24 Feb	Water Fire Dragon Festival	Luodai
Feb/Mar	Nanjing International Plum Blossom Festival	Nanjing

## March 2013

01 Mar – 31 Mar	Gongcheng Peach Blossom Festival	Guilin
03 Mar	Chinese New Year's Eve Flower Market	Hong Kong
09 Mar – 11 Mar	Shanghai International Fashion Culture Festival	Shanghai
20 Mar – 06 Apr	Hong Kong International Film Festival	Hong Kong
25 Mar – 11 Apr	Shanghai Peach Blossom Festival	Shanghai
Mar	Literary Festival	Beijing
Mar/Apr	Hong Kong Rugby Sevens	Hong Kong

## April 2013

01 Apr – 30 Apr	Shanghai International Flower Festival	Shanghai
08 Apr – 08 May	Longjin Tea Fair	Hangzhou
18 Apr – 30 Apr	Shanghai International Tea Culture Festival	Shanghai
28 Apr	Shanghai International Music Festival	Shanghai
Apr	Formula 1	Shanghai
Apr	Canton Trade Fair	Guangzhou
Apr	Huangshan Mountain Bike Festival	Huangshan
Apr/May	Cherry Blossom Festival	Qingdao
Apr/May	International Dragon Boat Festival	Hong Kong
Apr/Jul	Tianpeng Peony Fair	Chengdu

## May 2013

01 May – 03 May	Kunming International Cultural Tourism Festival	Kunming
10 May	Shanghai International Jewellery Exhibition	Shanghai
17 May	Buddha Bathing Festival	Dengfeng
17 May	Mountain Festival	Kangding
18 May	Great Wall Marathon	Beijing
May	International Music Festival	Beijing

## June 2013

06 June	The Horse Race and Archery Festival	Lhasa
12 June	Dragon Boat Festival	Shanghai
12 June – 15 June	Shangri la Horse Racing Festival	Shangri la
12 June – 20 June	Shanghai International Film Festival	Shanghai
Jun	Dragon Boat Festival	Beijing

## July 2013

16 Jul – 25 July	Qinghai Lake International Cycling Race	Qinghai Lake
21 Jul – 27 July	Hong Kong Book Fair	Hong Kong
31 Jul – 02 Aug	Xichang Torch Festival	Xichang
Jul	Ziyang Song Festival	Guilin

## August 2013

Aug	International Beer Festival	Qingdao
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## September 2013

01 Sep	World Archery Youth Championships	Wuxi
01 Sep – 30 Sep	Xi'an Ancient Culture and Art Festival	Xi'an
01 Sep – 31 Oct	Shanghai Tourism Festival	Shanghai
19 Sep	Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival	
Sep	Suzhou Silk Festival	Suzhou
Sep	Shanghai Art Fair	Shanghai
Sep	Lintong Pomegranate Festival	Xi'an
Sep/Oct	Shanghai International Arts Festival	Shanghai

## October 2013

Oct	Shanghai Rolex Masters	Shanghai
Oct	Beijing International Marathon	Beijing
Oct/Nov	Canton Trade Fair	Guangzhou
Oct/Nov	Beijing International Music Festival	Beijing

## China

<b>Country Name:</b>	Peoples Republic of China
<b>Population:</b>	1.35 billion
<b>Capital:</b>	Beijing
<b>Currency:</b>	Chinese Yuan Renminbi
<b>Languages:</b>	Mandarin Chinese
<b>Time Zone:</b>	(-4) hours of New Zealand (-5) hours of New Zealand DST
<b>Religions:</b>	Buddhism, Shenism, Taoism and Confucianism
<b>Electricity:</b>	Current is 220V, 50 HZ Plug is a 2 point rectangle pin adaptor



## Meet the Team

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### Wendy Stanton | General Manager Commercial

Wendy has a long standing career in the New Zealand travel industry and has held various roles with Canadian Airlines, Air Canada and most recently, prior to joining Acrossia, as GSA Manager for Royal Brunei Airlines. Wendy values the importance of building strong relationships with industry partners and the need to provide a professional and valuable customer service experience. Acrossia will work closely with its airline partners to support their commitment in providing seamless connectivity between New Zealand and Hong Kong and New Zealand and China. A priority will be to ensure that the sales and marketing activities of Acrossia support and grow the demand of the New Zealand traveller, for destination China. We trust that Acrossia's China Trade Guide will assist with this process.

### Rebekah Cheeseman | Account Manager

Rebekah has been part of the travel industry for over 12 years and has held various roles in both retail and wholesale travel. Rebekah has travelled China extensively, in both a business and leisure capacity and has some wonderful experiences to share with the New Zealand travel industry and their clients. Rebekah is committed to ensuring that the travel experience to China is second to none and welcomes the opportunity to share her own 'backyard tips'. Rebekah will provide the face to face support to Acrossia's preferred industry partners at the retail shop level and is looking forward to assisting and supporting the growth of Kiwi travellers to China.

### Jessie Zhang | Wholesale Manager

Jessie joined the travel industry in Beijing in 1994 and moved to New Zealand from China in 2002. Her previous experience in China is extensive, including various roles as tour and national guide as well as tour manager for a Chinese inbound tour operator. Jessie's personal experience of China includes the cities of Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Xi'an, Mt Huangshan, Yangtze Cruise, Chongqing, Chengdu, Yunman, Silk Road and Beijing. Having worked and lived in New Zealand for over 10 years, Jessie understands the needs and interests of the New Zealand traveller. Jessie will provide clients with an excellent overall experience of culture and history. She recommends a private tour with a good English speaking guide and will ensure that travel itineraries undertaken are seamless and ultimately memorable.

