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GUIDE

LOCALKEY TRAVEL

China, unlocked by local specialists.

Small group tours, self-guided tours, and tailor-made China tours
designed by people who understand China from the inside.

Three ways to travel China with specialist judgment.

LocalKey is a China specialist travel company. We do not sell generic city-hop pacing; we design trips around the country as it actually works for international travelers.

Small Group China Tours

Fixed departures with route design, realistic pacing, guide selection, and practical support. Launch timing is planned for June 2026.

Self-Guided China Tours

Independent travel with route logic, booking notes, tools, and support windows behind the scenes.

Tailor-Made China Trips

Private design around dates, budget, pace, hotels, guides, transport, food, and support.

The common thread

Each product line uses the same specialist layer: visa logic, arrival friction, rail timing, hotel location judgment, guide fit, payment setup, and realistic daily pacing.

Pick the format that fits how you like to move.

The right China trip is less about a famous route and more about how much structure, support, and privacy you want around it.

Travel style	Group size	Customization	Support level
Small group	Shared fixed departure	Route is pre-designed	High during planned route
Self-guided	Private traveler party	Route and notes tailored	Support windows + key logistics
Tailor-made	Private party	Fully private design	Highest, from design to final docs

Price range note

Final pricing depends on season, hotels, guide coverage, train or flight choices, and how much private support is included. LocalKey quotes confirmed proposals, not vague package promises.

Solve the practical layer before polishing the dream itinerary.

China rewards preparation. A strong trip starts with entry rules, mobile payment, connectivity, season, and transport choices that actually fit the traveler.

Visa and 240-hour transit

Your route needs to match official entry logic, not just map logic.

Alipay and WeChat Pay

International cards can work, but setup and backup options should be handled before arrival.

SIM, eSIM, roaming, VPN

Connectivity choices shape maps, translation, ride-hailing, and messaging.

Season and holidays

Weather matters, but national holidays and school breaks can matter more.

Rail vs domestic flights

High-speed rail is often smoother; flights can still win on longer multi-region moves.

Route frames, not one-size-fits-all packages.

These are starting points. Final routing should respond to flights, season, interests, hotel comfort, walking tolerance, and visa rules.

5 days

Shanghai + Suzhou: a soft landing with modern China, gardens, canals, and manageable rail movement.

7-10 days

Beijing + Xi'an + Shanghai, or Shanghai + Hangzhou + Suzhou for a Yangtze Delta rhythm.

12+ days

A multi-region route with buffers. China is too large for a city-hop sprint to feel generous.



Four first LocalKey city anchors.

The first LocalKey destination layer focuses on cities that create useful route logic for international travelers.



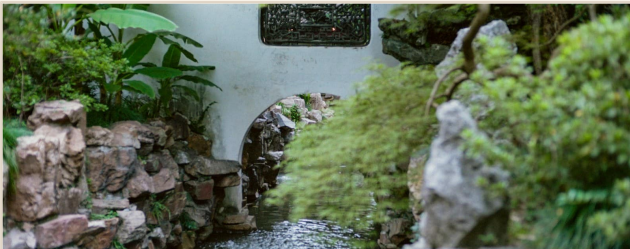
Shanghai

The easiest modern first landing and a strong rail base for the Yangtze Delta.



Beijing

Capital scale, imperial history, and long walking days that need breathing room.



Suzhou

Gardens, canals, and slower pacing close enough to Shanghai to design well.



Chengdu

Food, teahouses, pandas, and a softer west-China rhythm.

Cultural access should feel specific, not theatrical.

LocalKey experience design starts with food, tea, photography, heritage, nature, and family pacing. Sample experiences will be published as supplier details are confirmed.

Food

Built around local context, timing, and a traveler-friendly plan rather than a thin activity list.

Tea

Built around local context, timing, and a traveler-friendly plan rather than a thin activity list.

Photography

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Culture and heritage

Designed with realistic movement, weather, age range, and guide fit in mind.

Hiking and nature

Designed with realistic movement, weather, age range, and guide fit in mind.

Family

Designed with realistic movement, weather, age range, and guide fit in mind.

Live editorial example

Chongqing cyberpunk photography guide: <https://www.localkeytravel.com/china-guide/chongqing-cyberpunk-photo-guide>

From travel brief to final documents.

The LocalKey process is deliberately plain: understand the traveler, design the route, confirm the booking basis, then prepare the trip properly.

Contact

Submit a travel brief. A specialist reviews the route, timing, group, and trip fit before replying.

Design

LocalKey prepares route logic, proposal, and practical notes. Complex trips may take 3-7 days.

Deposit

Approve the proposal and pay the 20% non-refundable deposit online by Stripe card.

Travel

Receive final documents, support contacts, and on-ground coordination details before departure.

Clear terms before the trip starts.

LocalKey is a new specialist brand, so we keep the trust layer direct: no fake trade badges, no invented office network, no vague payment conditions.

Deposit

20% non-refundable deposit due within 7 days of proposal acceptance.

Balance

Final balance due 60 days before departure.

Payment

USD pricing during Phase 1. Online Stripe card payment only.

Jurisdiction

Terms are governed by the laws of the People's Republic of China unless mandatory consumer protections require otherwise.

Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for medical, cancellation, and disruption cover.

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Bring us the trip you want. We will make it workable.

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Start planning your China trip.

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