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Home of the Giant Pandas

21 Days

**Your “Taste of Volunteering” Project:**    
Teaching English and Helping Clean Panda Reserve

Our Community Development project location will be in Fengtongzai Nature Reserve and Baoxin county. Community Development activities include English teaching at local village and help cleaning the Panda reserve.



**Trip Highlights:**

- Hong Kong
- Chengdu’s Sichuan cuisine delights
- Wolong Panda Reserve
- Hongyuan grassland on edge of Tibetan Plateau
- Spectacular alpine valley at Jiuzhaigou



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- Jiuzhaigou Giant Panda reserve, a nature photographer's dream
- Yellow Dragon National Park
- The Tibetan Monastery of Huanglongsi
- More pandas in Baoxin county

### **Trip Description:**

Since the third century Sichuan has been known as 'Heaven on Earth' in celebration of its fertile land and magnificent scenery. It is also the home of Giant Pandas. The trip offers the fantastic chance to see Giant Pandas and look for rare and beautiful birds and plants in one of the world's most spectacular environments.

Our first stop after Hong Kong is Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan Province, where you will get your first introduction to the delights of Sichuan cuisine. Wolong, China's largest and most important sanctuary for Pandas, is our next stop. Apart from the fascinating, yet elusive, Giant pandas, the surrounding scenery ranges from lowland waterfalls and forests to alpine meadows fringed by snow-capped peaks.

We travel north through the vast and beautiful Hongyuan grassland to the edge of the Tibetan Plateau. From here we travel southeast to the spectacular alpine valley at Jiuzhaigou and its stunning blue lakes and waterfalls, another large sanctuary for the Giant Panda, a nature photographer's dream.

We drive south to Huanglong (Yellow Dragon) National Park, set in a deep valley surrounded by glacier peaks, and cross a 4,100m pass with glorious views of snowbound crags rising to 5,588 metres. We drive to Maoxian town, via the Tibetan Monastery of Huanglongsi.

We return to Chengdu where we travel west to Baoxin county where the world's first Giant Panda was discovered in 1869. In Fengtongzai Nature Reserve, founded in Baoxin in 1979 Giant Pandas live in a wonderful setting of forests surrounded by rugged snow-capped mountains and can be seen in their natural condition.

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**Day by Day Itinerary:**

Day 1	Hong Kong	(L,D)
Day 2	Fly to Chengdu	(B,L,D)
Day 3	Drive to Wolong Reserve	(B,L,D)
Day 4-5	Wolong Reserve – Giant Panda Sanctuary	(B,L,D)
Day 6	Transfer to Guergou via monastery	(B,L,D)
Day 7	Hongyuan, near Tibet	(B,L,D)
Day 8	Hongyuan and Meiwa monastery	(B,L,D)
Day 9	Transfer to Jiuzhaigou	(B,L,D)
Day 10	Jiuzhaigou Nature Reserve – Giant Panda Sanctuary	(B,L,D)
Day 11	Transfer to Maoxian via Yellow Dragon National Park	(B,L,D)
Day 12	Transfer to Chengdu	(B,L,D)
Day 13	Transfer to Fengtongzhai	(B,L,D)
Day 14	Fengtongzhai Nature Reserve – Giant Panda Sanctuary	(B,L,D)
Day 15-18	Community Development	(B,L,D)
Day 19	Fengtongzhai to Chengdu	(B,L,D)
Day 20	Fly to Hong Kong	(B,L,D)
Day 21	Hong Kong; Trip ends	(B)

**Comfort Level:** 4/5

Accommodation is in comfortable 3\* hotels (3 nights), excellent 4\* hotels (8 nights), guesthouses (5 nights) and family homestay (4 nights) during Community Development.

**Activity Level:** 3/5

**Min. Travellers per Group:** 2

**Max. Travellers per Group:** 12

**Police Check Required?** Yes