

CHINA'S HIDDEN COAST: QINGDAO & YANTAI

SEA AWAY TRIP

DESTINATIONS: QINGDAO & YANTAI, SHANDONG

TRANSPORTATION: HIGH-SPEED TRAIN + COACH + FLIGHT

OCTOBER 17-19, 2025 FRI-SUN



Photo above: The Penglai Fairyland, Yantai, Shandong Province

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OVERVIEW

A 3-day coastal escape by train and air. Discover Qingdao's classic architecture and iconic breweries, then uncover Yantai's coastal charm — tour seaside vineyards where ocean breezes help craft some of China's finest wines. Wander Yantai Hill's old consulates and villas, stroll along the coast, and taste local wines with sea views. Travel out by high-speed rail, return by flight — the perfect weekend getaway.

Day 1 October 17 Friday
Shanghai, High Speed Train to Qingdao
1 night in Qingdao (Dinner is included)

08:00 Meet at Shanghai Train Station

08:41 D2146, departure

13:36 Qingdao Bei Train Station arrival, meet on arrival, and then drive to Qingdao Beer Museum.

** We recommend packing portable snacks as lunch time is not allocated in today's itinerary.*

14:30 Qingdao Beer Museum (Tsingtao Brewery) visit

Step into the origins of China's most famous beer. Founded in 1903 by German brewers, Tsingtao Brewery combines European techniques with local culture. At the museum, you can trace its journey through time and even see some of the original equipment still running today.

15:30 Drive to Governor's Residence, approx. 15 min

15:45 Governor's Residence visit

Built between 1905 and 1908, this residence was the official home of the German governor-general in the Jiaozhou Bay concession. Blending elements of classic German castle architecture, the building showcases elegant forms, intricate ornamentation, flowing lines, and bold colors. It

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is widely considered one of the finest examples of Western-style villas in China.

16:30 Depart from the Governor's Residence and walk to the north gate of Signal Hill Park (approx. 5 minutes).

Ascent: The hill stands at 98 meters above sea level, with about 300 steps leading to the top. The climb takes 15 to 25 minutes, depending on pace and physical condition.

17:20 Sunset at the summit.

From the top, enjoy panoramic views of Qingdao's old town, red-tiled roofs, Zhanqiao Pier, Xiaoqingdao, Badaguan villas, and the Yellow Sea beyond.



Photo above: enjoy panoramic views of Qingdao

17:40 Walk back down to the north gate of Signal Hill. Board the bus at the park's north gate for a 10-20-minute drive to the hotel.

Stay at Huiquan Dynasty Hotel for 1 night

18:30 Have a dinner at a local restaurant nearby.

Lunch is not included, dinner is included.

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Day 2 October 18 Saturday **Qingdao, drive to Yantai, 1 night in Yantai** **(Hotel breakfast and dinner are included)**

Sunrise at approx. 06:10 am

07:00 Hotel breakfast

08:00 Check out and have a walking tour in Badaguan

Badaguan - eight Great Passes Scenic Area is used to have eight avenues that were named after eight famous passes in China. Imbued with foreign flavor, Badaguan, this "museum of world architecture," encompasses nearly a hundred villas in different styles.

08:45 Drive to Zhanqiao Pier, approx. 15 min

Stretching about 440 meters into the sea from Taiping Road, Zhanqiao Pier is one of Qingdao's most iconic landmarks. The pier is so emblematic of Qingdao that it's featured on the label of the world-famous Tsingtao Beer.

09:30 Stroll from Zhanqiao Pier to St. Michael's Cathedral in 20-30 minutes (1.3 km) – a photogenic walk through Qingdao's old town, passing European-style buildings and nostalgic cobblestone lanes.

St. Michael's Cathedral

A large Catholic church in Qingdao's old town, built by German missionaries in the 1930s. Notable for its twin spires and beautiful stained glass windows, it's a popular landmark and photo spot.

10:30 Drive to Yantai approx. 200 km, 3 hours

**During the trip to Yantai, we'll take a break at a highway rest stop for restroom use and to grab some snacks. There won't be a scheduled lunch break on this day.*

Yantai, on Shandong's northern coast, is China's wine birthplace with a history since 1892. Its oceanic climate and sunshine - similar to Bordeaux - are perfect for grape growing. Beyond vineyards, visit Penglai Fairyland,

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famous for its sea views and mythology, and Yantai Hill, known for historic consulates and villas reflecting the city's international past.

13:30 Visit Yantai Hill



Photo above: Yantai Hill, Yantai

Yantai Hill is where the city got its name, once home to a Ming-era watchtower and later to foreign consulates and villas. Today, it's a scenic coastal park with sea views, historic buildings, and a glimpse into Yantai's international past.

14:30 Drive to Château Changyu-Castel.

15:30 Winery visit and tasting at Château Changyu-Castel.

China's first international joint-venture winery (2002), blending French expertise with Shandong terroir. Tour the neo-classical château, underground cellars, and taste their award-winning Cabernet Givry.

17:15 After the visit, drive 5 min. to hotel, check in
Stay at Hilton Yantai Golden Coast Hotel for 1 night

18:45 Dinner at a local restaurant

Leisure wine tasting and dinner are included; lunch is on your own.

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Day 3 October 19 Sunday **Yantai, fly back to Shanghai.** **(Hotel breakfast is included)**

Hotel breakfast and check out.

10:00 Hotel departure, drive to Penglai Fairyland, approx. 1 hour

11:00 A Glimpse into China's Mythical Fairyland: Penglai Fairyland

Perched on a cliff overlooking the Bohai Sea, Penglai is steeped in legend and natural beauty. Often referred to as the "fairyland on earth," this ancient coastal town is best known for the Penglai Pavilion, where—according to Chinese mythology - immortals once gathered and set off across the sea in search of eternal life.

13:00 Drive to Longting Vineyard approx. 30 minutes

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13:30 Winery visit and tasting at Longting Vineyard



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Nestled in Penglai's coastal hills, Longting is a boutique biodynamic winery crafting 'wines of place.' Their 50-hectare estate, planted with French clones, focuses on single-vineyard expressions of Cabernet Franc and Petit Manseng. The gravity-fed winery - built into the landscape - mirrors their philosophy of minimal intervention.

15:20 Departure, drive to Yantai airport, approx. 40 min

16:00 Yantai Penglai airport arrival

17:30 MU2180 Yantai-Shanghai Pudong departure

18:35 MU6556 Yantai-Shanghai Hongqiao departure

** Reference only, subject to final confirmation.*

19:20 Shanghai Pudong Airport arrival Hongqiao airport arrival

20:15 Shanghai Hongqiao Airport arrival.

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Lunch and leisure wine tasting are included, dinner is on your own.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

October 17-18, 1 night

Qingdao Hotel: Huiquan Dynasty Hotel Qingdao

Hotel is a 5-star hotel situated along the scenic Huiquan Bay in Qingdao's Shinan District. The hotel offers panoramic sea views. You can enjoy amenities such as an indoor pool, fitness center, and on-site dining



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options. The hotel's prime location provides easy access to nearby attractions like the First Beach and Badaguan Scenic Area.

October 18-19, 1 night

Yantai Hotel: Hilton Yantai Golden Coast

Located in Yantai's Economic Development Area, Hilton Yantai Golden Coast is a 5-star hotel offering stunning sea views. The hotel has comfortable rooms, an indoor pool, a fitness center, and great dining options. It's close to popular attractions like Golden Beach and Changyu Castle Winery.



TOUR PRICE

Min. 8 guests travelling together, valid through October 2025

CNY 3980 per person twin share room

CNY 4680 per person single room

What's Included

✓ Dedicated Tour Coordinator

SEA Away Trip representative

✓ Private Transfers

Air-conditioned coach for all scheduled transfers

✓ Rail Travel

High-speed train (Shanghai→Yantai, Oct 17) - Standard Class

✓ Guided Experiences

English-speaking local guides in Qingdao & Yantai

✓ Accommodation 2 nights in standard rooms:

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1 night Qingdao (Huiquan Dynasty Hotel or similar)

1 night Yantai (Hilton Yantai Golden Coast or similar)

✓ Meals

2 breakfasts + 2 dinners (as specified in daily itinerary)

✓ Wine Experiences

2 vineyard visits with leisure tastings (incl. 5 samples total)

✓ Admissions & Logistics

All entrance fees + scenic area shuttles + travel insurance

What's Excluded

X Flights (e.g., Yantai - Shanghai on Oct 19)

X Meals & beverages unless specified (e.g., lunches, extra alcohol beyond tastings)

X Personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, minibar, etc.)

X Optional activities (e.g., private tours not in itinerary)

X Gratuities (guides/drivers at your discretion)

For the organization of the away trip, SEA hires a reputable vendor. The vendor offers the following terms and conditions.

RESERVATION, DEPOSIT & BALANCE

Reservation deadline: **September 18, 2025**

Deposit: **CNY 1000** is required upon booking confirmation.

Balance due: **September 18, 2025**, Final payment

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The vendor reserves all rights to make changes at mentioned price in any special circumstances. These can be the change of currency rate, transport prices, fuel prices, tax, extra cost of certain services or other circumstances that the vendor does not have chance to avoid in advance. Generally, the confirmed prices will not be adjusted less than 8 weeks before travel starts.

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PAYMENT

The payment can be settled by cash, via WeChat, Alipay. If the payment does not reach the vendor by the agreed date, the vendor has the right to cancel your booking.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If cancelled after September 18, 2025 (including September 18), CNY 1000 per person.

If cancelled within 48 hours of the start of the tour or after, there will be no refund given.

LIABILITY CLAUSE

The local vendor is responsible for arranging and delivering the services specified in the confirmed itinerary, and shall exercise reasonable care and comply with applicable local laws and industry standards in doing so.

The vendor accepts liability for any loss or injury resulting directly from its own negligence or improper arrangement of services, such as issues related to food, accommodation, or transportation. Where applicable, the vendor will provide or assist with travel insurance to cover such incidents.

However, the vendor shall not be held liable for any damage, delay, or loss caused by third-party service providers (e.g., hotels, transportation companies, airlines), or by circumstances beyond the vendor's control, including but not limited to natural disasters, political unrest, or force majeure events. Any additional expenses arising from such events shall be borne by the client.

NOTES ON THE TOUR

To the extent permitted by law, the vendor shall not be held liable for any service disruptions or losses caused by force majeure or unforeseeable events beyond its control (e.g., natural disasters, epidemic outbreaks, flight delays). The vendor and clients will, however, make reasonable efforts to minimize any resulting loss or inconvenience.

Any changes to the itinerary made by the clients during the tour are at their own expense. Services voluntarily canceled or not utilized by the clients during the trip will not be refunded.