

Harbin

ICE & SNOW

Festival 2025

FULLY ESCORTED FROM BRISBANE
9 DAYS • 10-18 JANUARY 2025



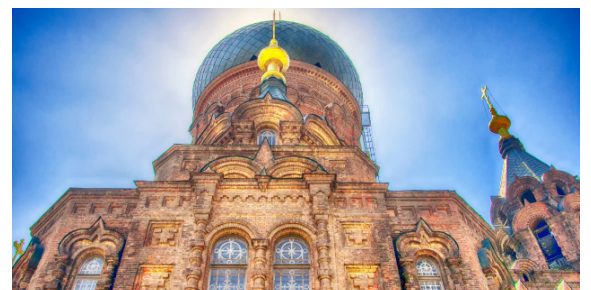
*An unforgettable journey to the world's most
spectacular display of ice and snow sculptures*



Welcome to the magical wonderland of the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival! Set in the picturesque northern city of Harbin, China, this world-renowned festival boasts a mesmerising array of ice sculptures, towering ice buildings, and intricate snow art, all illuminated by vibrant lights that create a surreal and enchanting atmosphere. Join us on this unforgettable journey as we explore the dazzling ice and snow creations, experience thrilling ice activities, and immerse ourselves in the rich culture and traditions of this winter wonderland. Get ready to be awestruck by the beauty and grandeur of the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival!

Tour Highlights

- Visit Ice and Snow World, with its extraordinary display of massive, intricate ice and snow sculptures
- Enjoy ice slides, snow mazes, cultural performances and a horse-drawn sleigh ride
- Marvel at the display of massive snow sculptures at the Sun Island International Snow Expo
- Get up close and personal with Siberian Tigers at the Siberian Tiger Park
- Spend a night in the fairytale like village of Snow Town
- Visit Volga Manor, inspired by Russian architecture and culture, and its Vodka Museum
- Visit the Japanese Germ Warfare Experimental Base
- Tour the stunning city of Harbin, including St Sophia Church, central avenue and Stalin Park
- Visit Harbin's Old Synagogue, built in 1906



Itinerary



Day 1: Friday 10 January 2025

Brisbane – Harbin

Late this evening, we depart Brisbane on our flight to Harbin.

Day 2: Saturday 11 January

Harbin B

On arrival in Harbin, we transfer to our hotel. This afternoon, we visit the **Siberian Tiger Park**. Covering an area of 1,200,000 square meters, the park is considered the one and only place in the world to admire the purebred and scarce Siberian tiger (aka Manchurian tiger), one of the world's top 10 endangered animals. The park is also home to other wildlife. We see the tigers up close and personal on a safari in a protected bus.

2 nights: Shangri-La Harbin Hotel (Deluxe River view) or similar

Day 3: Sunday 12 January

Harbin B

This morning we visit **Sun Island International Snow Sculpture Art Expo**. Located on Sun Island along the Songhua River, this expo showcases an extraordinary display of massive snow sculptures created by artists from around the world. We are treated to a stunning array of intricate sculptures depicting various themes, from cultural icons to whimsical designs, all crafted from the pristine snow of the region. We then visit **Ice and Snow World**, a dazzling winter wonderland renowned for its stunning display of massive ice sculptures and intricate snow carvings. Each year, the park transforms into a magical landscape illuminated by colourful lights, creating a mesmerising spectacle. We explore the park, marvelling at the intricate details of the sculptures and enjoying various attractions, including ice slides, snow maze, and cultural performances. An unforgettable experience!

Day 4: Monday 13 January

Harbin – Snow Town B/L/D

After breakfast, we transfer to **Snow Town** in Mudanjiang city (5-6 hours). Enroute, we take a **horse drawn sleigh ride** in Yabuli, and eat lunch in a local farmer's restaurant, before arriving in Snow Town in the afternoon. Snow Town was not known to the outside world before 1999 until it was discovered by some photography enthusiasts. The snow in the town is both thick and sticky, a feature making the town a snow fairyland. In winter, the traditional houses and courtyards are decorated by the thick snow, creating magnificent natural snow engraving arts – snow mushrooms, snow curtains, snow rabbits, snow horses. At night, the whole town is lit up by the red lanterns hanging outside their houses and on the streets, making the snow town a fantastic place for wandering and unwinding. Take the opportunity to walk around Snow Town, look at nature and experience the lifestyle of Snow Town people. Take a walk on the "Snow Charm Avenue", which is full of simple farming village characteristics in Northeastern China. Tonight, we enjoy dinner at our hotel.

1 Night: Xuexiang Xueyun Holiday Hotel (Standard Room) or similar

Day 5: Tuesday 14 January

Snow Town – Harbin B

After breakfast, transfer by coach to watch the sunrise at the beautiful Yangcao Mountain. Walking in the forest of snow before returning to the hotel. You can experience riding the snowmobile (at your own expense). Enjoy free time before we transfer back to Harbin this afternoon. On arrival in Harbin, we visit the **Zhaolin Park Ice Lantern Show**, providing a spectacular display of intricate ice sculptures and colourful lanterns. The sculptures are carved from blocks of ice depicting various scenes, from mythical creatures to famous landmarks, illuminated by vibrant lights.

3 nights: Shangri-La Harbin Hotel (Deluxe River view) or similar

Day 6: Wednesday 15 January

Harbin B

This morning is yours to enjoy Harbin. This afternoon, we visit the square of **St. Sophia Church**, which was built in 1907. It's a rich Byzantine style Eastern Orthodox Church. It is now mainly used as an architectural art gallery to display the past, current, and future development of Harbin city. Then heading to the **central avenue of Harbin** where you will be able to take in many Russian style buildings. Continue to the **Stalin Park**, which is known as evidence of the friendship between the world's two most powerful communist countries at that time. Optional: Ice activities on Songhua River (own expense)

Day 7: Thursday 16 January

Harbin B/L/D

After breakfast, we visit the **Volga Manor** (including Lunch). Inspired by Russian architecture and culture, this expansive estate offers visitors a glimpse into the beauty and traditions of Russia's Volga region. Set amidst lush gardens, picturesque rivers, and traditional Russian-style buildings, we explore the estate's manicured grounds, visit historical landmarks such as the **Russian Orthodox Church**, and enjoy various cultural performances showcasing Russian music and dance. We also explore the **Russian Vodka Museum** inside the Volga Manor with a cool and very beautiful underground bar. We learn about the rich history and cultural significance of Russia's iconic beverage. The museum offers a unique opportunity to explore the origins, production methods, and traditions surrounding vodka, as well as a display of vodka bottles. We then visit the Japanese germ warfare experimental base 73, a museum set in the notorious **Japanese Germ Warfare Experimental Base**. The museum includes photos, sculptures and exhibits of the equipment used by the Japanese. Our last stop is **Old Synagogue**, built in 1906. It was originally the central Assembly Hall of Jews. It was designed by HA Kazijie, reflecting Jewish architectural style. Tonight, we have our Farewell Dinner.

Day 8: Friday 17 January

Harbin – Brisbane B

After breakfast we transfer by coach to the airport for our overnight flight to Brisbane.

Day 9: Saturday 18 January

Brisbane

We arrive back in Brisbane at approximately 8.30am.



INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class airfares from Brisbane
- 5 nights accommodation at Shangri-La Harbin Hotel (Deluxe River view) or similar
- 1 night accommodation at Xuexiang Xueyun Holiday Hotel (Standard Room) or similar
- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Services of English speaking local guide during sightseeing
- Fully Escorted from Brisbane with a Zeppelin Tour Manager

EXCLUSIONS:

- Chinese VISA
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions/Sightseeing & Entrance fees not mentioned in itinerary
- Room extras such as mini bar, room service etc
- Travel Insurance
- Passport requirements

9 Days / 8 Nights

Fri 10th - Sat 18th January 2025

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The tour cost is subject to 10 paying passengers having booked 90 Days prior to Departure. If we have not attained this number it may be necessary to review the tour cost. It will also be necessary to review the Tour Escort arrangements and offer similar arrangements on an unescorted basis.

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CHINESE VISA

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