

Panda Keeper Program in Dujiangyan Panda Base

Code: LCT-CP-1D -01

Duration: 1 Day

Attractions: Panda Keeper Program

Overview: This tour is specially designated for panda lovers! As the national treasure and friendship token to other countries, Giant Panda always draws people's attention and attracts a large amount of tourists to visit. Chengdu serves as home to most pandas in China and it has ventured a new program to realize many people's dream of taking care of panda. That is Panda Keeper Program. This day tour would enable you to do a few things for your favorite animal covering from cleaning their feces to making them cookies. It's a lot like taking care of cute babies. If they are familiar with you, they might play with you!

Highlights

1. Enjoy the brand-new panda base without being disturbed by other tourists;
2. Learn to clean panda's enclosure;
3. Feed pandas with your own hands;
4. Make panda cakes made by yourselves;
5. Know about how to take good care of pandas under the instruction of the base staff;
6. Be awarded with a certificate as a prove of love for cute pandas;

Detailed Itinerary

7:30 a.m: Picking up from your hotel. Your tour personal guide and driver will pick you up at 7:30 a.m from your hotel and drive to directly to the Dujiangyan Panda Base.

Note: Please let us know beforehand if you want to start earlier or later.

8:30 - 9:00 a.m: Registration for volunteering

When you arrived at the Panda Base, your tour guide will help you to register and sign a safety agreement with the Giant Panda Volunteer Service Center. After signing up and registration, your volunteer experience would commence.

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First of all, you will get a uniform, a pair of gloves and other equipment. Then, the base staff will instruct some tips during the work, which your tour guide will assist you in comprehending them. You will be properly trained.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m: Cleaning pandas' home

The first activity would be cleaning the panda's enclosure. You need to help the staff to clean pandas' feces and replace their bamboos. All the leftover bamboos need to be cleared. You can observe how pandas live.

10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m: Wandering around the panda base

After an hour's work, you will have a break, when you can wander around and see these cute pandas to eat bamboos. Your tour guide will guide you through all the base and help identify all kinds of pandas. Some of them are celebrities bonding relationships between China and other countries.

11:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m: Feed pandas

You may know that pandas eat a lot. Besides bamboo, they can have cakes, apples, even carrots. You will feed them with specially made panda cakes closely.

12:00 p.m - 13:00 p.m: Lunch time

The panda base will provide lunch for you. There are usually rice, meat dishes, vegetable dishes, porridge, and other Chinese food. In case you are not in mood for typical Chinese food, please bring your own lunch. After lunch, you may rest a little and get ready for afternoon activities.

13:00 - 14:00 p.m: Panda documentary

You will watch some documentaries regarding how pandas evolved and being protected by humans.

14:00 - 14:50: Clean the enclosure and feed panda again

By now, the earlier replaced bamboos must have been dry already, you need to put some fresh bamboos in and take the dried ones out. You can also feed them with some fruits and vegetables.

14:50 - 15:30: Make panda cakes

When you feed the pandas with panda cakes, you must be curious about how it was made. Well, you have a chance to actually make panda cake with your own hands. You can make them into various shape.

15:30 - 16:30 p.m: Receive a certificate for your work and get back to hotel

Your volunteering experience would end here and the panda base would issue you a certificate indicating your love and work for pandas. You will be transferred back to your hotel.

What's Important:

What's included:

Private transfer service to the Dujiangyan Panda Base from your hotel and back there again;

1 on 1 tour planning with limitless itinerary modification;

Personal tour guides with great background knowledge, and language skills;

Private driver with long-time driving experience;

Admission fee and other fee needed for this program;

Lunch in the panda base;

What's excluded:

Meals except lunch;

Personal cost;

Tip for tour guide and driver as a reward and appreciation for their hard work.

Good to know:

1. Please do not wear slippers for this tour to avoid being injured by pandas;
2. Please do not wear perfumes, or use some other stimulating things such as manicure that may make pandas uncomfortable;
3. You are offered with uniforms and gloves by the panda base, there is no need to bring on your own;
4. Please read the safety agreement very carefully before you get to work. Strictly follow the lead of the base staff;
5. Do not touch pandas under any circumstances. They are carnivorous;
6. Bring your own food in case you are not accustomed with the Chinese lunch offered them;
7. Report to the instructor immediately if you aren't feeling well;
8. Do not lark and take pictures during work.
9. The private transfer service starts from a hotel within city center.
10. The program may change due to some reasons like the health conditions of pandas, weather, etc.. Thank you for understanding.
11. The itinerary can be flexible based on your schedule, but half day tour would still be priced as one whole day;
12. Please prepare physical examination beforehand;
13. Age frame: 12-65 years old. In case you are bringing children under 12, please keep your children out of the panda cage.

FAQ

1. What's the difference between Chengdu Panda Breeding Center and Dujiangyan Panda Valley?

Re: It's hard to differentiate these two places, but they are different in fact.

Location: Chengdu Panda Breeding Center is located in Chengdu city, very convenient to access.

Dujiangyan Panda Valley is located about 50km away from the city. It's quite difficult if you want to visit by public transportation.

History: Chengdu Panda Breeding Center has been established for a long time. Most people visit

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pandas here due to its notoriety. Whilst Dujiangyan Panda Valley is recently built and many infrastructures are not that mature.

Function: The former one is dedicated to save and breed the rare animals that are on the edge of extinction like Giant Pandas and Black-necked Crane. While the later one is especially built for the panda protection and help them get back to the natural world.

Animal kinds: In the breeding center, you are going to see some other rare animals with pandas. In the valley, there are only pandas that are a lot less than the former one has.

Environment: Panda Breeding Center can attracts a lot of crowds every day. It would be better for you to visit Panda Valley if you are a nature lover.

2. How to apply as a volunteer to this program?

Re: If you want to book this tour, we will need to apply in advance. Your passport copies and health certificate would be requested. There is a limitation on the amount of applications each day. You can't participate in case it's full.

3. How far is this Panda Valley?

Re: It's about 50km from Chengdu city, which needs about 1 hour drive.

4. Does our guide accompany is during the program?

Re: Yes, your guide will walk you through the whole trip, in this way, you will be able to communicate with the local keeper.