

Panda Keeper Program in Dujiangyan Panda Base

Basics

Tour 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, the Giant Panda always draws people's attention and attracts a large amount of tourists. Chengdu serves as home to most pandas in China and it has launched a new program to realize many people's dream of taking care of pandas, namely the Panda Keeper Program. This day tour will give you the opportunity to care for your favorite animal by cleaning their enclosures and 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

- Enjoy the brand-new panda base without being disturbed by other tourists;
- Learn to clean the panda's enclosure;
- Feed pandas with your own hands;
- Make panda cakes made by yourselves;
- Learn how to take good care of pandas under the instructions of the base staff;
- Be awarded with a certificate as proof of your love for cute pandas.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	07:30 a.m	Panda Keeper Program

7:30: Pick up from your hotel. Your personal tour guide and driver will pick you up at 7:30 from

your hotel and drive directly to the Dujiangyan Panda Base.

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

8:30 - 9:00: Registration for volunteering

Arriving 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 will commence. Firstly you will receive a uniform, a pair of gloves and other equipment. Then, the base staff will provide instructions about the work, which your tour guide will assist in translating. You will be properly trained.



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

The first activity will be cleaning the panda's enclosures. You need to help the staff to clean-up the pandas' faeces and replace their bamboo. All the leftover bamboo needs to be cleared. You can observe how pandas live.

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

After an hour's work, you will have a break, during which you can wander around and observe the cute pandas eating bamboo. Your tour guide will guide you through the whole base and help identify the different kinds of pandas. Some of them are celebrities bonding relationships between China and other countries.



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

You may know that pandas eat a lot. Besides bamboo, they like to eat cakes, apples and carrots. You will come into close contact with them as you feed them with specially made panda cakes.

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

The panda base will provide lunch for you. There is 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 the afternoon activities.

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

You will watch some documentaries on how pandas evolved and efforts to protect them.



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

The morning's bamboo will have dried out and needs to be cleared away and replenished with fresh bamboo. You can also feed the pandas some fruit and vegetables.

Make panda cakes: 14:50 - 15:30

When you feed the pandas with panda cakes, you will be curious about how they were made. Now you will have the chance to make panda cakes with your own hands. You can make them into various shapes.



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

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

What's Important:

Tel: +86 18629295068

Email: lilychinatours@hotmail.com; service@lilysunchinatours.com

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 modifications;
Personal tour guides with great background knowledge, and language skills;
Private driver with long-time driving experience;
Admission fee and other fees needed for this program;
Lunch in the panda base.

What's not included:

Meals except lunch;
Personal expenses;
Tip for tour guide and driver as a reward and appreciation for their hard work.

What to take: smile and a relaxed enthusiastic attitude.

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 other stimulating/ strong smelling toiletries like manicures that may make pandas uncomfortable;
3. You will be supplied with uniforms and gloves by the panda base, there is no need to bring 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 to the Chinese lunch offered;
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 the pandas,

Tel: +86 18629295068

Email: lilychinatours@hotmail.com; service@lilysunchinatours.com

weather, etc.. Thank you for understanding.

11. The itinerary can be flexible based on your schedule, but a half day tour would still be priced as one whole day;
12. Please prepare a physical examination beforehand;
13. Age limitation: 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:.

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 pandas here due to its fame. Whilst the Dujiangyan Panda Valley was only recently built and many infrastructures are not that mature.

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

Animal kinds: At the breeding center, you will see some other rare animals with the pandas. In the valley, there are only pandas, and not as many as the Chengdu Center.

Environment: The Panda Breeding Center can attract a lot of crowds every day. It would be better for you to visit the 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 will be required. There is a limitation to the amount of applicants each day. You can't participate if it's full.

3. How far is this Panda Valley?

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