

China 15 days Yangtze River Cruise Tour

(Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Chongqing, Yangtze River Cruise, Shanghai)

- Day 1 USA - Beijing
We started our tour by boarding an international flight to Beijing, the capital of modern-day China. Spend the night aboard the plane.
- Day 2 Arrive Beijing
Arrive at Beijing in the evening. After clearing customs and retrieving our baggage, we are met by our guide and transferred to the hotel for a good rest.
- Day 3 Beijing (B, L, D)
We start with a visit to the Tiananmen Square, the world largest public square. Proceed to Forbidden City, where for over 500 years commoners were forbidden to enter. The next roll over to the Summer Palace at Kunming Lake, the summer home of the emperor and his royal court is also visited. Tonight, we have a Peking Duck dinner.
- Day 4 Beijing (B, L, DS)
The Great Wall was built to protect its people from northern marauders, snakes its way thousands of miles across Northern China and is one of the few objects on the earth visible even from the moon. This morning we spend time walking on top of this man-made wonder of the world, descending to visit the Ming Tombs Museum. Enjoy local cuisine and take in a Chinese Opera tonight.
- Day 5 Beijing - Xian (B, L, D)
We visit the Temple of Heaven in the morning before board a flight to Xian, the historic starting point of the famed Silk Road. Enjoy the imperial Dumpling Banquet for dinner tonight.
- Day 6 Xian (B, L, DS)
Xian is home to the life-sized Terra-Cotta Warriors of Qin Shi Huang. Made to protect China first emperor even in death, the Terra-Cotta Army was found by a farmer in 1974 and attracts thousands of visitors each year. After viewing the fine troops, we head to Hua Qin Hot Springs. Tonight we watch a stage opera of the Tang Dynasty after we are served the local hot pot cuisine for dinner.
- Day 7 Xian - Guilin (B, L, D)
We visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, pass by the Old City Wall and the ancient Bell Tower. Later we fly to the picturesque city, Guilin. Upon our arrival, we visit

the Reed Flute Cave where fantastic stalactite and stalagmite formations impress us as magical and otherworldly. Elephant Trunk Hill is also visited.

Day 8 Guilin - Yangshuo (B, L, DS)

A meandering river cruise down the Li River is a delightful way to savor the serene, fairytale scenery of Southern China. We may even catch the fascinating sight of fishermen fishing with cormorant birds! The cruise ends at Yangshuo, In the evening, we enjoy the fantastic Minority Musical Stage Performance on Li River - "Yingxiang Liusanjie". The show is directed by Chinese famous director Yimou Zhang. (The admission will be fully refunded if the show is canceled due to any nature element)

Day 9 Yangshuo - Guilin (B, L, DS)

Our city tour of Yangshuo includes visits to the terraced fields, the Big Banyan, the Moon Hill, and the ancient "West Street" . Later today we head back to Guilin by bus. Tonight, we are treated to a colorful minority folklore dance show with dinner.

Day 10 Guilin - Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Take a morning flight to Chongqing, the famous "Mountain City" . After a delicious local hot pot cuisine dinner, we board our five-star Victoria Cruises vessel and begin our exciting Yangtze River adventure.

Day 11 Yangtze River Cruise (Fengdu or Wanzhou or Shibaozhai) (B, L, D)

Our first shore excursion occurs either at the legendary "Ghost City" of Fengdu, or Wanzhou, or Shibaozhai, largely depending on river conditions. Later, we continue sailing on the river.

Day 12 Yangtze River Cruise (Qutang Gorge - Wu Gorge - Daning River or Shennong Stream) (B, L, D)

We enter the portion of the Yangtze that contains the Three Gorges. We navigate the narrow waterway of Qutang Gorge to arrive at Wushan, where we board smaller vessels to access the Three Lesser Gorges. As we ply through the shallow waters of either Daning River or Shennong Stream, we enjoy the spectacular scenery.

Day 13 Yangtze River Cruise (Xiling Gorge - Three Gorges Dam) - Yichang - Shanghai (B, L, D)

We sail through Xiling Gorge and visit the Three Gorges Dam Site, the largest of its type in the world. Our cruise adventure ends as we arrive at Yichang. Upon arrival, we go to the airport and board a short flight to Shanghai, the largest city in China.

Day 14 Shanghai (B, L, DS)

We start our full day city tour at the Nanjing Road for shopping. Move on to the splendid Yu Garden and The Jade Buddha Temple. Continue on to the famous

waterfront Bund, a mile long stretch along the Huangpu River. We are entertained by the exciting Chinese Acrobatics Show in the evening.

Day 15

Shanghai - USA (B)

We transfer to the airport for our flight home as our unforgettable China trip ends.