

17 days Yangtze River Cruise Tour

Visit: Beijing, Xi'an, Yichang, Three Gorges,

Chongqing, Guilin, Hangzhou & Shanghai

This 17-day tour combines the most popular cities in China with cruising through the famous Three Gorges of the Yangtze River to feel the power, majesty and timelessness of China's greatest river. Enjoy the sights as sheer cliffs of rock close in around you, drawing you deeply into a scene of almost unspeakable beauty.

Day 01 Home-Beijing

Day 02 Arrive Beijing

Arrive Beijing. Met by your guide and transfer to 4 star hotel

Day 03 Beijing (B-L-D)

Start your tour with *Tian Anmen Square*, the largest public plaza in the world. On 1st October 1949, Chairman Mao Tsetung proclaimed to the whole world the founding of the People's Republic of China. The *Forbidden City*, which was the Imperial Palace for the Ming and the Qing Dynasty with 800 buildings and over 9,000 rooms. Followed by *The Temple of Heaven* in the afternoon, which is considered as one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. *Beijing Opera* at night.

Day 04 Beijing (B-L-D)

A whole day excursion *the Great Wall* and *the Ming Tombs*. The Great Wall is China's most famous landmark and the only man-made structure visible from outer space. Built during the Qin Dynasty to protect the country from invaders with total length of 6,000 miles. The Ming Tombs are the mausoleums of 13 emperors. *Beijing Duck Dinner*.

Day 05 Beijing-Xi'an (B-L-D)

Morning visit the Zoo and the *Summer Palace* to see the second home of the Imperial Court, which its huge collection of over 1,000 paintings, and its charming gardens with marble pagodas and delicately arched bridges. Afternoon flight to Xi'an, which is an ancient capital city of 11 dynasties. Overnight at 4 star hotel

Day 06 Xi'an (B-L-D)

A whole day tour to visit *Terra-Cotta Army Museum*, where 6,000 life-sized terra-cotta Solders and horses guard the tomb of China's first emperor---Qinshihuang. It was uncovered by some peasants digging a well in 1974 and turned out to be the most important discovery of 20th century. *Huaqing Hot Spring*. *Tang Dynasty Show* at night

Day 07 Xi'an-Yichang (B-L-D)

Morning visit to *Wild Goose Pagoda* and *City Wall* . Fly to Yichang. Board Deluxe 5 star cruise ship to start your Yangtze River Sail.

- Day 08** **Yangtze River Cruise** **(B-L-D)**
 Disembark for a shore excursion to *Three Gorges Dam*. Pass through the longest and fiercest *Xiling Gorge* with great rapids and breath-taking rock formations..
- Day 09** **Three Gorges** **(B-L-D)**
Wu Gorge 44 km long, famed for its deep valley with misty peaks and pillar-like mountains reaching as high as a mile. Disembark to sampans to travel up the crystal clear water of *the Three Lesser Gorges* on the Shennong Stream. Pass through *the Qutang Gorge*, the shortest but most dramatic of the three Gorges.
- Day 10** **Yangtze River Cruise** **(B-L-D)**
 Disembark for a Shore excursion in *Fengdu, "City of Ghost"*. a small town with rich production of oranges and tangerines. Its local market gives you a unique Experience of a small mountainous city on the Yangtze River.
- Day 11** **Chongqing-Guilin** **(B-L-D)**
 Chongqing which is a Mountainous city of 2000 years. Visit *Pipa Hill* for a bird's-eye view of this ancient city which is the only one in China without bicycles. Transfer to airport to catch flight for Guilin, the most scenic city in China. Overnight at 4 star hotel
- Day 12** **Guilin** **(B-L-D)**
 A whole day luncheon cruises on the crystal clear water of the picturesque *Li River*. Stop in *Yangshuo*, followed by a trip to *Elephant Trunk Hill*.
- Day 13** **Tuesday** **Guilin-Hangzhou** **(B-L-D)**
 Visit *Reed Flute Cave*, which, with its multi-colored lighting and fantastic stalactites and stalagmites, resembles a set from "Journey to the center of Earth". *Fubo Hill*. Afternoon flight to Hangzhou. Overnight at 4 star hotel
- Day 14** **Hangzhou** **(B-L-D)**
 Hangzhou is one of the most beautiful cities in China famous for its lakes and gardens. Marco Polo observed, "Above there is paradise; on earth there are Hangzhou and Suzhou". *West Lake Cruise, Lingyin Temple, Tea Farm and Six-Harmony Pagoda*.
- Day 15** **Hangzhou-Shanghai** **(B-L-D)**
 Transfer to Shanghai. Visit *Jade Buddha Temple*, where the largest Jade Buddha Statues carved from a single piece of white Jade is located. *Yu Garden* with zigzag bridges. *Children's Palace*. Acrobatic Show. Stay at 4 star hotel
- Day 16** **Shanghai** **(B)**
 Free day on your own after breakfast to shop or explore this fascinating city.
- Day 17** **Shanghai-Home** **(B)**
 Transfer to the airport and fly home.