



CLASSIC CHINA & TIBET with the Yangtze River

Beijing | Xian | Lhasa | Chongqing | Yangtze River | Three Gorges | Shanghai – 16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS

This remarkable tour takes you to seven major centres in China. In Beijing you visit the great imperial sites. The archaeological wonders of Xian rise before you in the form of the Terracotta Warriors, then move on to Lhasa in legendary Tibet and marvel at the wonders there. Next fly to Chongqing to board your relaxing Yangtze River cruise with all the sights it presents. At tour end you will experience the pulsating vitality of Shanghai so bringing to an end your tour of classic China and Tibet which will not quickly escape your memory.

DAY 1 – Arrive Beijing: Arrival private transfer to hotel. [Fairmont Beijing]

DAY 2 – Beijing: After breakfast you will visit Tiananmen Square, look across the vast space to the Great Hall of the People. Lying behind is the Forbidden City, where the magnificent marble courtyards, huge halls, gilded temples and ornate pavilions the residence of the emperors and their families are now open to your wonderment. [Fairmont Beijing / Meals: B L]

DAY 3 – Beijing: You will be taken north today to pace the ramparts of China's famed Great Wall, originally constructed over 2000 years ago to keep northern invaders at bay. This evening a traditional Peking Duck dinner completes a very special day. [Fairmont Beijing / Meals: B L D]

DAY 4 – Beijing: Today you will visit the Summer Palace. The beautiful ornamental plantings, languid willows and painted pavilions surround a scenic lake, across which are enchanting views to the pagoda-capped Jade Spring Hill and the mountains beyond. Finally you will visit the Temple of Heaven. The beautiful blue-tiled buildings here represent the epitome of Ming architecture. [Fairmont Beijing / Meals: B L]

DAY 5 – Beijing to Xian: You transfer to the airport for your flight to Xian. Over 1,000 years

ago, Xian was the capital city of the Tang Dynasty and then the largest and most cosmopolitan city in the world. You will visit the Shaanxi Museum, acclaimed as "the Gallery of Chinese Culture" where you will see priceless, ancient bronzes, porcelains and exquisite objects of silver and gold. Then visit the wonderful Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of Xian. [Xian Hilton / Meals: B L]

DAY 6 – Xian: This morning you visit the remarkable archaeological site where the Terracotta Warriors were discovered and followed by the walk along the top of the Xian City Wall which encircles the inner city. This evening enjoy the lavish spectacle of the Tang Dynasty Dinner Show, one of the highlights of the tour. [Xian Hilton / Meals: B D]

DAY 7 – Xian to Lhasa: Today you will take a flight to Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet, a city where the rich traditional Tibetan culture blends with the modern developments introduced by the Chinese. [St Regis / Meals: B D]

DAY 8 – Lhasa: Today we visit the imposing Potala Palace, once the centre of Tibetan government and the winter residence of the Dalai Lama. Towering over the city, this enormous building, 13 storeys high and with thousands of rooms, chapels, shrines and statues, is one of the architectural wonders of the world. We go on to



Departures between	Price per person	Single Supplement	Solo Traveller
Apr 28 – May 31 2016	\$9,920	\$4,820	\$16,645
Jun 01 – Jun 29 2016	\$8,770	\$4,010	\$14,555
Jun 30 – Aug 03 2016	\$8,770	\$4,010	\$14,555
Aug 04 – Aug 31 2016	\$8,770	\$4,010	\$14,555
Sep 01 – Sep 28 2016	\$9,920	\$4,820	\$16,645
Oct 08 – Oct 31 2016	\$9,920	\$4,820	\$16,645
Nov 01 – Nov 15 2016	\$9,120	\$4,145	\$15,060
Nov 16 – Nov 30 2016	\$8,905	\$4,075	\$14,765

Prices above are per person in USD (\$) based on two people sharing a twin-room.

the 1300-year-old Jokhang Temple, round which pilgrims follow the Barkhor, the holy path of transformation. Lining this circuit are fascinating shops, stalls and teahouses. [St Regis / Meals: B]

DAY 9 – Lhasa: Today you will visit Sera Monastery. The warrior monks of Sera, the *dobdobs*, were admired as athletes, but also feared. Today, there are approximately 300 resident monks here and a central lane and fairly simple layout make the monastery easy to explore. If possible you will have chance, your visit to coincide with one of the monks' colourful daily debates about the scriptures. [St Regis / Meals: B L]



DAY 10 – Lhasa to Chongqing: Fly to Chongqing, an enormous modern city on the banks of the Yangtze, which is now the industrial and commercial hub of an independent municipality with a population of over 30 million. You will board your luxurious Yangtze River cruise ship- Yangtze Explorer where you will stay for next 3 nights. [Yagtze Explorer / Meals: B L]

DAYS 11-12 – Yangtze Cruise: You cruise the famous Yangtze River in a superbly appointed cruise ship as it winds its way through the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. For many people, a cruise along this famous river is a lifelong dream. At 6300km, the Yangtze is the third longest river in the world, made famous today by its spectacular Three Gorges and the controversial Three Gorges Dam. The mist-shrouded landscape of the Yangtze Gorges is as lovely as a traditional Chinese painting. Along the way you stop and visit interesting places. [Yagtze Explorer / Meals: B L D]

DAY 13 – Yichang to Shanghai: You disembark Yichang and private transfer to the airport for flight to Shanghai for a 3 nights stay. [Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai / Meals: B L]

DAY 14 – Shanghai: Dominating the Yangtze Delta, Shanghai is the pulsating, commercial heart of China. Walk along the famous Bund past the facades of the colonial buildings lining the Huangpu River and look across to the soaring TV tower and fantastic skyscrapers of the Pudong district on the opposite side. After lunch you will visit the beautifully maintained Yu Garden, an outstanding example of a classical garden, and explore the bustling market area which now surrounds it. [Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai / Meals: B]

DAY 15 – Shanghai: This morning you will ascend the Shanghai World Financial Centre Observatory, one of the world’s tallest buildings, for an astonishing view over the whole city and its amazing developments. Next comes a visit to the renowned Shanghai Museum. The museum provides a wonderful insight into Chinese culture. [Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai / Meals: B]

DAY 16 – Depart Shanghai: Depart private transfer to the airport. [Meals: B]

