

# GEMS OF CHINA with the Yangtze River

Beijing | Xian | Chongqing | Yangtze River | Three Gorges | Yichang | Shanghai – 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

This tour will provide you, in a relatively short time, insights into major cities with truly remarkable sites, notably Beijing and Xian both richly endowed with historical and archaeological monuments of world significance. Travel to Chongqing where you board on your luxurious cruise and sail down the mighty Yangtze and through the famed Three Gorges. Round off your tour in Shanghai. This tour will be an unforgettable adventure.

**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, as the former imperial palace is called, 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. This evening a traditional Peking Duck dinner completes a very special day. [Fairmont Beijing / Meals: B L D]

**DAY 4 – Beijing:** Today you visit the Summer Palace. Languid willows and painted pavilions surround the scenic Kunming Lake. 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:** Fly to Xian, the capital city of the Tang Dynasty over 1,000 years ago. This afternoon visit the Shaanxi Museum, acclaimed as "the Gallery of Chinese Culture". Then photo stop at the wonderful Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of Xian. [Xian Hilton / Meals: B L]

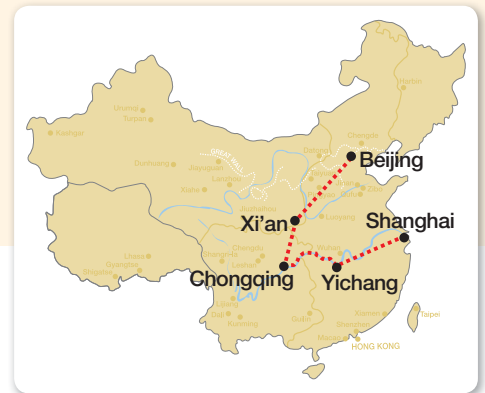
**DAY 6 – Xian:** This morning you visit the remarkable archaeological site where the Terracotta Warriors were discovered and followed by the walk along the top of the Xian City Wall which encircles the inner city. This evening enjoy the lavish spectacle of the Tang Dynasty Show, one of the highlights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

**DAY 7 – Xian to Chongqing:** Fly to Chongqing, an enormous modern city on the banks of the Yangtze. You will board your luxurious Yangtze River cruise ship – Yangtze Explorer for next 3 nights. [Meals: B L D]

**DAYS 8-9 – Yangtze Cruise:** Cruise the famous Yangtze River in the luxury ship as it winds its way through the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. The Yangtze made famous today by its spectacular Three Gorges and the controversial Three Gorges Dam. Along the way you stop and visit interesting places. [Yangtze Explorer / Meals: B L D]

**DAY 10 – 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 11 – Shanghai:** Today you visit the beautifully maintained Yu Garden and explore the bustling market area. Later you will ascend



Departures between	Price per person	Single Supplement	Solo Traveller
Apr 28 – May 31 2016	\$7,080	\$3,640	\$12,240
Jun 01 – Jun 29 2016	\$5,995	\$2,840	\$10,210
Jun 30 – Aug 03 2016	\$5,995	\$2,840	\$10,210
Aug 04 – Aug 31 2016	\$5,995	\$2,840	\$10,210
Sep 01 – Sep 28 2016	\$7,080	\$3,640	\$12,240
Oct 08 – Oct 31 2016	\$7,080	\$3,640	\$12,240
Nov 01 – Nov 15 2016	\$6,810	\$3,420	\$11,710
Nov 16 – Nov 30 2016	\$6,670	\$3,350	\$11,475

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

the Shanghai World Financial Centre Observatory for an astonishing view over the city. Later visit the Shanghai Museum which is famous for its collection of paintings, sculptures, porcelain, costumes, ancient bronzes and other artefacts. [Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai / Meals: B]

**DAY 12 – Shanghai:** Today you have the opportunity to visit one of the water towns outside Shanghai – Xitang Village, a picture-perfect "water town" of narrow canals and traditional architecture. [Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai / Meals B L]

**DAY 13 – Depart Shanghai:** Depart private transfer to the airport. [Meals: B]

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