

## 12 Days / 11 Nights 5 Star China Tour

### Beijing – Xian – Shanghai

#### Day-by-Day Itinerary

##### Day 1 – Beijing (D)

Your English-speaking local guide will meet you on arrival at Beijing airport. You will be assisted with baggage handling and transferred to your hotel. Your guide will hand out an English map of Beijing. Upon arrival at hotel, you will be assisted with check-in. Chinese dinner at a local restaurant.

##### Day 2 – Beijing (B / L / D)

American style buffet breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, visit **Temple of Heaven**. Then drive to **Jade Museum** for a visit. After a Chinese lunch at a local restaurant, spend the afternoon at the **Great Wall**. Enjoy **Peking Roasted Duck** dinner.



##### Day 3 – Beijing (B / L)

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up and drive to **Tian An Men Square**. Visit Tian An Men Square and walk to **Forbidden City** and enter through the South Gate. After touring the Forbidden City, enjoy Cantonese lunch. In the afternoon, visit **Summer Palace**. Visit a pearl store before returning to the hotel.

##### Day 4 – Beijing - Xian (B / L / D)

Full buffet breakfast at the hotel. You will be escorted to the airport and fly to Xian. Upon arrival at Xian Airport, you will be greeted by your local guide, assisted with your baggage and transferred to the city. You will be served mineral water and provided with English map. Upon arrival in the city, visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. Lunch is at a local restaurant. After lunch, drive to the Southern Gate of the **Old City Wall**. Drive to your hotel for check-in. Special **Dumpling Banquet Dinner** at a local restaurant.



### Day 5 – Xian (B / L)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Visit **Terra Cotta Warriors Museum** at the excavation site. Have lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the **Muslim area and the bazaar**. Balance of the day is at leisure. Evening is open. You can enjoy Western dinner at hotel or try one of the unique local restaurants and stroll the night market. Or, take an optional dinner show that includes dinner, the **Tang Dynasty Show** and round trip transfers.

### Day 6 – Xian - Chongqing - Yangtze Cruise (B / L / D)

American buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check out of your hotel and you will be escorted to the airport and fly to Chongqing. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your local guide. You will be transferred to the city. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit **Chongqing Zoo**, the **Panda Ground, People’s Square**, and **Chongqing Courthouse**. You will be transferred to the pier to embark on your **5-star ship for Yangtze cruise**. The ship will sail at 9:00 p.m.



### Day 7 – Yangtze River Cruise (B / L / D)

Western style buffet breakfast. You will have a **shore excursion to Fengdu**. Visit either the “**Ghost City**”, known for its statues of ghosts and demons on Mingshan Hill, or the new relocation village built for families who had to move as a result of the Yangtze River’s rising water due to the Three Gorges Dam. There is an additional **shore excursion to Shibaozhai** (river conditions permitting), with its impressive wooden pagoda, appropriately named “The Pearl of the Yangtze”.



### Day 8 – Yangtze River Cruise (B / L / D)

Enter the Three Gorges, one of the nature’s most extraordinary sculptures. Today you will pass through the first two gorges - **Quang Gorge** and **Wu Gorge**. Qutang Gorge is the shortest (5 miles), narrowest (500 feet), and most dramatic. The 25-mile long Wu Gorge is known for its quiet beauty, forest-covered mountains, and cliffs so sheer that the sun barely penetrates the precipices. Transfer to another vessel for a relaxing shore excursion through the attractive **gorges of Goddess Stream**. Enter **Xiling Gorge**, the longest (41 miles), and the deepest of the Three Gorges. In the evening, sail through the **Three Gorges Dam shiplocks**. Enjoy another **shore excursion to White Emperor City** (river conditions permitting), an ancient city overlooking the western end of Qutang Gorge.



### Day 9 – Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang - Shanghai - Suzhou (B / L / D)

After breakfast, visit the **Three Gorges Dam** at Sandouping, the largest dam in the world. Arrive in Yichang at 1:30 p.m. Disembark after lunch. You will be greeted by your local guide and transferred to Yichang airport. Fly to Shanghai. Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be greeted by your guide and assisted for your baggage, and drive to Suzhou (about 60 miles). Visit **Suzhou Museum** designed by I. M. Pei. Enjoy a boat cruise on the Grand Canal. Chinese dinner at a local restaurant.



### Day 10 – Suzhou - Shanghai (B / L / D)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, visit **Lingering Garden** followed by a visit to Silk Factory. Lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Shanghai. Visit **Shanghai World Financial Center** for a high speed

lift up to the 100th floor and enjoy breathtaking **360 degree panoramic view of Shanghai**. Then visit **the Bund**. Check in to your room. Balance of the day is at leisure. Optional: Dinner with show available. It includes Chinese dinner, the Era Show and round trip transfers.

### Day 11 – Shanghai (B / D)

American buffet breakfast at the hotel. Day is free. Explore the famous shopping districts, or visit **Shintiandi (New World)**. The group will meet in the lobby in the evening and drive to a local restaurant for a **Shanghai style farewell dinner**.

### Day 12 – Shanghai - Departure (B)

American buffet breakfast at the hotel. You will be picked up and transferred to the airport with assistance of your baggage.

#### Includes:

- Domestic flights in China
- 5-star hotels with private bath sharing double occupancy
- 11 buffet breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
- Sightseeing with entrance fees
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach for all services
- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- Airport transfers upon arrival & departure
- All local taxes for meals, accommodations and transportation.
- 24-hour emergency assistance

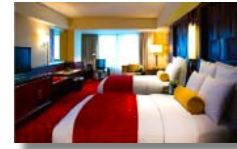


#### Excludes:

- International flights
- Passport fee, China Visa fee, tips to guide & driver (\$24), travel insurance.
- Telephone calls, laundry, things not mentioned as included, and things of personal nature.

## Hotels:

**Beijing Marriott Hotel City Wall.** This superior 5-star hotel is the largest Marriott outside USA. It is located in the center of the city with wonderful rooms and splendid breakfasts.



**Xian Shangri-La Golden Flower Hotel.** Situated in the center of the city, the hotel is a luxury 5-star hotel. Rooms at this newly renovated hotel are spacious and thoughtfully-appointed and both accommodation and service standards are excellent.



**Victoria Cruises.** It is the only American cruise line currently sailing China's Yangtze River. There are departures year round with international multi-lingual cruise directors. Victoria's ships are specially designed to navigate the Yangtze River, and are all officially rated five stars by the China National Tourism Administration (its highest rating).



**Suzhou Grand Metropark Hotel** is all about luxury and convenience. Nearby shopping is plentiful, and the area's top locations are Guanqian Street, Shiquan Street, and Shi Road, all of which are very near the hotel.



**Shanghai Renaissance Yangtze Hotel** offers an unparalleled stay experience with a home away from home feel.

### Group prices: 10 passengers or more

2014-2015	<u>Dec. Jan. Feb.</u>	<u>Mar. Jun.-Aug. Nov.</u>	<u>Apr. May. Sep. Oct.</u>
USD pp	1699	1799	1899
Single occupancy	499	599	699

### FIT prices: 9 passengers or less

2014-2015	<u>Dec. Jan. Feb.</u>	<u>Mar. Jun.-Aug. Nov.</u>	<u>Apr. May. Sep. Oct.</u>
6-9pax	1999	2099	2199
2-5pax	2099	2199	2299
Single occupancy	659	759	859