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Beijing
Yangtze Cruise
Yichang

Combine a Beijing highlights tour with a spectacular Yangtze cruise, this one week trip is balanced with cultural heritages and natural landscapes. Mixed with a visit to the mystical Fengdu Ghost City, magnificent Three Gorges Dam and more.

Type
Private
Duration
7 days
Theme
Culture and Heritage, Family focused, Natural scenery, Yangtze cruise
Trip code
YCT-03
Price
From £ 746 per person

Itinerary

Start with a Beijing Highlights tour, followed by a Yangtze cruise from Chongqing to Yichang. Discover the traditional Chinese culture by visiting the famous heritages in Beijing. Along with a dreamlike experience as you sail through the Three Gorges and view the fabulous scenery. An added bonus of this tour is a stop at the Three Gorges Dam before you disembark in Yichang.

Day 01 :
Arrive Beijing

Upon arrival at Beijing airport or railway station, be greeted and assisted to the hotel by your local guide and driver. Have the rest of the day to explore this capital city on your own. As a famous ancient city in China, Beijing balances the traditional culture with modern city life, making it one of the must-see cities for those who want to travel in China.

Day 02 :
Beijing City Tour

Head to the magnificent Tiananmen Square in the morning. Regarded as the largest public square in the world, Tiananmen Square can accommodate up to a million people to hold ceremonies. Afterward, continue to the **Forbidden City**, which is located at the north end of Tiananmen Square. Divided into two courts, this gorgeous palace served as the workplace for the emperors to cope with political affairs (Outer Court), as well as a living space for royal families (Inner Court) for almost 500 years.

In the afternoon, drive to the **Temple of Heaven**, where the emperors during Ming and Qing dynasties came to every winter solstice to worship Heaven for a good harvest. Listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the Temple of Heaven is a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design due to the unique triple-gabled circular buildings.

Day 03 :

Beijing Great Wall Sightseeings

Make a day excursion to the amazing **Great Wall at Mutianyu section** in the morning. The drive takes about 2.5 hours to the northeast suburb. Upon arrival, spend 2 to 3 hours to hike along with this priceless heritage left by Chinese ancestry. The Wall was well designed and built in accordance with the local geographical features, and it is hard to believe the ancient people could make such a great project without modern machines and equipment.

On the way back from Mutianyu, stop at the Ming Tomb to visit **Changling**, the final resting place for the third emperor in Ming dynasty. Have a walk along the Sacred Way to learn about the funerary art of the ancient imperial court in China. Afterward, drive back to the hotel and prepare for the next day of your tour in Beijing.

Day 04 :

Beijing Culture Tour - Flight to Chongqing

This morning, first visit the **Summer Palace**, an imperial garden built in Qing dynasty. Mainly composed of Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill, Summer Palace presents a classical feature of North China in terms of both garden design and architectures. It is also the largest and best-preserved royal garden in China.

After that, head to the **Shichahai Area** for a cultural Hutong experience. Experience the life of local Beijingers by taking the rickshaw through the Hutongs. After you are dropped off at the Silver Ingot Bridge (Yinding Bridge), walk along the old Tobacco Pipe Lane Street (Yandai Xiejie) which has over 800 years history, and stop at the Drum Tower to witness the surrounding Hutongs and traditional courtyards from an aerial view.

Afterward, head to the airport for the flight to Chongqing. Our local guide will meet you at the airport and drive you to the pier for the board. As the ship sails in the evening, your Yangtze cruise begins.

Day 05 :

Yangtze River Cruise

Enjoy the first day cruising on the Yangtze River, which is the longest and mightiest river in China. See the spectacular scenery along the two banks and experience the Yangtze culture as it was an important cradle of Chinese ancient civilization. Disembark for a short visit at the **Fengdu Ghost City**, which is situated about 170 km. (110 mi.) downstream from Chongqing on the north bank of Yangtze River. The town is a place to learn about Chinese ghost culture, the afterlife, and to see what the Chinese would call a "model of hell." After walking around this ghost city and visiting several strange architectures with numerous statues of Chinese ancient ghosts, return to your ship and continue your journey on the river. The dinner will be offered on board.

Day 06 :

Three Gorges Cruise

Traveling through the spectacular **Three Gorges** is the highlight of today's journey. Start the passage with Qutang Gorge, where you can view the exquisite peaks and grotesquely shaped rocks on the way. Qutang Gorge is also considered as the shortest but the most majestic among the three gorges. Then pass the Wu Gorge, regarded as the most beautiful one where you will have a graceful view of the lofty and misty peaks.

Based on your requirement, be arranged to cruise on Little Three Gorges or take a pea-boat floating along the verdant **Shennong Stream** as you sail from Wu Gorges to Xiling Gorges. Then continue sailing into Xiling Gorges, the last section of Three Gorges of the downstream cruise.

Day 07 :

Morning Yangtze Cruise - Departure from Yichang

End your memorable Yangtze Cruise with a visit to the **Three Gorges Dam**, the largest and most magnificent hydroelectric project in world. Then disembark from the ship in Yichang at noon, our guide will meet you once you disembark, and transfer you to the airport for the departure. Wish you have a pleasant journey home, and Windhorse Tour is ready to help adjust this tour in any way to better suite your personal travel needs.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

The hotel accommodation is based on two persons sharing one standard twin room with private facilities in all relevant locations. If a single client requests a twin room alone, the single room supplement will be charged.

Yangtze river cruise class is a Standard cabin located on the main deck.

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Yangtze river cruise services include all onboard meals and shore excursions to the Little Three Gorges, Shennong Stream and others.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

All domestic flight and train tickets. Economy-class for flights and soft sleeper / seat for train tickets.

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.
Meals as remarked in the itinerary. (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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