

Tour D – Best of China & Yangtze River Cruise plus Hong Kong (18 Days)

Beijing, Xi'an, Chongqing, Yangtze River Cruise, Yichang, Suzhou, Shanghai, Guilin & Hong Kong

TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip international airfare from LAX (or SFO).
- Air and ground transfers for all the included tour programs.
- Fully escorted by a bilingual professional tour director.
- Well-selected English-speaking guide in each city.
- President 1 (deluxe ship with outside cabins, private balcony & bathroom/shower).
- 5-star (deluxe) hotels
- 36 meals (including 4 special dinners).
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as specified.
- Luggage handling for one bag per person.

HOTEL & CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

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| Beijing | Beijing International Hotel (5 star) |
| Xi'an | Shangri-la Golden Flower Hotel, Xi'an (5 star) |
| Chongqing | Hilton Chongqing (5-star) |
| Yangtze River | President 1 (5 star) |
| Suzhou | Sheraton Suzhou Hotel & Towers (5 star) |
| Shanghai | Jin Jiang Hotel (5-star) |
| Guilin | Sheraton Guilin Hotel (5 star) |
| Hong Kong | Royal Plaza Hotel (deluxe) |

2010 Departure Dates: 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 6/7, 6/14, 7/5, 7/12, 8/9, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

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| Tour Prices (per person) | March | April | May - October |
| From LAX (or SFO) | \$3,998 | \$4,098 | \$4,298 |

Low airfare add-on from most U.S. cities is available. For land-only package (excluding int'l flight) deduct \$550. For single room occupancy add \$1,430.

Day 1 & 2: USA/Beijing, China

Depart home and arrive Beijing the next day. Stay in centrally located (1 1/4 miles from Tiananmen Square) **Beijing International Hotel** (5 star).

Day 3: Beijing

Today's tour starts with the **Tiananmen Square** followed by the **Forbidden City** (aka Palace Museum), in which 24 emperors lived from 1421 to 1911. Hutong tour by rickshaw in the afternoon. This tour will take you to the old residential quarters and a visit to a **private home**. **Welcome dinner – Peking Duck**. B, L, SD

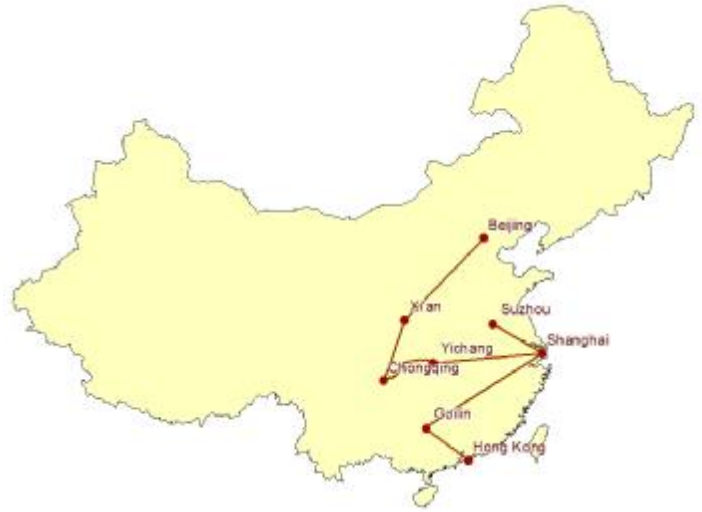
Day 4: Beijing

Start with the **Temple of Heaven**, one of the most photographed buildings in the world. Built in 1420, it was the place where the emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for abundant harvest. This is also the place that retired people get together for various cultural activities. Then we'll drive to the **Great Wall** (at Badaling), the greatest project in ancient China. Enjoy climbing the Wall! Today we'll also visit a cloisonné factory to witness the making procedures of **cloisonné**, a unique handicraft in Beijing with a history of over 500 years). B, L

Day 5: Beijing/Xi'an

air

Tour the famous **Summer Palace** – China's largest and best preserved imperial garden. Here we will also take a boat ride on the beautiful Kunming Lake (if weather permits). Take an afternoon flight to Xi'an, the capital of ancient China for 13 dynasties. Transfer to comfortable **Shangri-la Golden Flower Hotel, Xi'an** (5-star). B, L



Day 6: Xi'an

Today's highlight is the **Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses** – the eighth wonder of the world. **Tang Dynasty dinner show in Tang Palace**. B, L, SD

Day 7: Xi'an

Today's tour starts with the ancient **City Wall** built in Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644 AD), where you will also see the **Draw Bridge**. Then the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** - the landmark of Xi'an built in 652AD. The program in the afternoon is the **Museum of History**, one of the finest museums in China. B, L

Day 8: Xi'an/Chongqing

air

Some **leisure time in downtown** and let you have an opportunity to explore more of this ancient city on your own. Then take a flight to Chongqing, an important port city along the Yangtze River. Stay in centrally located **Hilton Chongqing** (5 star). B, D

Day 9: Chongqing/Yangtze River Cruise (downstream)

Today's tour starts with the visit to the lovely **giant pandas** followed by the **Art Gallery, City Square, People's Hall, Farmers' Market Gen. Stilwell Museum** and a **kindergarten (if available)**. Board the deluxe **President 1** after dinner for the majestic Yangtze River cruise.

B, L, D

Day 10: Cruise

Shore excursion to **Fengdu** (known as the Ghost City), a famous cultural and historic site. Captain's **Welcome Banquet** followed by **Chinese cultural show**. B, L, D

Day 11: Cruise

Sail through **Qutang Gorge** and **Wu Gorge**. Sail through **Qutang Gorge** and **Wu Gorge**. Today's excursion is to enjoy a sampan boat ride on the beautiful **Shennong Stream**, one of the tributaries of the Yangtze River. **Captain's farewell dinner** followed by **cabaret show**. B, L, SD

Day 12: Yichang/Suzhou

air/coach

Sail through **Xiling Gorge**. Visit the **Three Gorges Dam**. Arrive in Yichang at noon, fly to Shanghai airport and then transfer to Suzhou by coach. Stay in centrally located garden-like **Pan Pacific Suzhou (5 star. Formerly Sheraton Suzhou Hotel & Towers)**. B, L

Day 13: Suzhou/Shanghai

coach

Suzhou is well-known as "Venice in the East", "City of Gardens" and "Capital of Silk". Today's tour includes the **Silk Spinning Factory**, **Garden of Master Fishnet** (World Heritage Site) and **boat trip on man-made ancient Grand Canal**. Leave for Shanghai in late afternoon and stay in centrally located (adjacent to the famous Huaihai Zhong Road – the commercial center) classic **Jin Jiang Hotel** (5 star). B, L

Day 14: Shanghai

Today's tour starts with the **Bund**, from where you can view both the traditional and modern Shanghai. Then the renowned **Shanghai Museum**, with its priceless collections of ancient Chinese bronzes, ceramics, and calligraphy. After the Mongolian BBQ lunch, we'll walk around in the **Old Town of Shanghai**, known as "China Town in China". Dinner in a local restaurant and then attend fantastic **Acrobatic Show** in a theater. China". This afternoon, if you wish, you may have some time to visit the **Shanghai Expo** on your own. B, L, D

Day 15: Shanghai/Guilin

air

Have some free time in Shanghai and then take a flight to Guilin. Stay in centrally located (by the Li River) **Sheraton Guilin Hotel** (5 star). B, D

Day 16: Guilin/Hong Kong

air

Sail on the **Li River** surrounded by majestic karst limestone formations, mist-covered hills and bamboo groves. Lunch on boat. Disembark in **Yangshuo** in the afternoon and have some free time in the **bustling town**. Then proceed to the airport and fly to Hong Kong. Stay in **Royal Plaza Hotel** (deluxe) located in the commercial center of northern Kowloon. B, L

Day 17: Hong Kong

Guided tour to **Victoria Peak**, **Aberdeen Fishing Village** (optional sampan boat ride) and **Stanley Market**. The afternoon is free at leisure (your guide will assist you for your choices of preferred arrangements). B

Day 18: Hong Kong/Home

Depart Hong Kong and arrive home on the same day. B

IMPORTANT NOTES

*Abbreviations in the itineraries:

B – Western buffet breakfast; L – Chinese lunch

D – Chinese dinner; SD - Special Chinese dinner

*A few meals are not included due to flight schedules or for the convenience to have your own choice. Our past experience and feedback from tour members have approved that this arrangement is favorable to clients. For excluded meals, your tour director or guides will provide you with sufficient information for dining in your hotel or in local restaurants where various cuisines are available (Some flights offer in-flight meals.).

*The tour itinerary and hotel arrangements are subject to change in case of unexpected and unavoidable circumstances.

*The list tour prices do not include departure taxes, governmental fees, fuel surcharges, Chinese visa fees, travel insurance and gratuities. Details are described in "Terms and Conditions".

*We mostly use U.S. air carriers as our designated airlines for transpacific flights. Different groups may take different designated airlines. Low airfare add-on for departure from most U.S. cities is available. Gateway cities are not limited to LAX or SFO. Not all passengers need to connect flights in West Coast. Airline tickets upgrade is available at additional cost.

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