

Tour F – China Highlights plus Yangtze River Cruise (15 Days)

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

Limited to 10 – 20 Guests Each Group

Tour Inclusions

- * All intra-China flights (including airport taxes and airline fuel surcharges)
- * Ground transfers for all included tour programs
- * Deluxe hotels and cruise ship
- * Comprehensive guided group sightseeing and shore excursions
- * Fully escorted by a professional bilingual tour director
- * Locally guided by well-selected guide in each city
- * 30 meals (daily full Western buffet breakfast, most lunches and dinners)
- * Peking Duck Dinner and Shanghai Acrobatics
- * Xi'an Tang Dynasty Dancing Show with Dumpling Dinner
- * Group baggage handling (including tips for bellhops)

Tour Highlights

- Beijing:** Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Hutong tour and home visit, and welcome Peking Duck Dinner.
- Xi'an:** Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses, Circle Vision Movie, Bronze Chariot, Museum of History, Ancient City Wall, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Tang Dynasty Dancing Show with Local Dumpling Dinner.
- Chongqing:** Pandas, Art Gallery, City Center, Farmers' Market and General Stilwell Museum.
- Yangtze River:** Fengdu (Ghost Town), Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, Shennong Stream, Xiling Gorge, Three Gorges Dam and 5-stage ship lock.
- Suzhou:** Master of Fishnet Garden, Silk Spinning Factory and boat ride on ancient Grand Canal.
- Shanghai:** The Bund, The Old Town of Shanghai, Shanghai Museum and Acrobatic Show.

Hotel & Cruise Accommodations

- Beijing** Beijing International Hotel (5 star)
- Xi'an** Shangri-la Golden Flower Xi'an Hotel (5 star)
- Chongqing** Hilton Chongqing (5 star)
- Yangtze River** President Prime (deluxe)
- Shanghai** Sheraton Shanghai Hongkou Hotel (5 star)

2012 Tour Dates:

<u>Departure</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Return</u>
3/19	4/02	4/23	5/07	6/11	6/25	9/17	10/01
3/26	4/09	5/07	5/21	6/18	7/02	10/8	10/22
4/02	4/16	5/14	5/28	7/02	7/16	10/15	10/29
4/09	4/23	5/21	6/04	9/03	9/17	10/22	11/05
4/16	4/30	6/04	6/18	9/10	9/24		

Tour Prices:	<u>March</u>	<u>Apr., Jun., Jul. & Aug.</u>	<u>May, Sept. & Oct.</u>
	\$3,026	\$3,126	\$3,226

The prices do not include transpacific airfare. We will assist you with more flexible air arrangements at the lowest cost possible. You may choose our standard air, or take our custom air arrangement for a specific airline and the most direct routes. For details, please contact ChinaPlus.

The prices are for per person double occupancy (two persons share one standard room). \$1,196 single supplement will apply to single occupancy.

Day 1 & 2: USA/Beijing, China

Depart for Beijing and arrive on the next day. Stay in your deluxe hotel located in the heart of the city.

Day 3: Beijing

Start with **Tiananmen Square** and followed by the **Forbidden City** (UNESCO Heritage Site), in which 24 emperors lived from 1421 to 1911AD. Then **Hutong Tour** by rickshaw, which will bring you to the old residential quarters, where you will visit **houses** of traditional architecture. **Welcome dinner – Roast Peking Duck**. B, L, SD



Day 4: Beijing

Visit the **Temple of Heaven** (UNESCO Heritage Site), a landmark of China built in 1420 AD. Here the emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for abundant harvest. Here you will also see many local people doing various morning exercises. Then we'll drive to the **Great Wall** (UNESCO Heritage Site) at Badaling, the greatest project in ancient China. At lunch place, you'll have a chance to see how the beautiful **cloisonné** are made. B, L

Day 5: Beijing/Xi'an

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Today's highlight is the famous **Summer Palace** (UNESCO Heritage Site) – China's largest and best preserved imperial garden (a short boat ride may be available if weather permits). Fly to Xian late afternoon. Stay at your deluxe hotel. B, L

Day 6: Xi'an

Today's tour starts with the ancient **City Wall** built in Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644 AD). Then we'll visit the **Museum of History**, one of the finest museums in China. Then the **Small Wild Goose Pagoda** built in Tang Dynasty (618 – 907 AD). Enjoy the **Tang Dynasty Dancing Show with Local Dumpling Dinner**. B, L, SD



Day 7: Xi'an

Today's highlights are the **Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses** (UNESCO Heritage Site) including **Bronze Chariot** and **Circle Vision Movie**. **Noodle-making demonstrations** at lunch. B, L

Day 8: Xi'an/Chongqing

air

Some **leisure time in downtown**. Here you will 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. Transfer to your centrally located deluxe hotel. After refreshing in the hotel, we'll dine out for famous Sichuan cuisine. B, D

Day 9: Chongqing/Yangtze River Cruise

Today's tour includes the **Pandas**, **Art Gallery**, **City Square**, **Farmers' Market** and **Stilwell Museum**. Optional foot massage if you wish. Board your deluxe cruise ship after dinner. B, D

Day 10: Yangtze River Cruise

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

Day 11: Yangtze River Cruise

Sail through **Qutang Gorge** and **Wu Gorge**. Today's excursion is the 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/Shanghai

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Sail through **Xiling Gorge**. Visit the **Three Gorges Dam**. Arrive in Yichang at noon, fly to Shanghai. Stay at the conveniently located deluxe hotel. B, L

Day 13: Shanghai/Suzhou/Shanghai

Enjoy a day-tour to Suzhou, which is well-known as "Venice in the



East", "City of Gardens" and "Capital of Silk". The tour in Suzhou includes the **Garden of Master Fishnet** (World Heritage Site), **Silk Spinning Factory** and **boat trip on ancient man-made Grand Canal**. Return to Shanghai in late afternoon. B, L

Day 14: Shanghai

Start the tour with the **Bund**, from where you can enjoy the view of both traditional and modern Shanghai. Then the **Old Town of Shanghai**. The next is the renowned **Shanghai Museum** with priceless collections of jade, bronzes, ceramics, calligraphy and Chinese furniture. Fantastic **Acrobatic Show** after dinner. B, L, D

Day 15: Shanghai/Home

Depart Shanghai and arrive home the same day. B

***Post-tour extension to Hong Kong is available. Please contact ChinaPlus for details.**

*Abbreviations in the itinerary:

B – Full Western buffet breakfast; L – Chinese lunch
D – Chinese dinner; SD - Special Chinese dinner

A few meals are not included due to time conflict with flight schedules (in-flight meals are served on some flights) or for the convenience of your own choice. For excluded meals, we will provide you with sufficient information and convenience for dining in your hotel or in local restaurants where various cuisines are available.

*The tour itinerary and hotel/cruise arrangements are subject to change under certain circumstances. Hotel/cruise of the same (or similar) class will be used in case of such change.

*Chinese visa, travel insurance and gratuities are not included in tour price. For details, please refer to "Terms and Conditions" or contact ChinaPlus.

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