

15 Days Scenic Yangtze Tour

Beijing - Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang - Wuhan - Mt. Huangshan - Hangzhou - Suzhou - Shanghai

Tour Features

- Roundtrip international air transportation
- All domestic air and ground transportation
- 7 nights hotel accommodations at deluxe hotels
- Deluxe Victoria Cruises on the Yangtze River with shore excursions
- Escorted tours and sightseeing with admission and English speaking tour guides in each city
- 35 meals: 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 dinners including Peking duck dinner, Shanghai cuisine dinner, and reception dinner on the Victoria Cruise ship
- Cultural entertainment: Acrobatic show in Beijing and shipboard singing and dancing show on the cruise



1 Canada - Beijing

Take an international flight from the Canada to Beijing, China. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane. Movies will also be available during the flight.

2 Beijing

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be met and transferred to your hotel by our tour guide. The rest of the night will be free for your leisure.

3 Beijing (AB, L, SD)

The highlight today is a trip to the astonishing Great Wall of China at Juyongguan Pass, one of the most remarkable feats of mankind. After lunch, you will stroll along the Sacred Way guarding the Ming Tombs, lined with different statues of animals such as lions, elephants, camels and etc. Later in the day, you will take a tour of the Olympic Park where you will view the exterior of the Bird Nest-China National Stadium and Water Cube-China National Aquatic Center. Take a late flight to Chongqing and stay overnight in Chongqing.



4 Beijing - Chongqing - Fengdu (AB, L, D)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the pier for embarking on the cruise ship, which is scheduled to depart 10:00 am. Upon arrival in Fengdu, the legendary home of the King of Hades – often referred to as the “ghost city” – in the afternoon, you will go ashore to view the Mingshan Hill’s temples or visit the new relocation village.

5 Yangtze River Cruise: Badong - San Dou Ping (AB, L, D)

Up on deck early in the morning for the thrilling experience of sailing through the magnificent Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge before arrival in Badong at noontime. Transfer to a small pea-boat for Shennong Stream Drifting to experience the breathtaking scenery. Resume your sail on the Yangtze River for San Dou Ping. Pass through the last gorge – Xiling Gorge. In late afternoon, the cruise ship will pass through the five level shiplocks of the well-known Three Gorges Dam, which gives you a unique opportunity to experience the grandeur of the world’s biggest dam project. Arrive in San Dou Ping, where the Three Gorges Dam Project Site is located, in the evening.



6 Yangtze River Cruise: San Dou Ping - Wuhan (AB, L, D)

This morning you will visit the Three Gorges Dam Project Site. Return aboard for lunch while the ship continues sailing for Wuhan.

7 Yangtze River Cruise: Wuhan (AB, L, D)

Upon arrival in Wuhan, the capital city of Hubei Province and the major transportation hub in central China, you will take a walking tour of downtown Wuhan, and visit the famous Hubei Provincial Museum. Continue sailing on the Yangtze later tonight.

* AB: American Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner / SD: Special Dinner

8 Yangtze River Cruise: Mt. Huangshan (AB, L, D)

Today's full day shore excursion takes you to Mt. Huangshan, also known as "Yellow Mountain". Enjoy its peculiarly-shaped granite peaks, pine trees, views of the sea of clouds from above, sunset and hot springs. Mt. Huangshan is also listed as the World Natural and Cultural Heritage Site.



9 Yangtze River Cruise: Nanjing (AB, L, D)

The cruise ship arrives in Nanjing, one of the ancient capital cities in China. You will take a shore excursion of Nanjing touring Dr. Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum and a Qing Dynasty style bazaar surrounding a Confucian Temple. Return to the ship to continue sailing for Shanghai later in the evening.

10 Shanghai - Hangzhou (AB, L, D)

Cruise ship is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai at 8:00 am. Upon disembarkation, you will take a bus or train ride to Hangzhou, the most beautiful city in the world as praised by Marco Polo. Upon arrival, you will tour the Pagoda of Six Harmonies built in the year 970 AD if time permits.



11 Hangzhou - Suzhou (AB, L, D)

After breakfast, you will cruise the scenic West Lake and enjoy the fascinating sceneries around the lake. You will also view goldfish at Flower Harbor at the West Lake which is considered one of the top ten scenic attractions of the West Lake. Visit a tea orchard and learn the Chinese tea culture. Then take an afternoon bus ride to Suzhou, often referred to as the "Venice of the East".

12 Suzhou - Shanghai (AB, L, D)

Today you will cruise on the world famous ancient Grand Canal of more than 2400 years history to experience the unique cultures and glimpse the daily life of the local residents. You will also visit the silk embroidery factory, the Linger Garden and the ancient Panmen Gate, the only existing water & land gate. After dinner you will take a bus ride back to Shanghai. Shanghai, China's largest city (home to 16 million people), is also China's principal port on a deep estuary of the Yangtze River. Often regarded as "the Paris of the East," Shanghai has retained the flavor of its past European influences.

13 Shanghai (AB, L, SD)

After breakfast, you will take an excursion to Zhujiajiao, a water village near Shanghai with a history of more than 1000 years. You will experience the serene country lifestyle of the local residents, and immerse yourself in the "old world" architecture and the local customs that have been well preserved. In the afternoon, visit the Bund, bustling Nanjing Road and well-known Shanghai Museum of Art and History, which ranks among the great museums of the world. Attend a farewell dinner celebration of Shanghai cuisine in the evening, followed by a cruise on Huangpu River to enjoy a fascinating night view of Shanghai.

14 Shanghai (AB)

Today you may take an optional tour of the 2010 World Expo venues in Shanghai or enjoy your free day for leisure.

15 Shanghai - Canada (AB)

After breakfast you will take a departure transfer to the airport for the flight back home.

Tour Dates & Fares	Departing From YVR	Land Only	Single Supplement
2010			
3/12-3/26	\$ 3,299	\$ 2,049	\$ 975
3/26-4/09 4/09-4/23 4/23-5/07	\$ 3,099	\$ 2,249	\$ 1,350
5/07-5/21 5/21-6/04 6/04-6/18	\$ 3,199	\$ 2,349	\$ 1,415
6/18-7/02 7/02-7/16	\$ 3,299	\$ 2,449	\$ 1,215
7/16-7/30 7/30-8/13 8/13-8/27	\$ 3,199	\$ 2,349	\$ 1,215
9/10-9/24 9/24-10/08 10/08-10/22	\$ 3,299	\$ 2,449	\$ 1,415
10/22-11/05 11/05-11/19	\$ 3,099	\$ 2,249	\$ 1,350

* The cruise itineraries including the shore excursions are subject to seasonal change at the time of operation due to the construction of the Three Gorges Dam Project and the river conditions * International airport departure taxes and China's airport taxes are not included in the tour fares

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