

# CHINA & YANGTZE RIVER 13 DAY HISTORIC TOUR

April 16<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>

SHANGHAI – YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE – XIAN – BEIJING

From: \$3300.00 / person - DOUBLE

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – MIAMI – SHANGHAI**

Departure from Miami to Shanghai. Crossing the International Date Line, you will lose one calendar day.

**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – SHANGHAI**

Upon arrival in Shanghai, check into your luxury accommodations at the **New World Mayfair**.

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – SHANGHAI (American Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)**

Sightsee Shanghai's highlights: the Shanghai Museum, with an audio tour describing the special features of the museum's permanent collections, Children's Palace or Urban Planning Center, **Yu Garden** and the Old Town, the city's colonial European past at **The Bund**, the modern Xintiandi, and a renowned Shanghai silk carpet factory. Lunch and dinner at a local restaurant.

**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – SHANGHAI – YICHANG (American Breakfast and Dinner)**

Morning leisure in Shanghai. Later fly to Yichang, where you board a Five-Star Victoria Cruises ship to begin your memorable upstream cruise. Your ship: **The Victoria Empress**

**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE: SAN DOU PING / XILING GORGE (American Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)**

Stop at the village of San Dou Ping to see the amazing Three Georges Dam, the largest hydroelectric project in the world. Return to your ship and sail upriver through the massive Three Gorges Ship Locks. Once past the dam, cruise through scenic Xiling Gorge, longest of the famed Gorges.

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE: WU GEORGE / SMALL GORGES EXCURSION / QUTANG GORGE (American Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)**

This morning, marvel at Wu George's deep zigzagging valley. At Wushan, a cruiser takes you for an amazing excursion up the scenic Daning River's renowned Small Gorges – Dragon Gate, Misty and Emerald. Continue by sampan to the picturesque mini-gorges of the Ma Du River with its clear, swift running water, unusual rock formations, and monkeys and goats along the banks. Depending on the water level and river conditions of the Yangtze River, your excursion may be on Shennong Stream with its equally spectacular small gorges. Depart Wushan, passing through dramatic Qutang Gorge with steep mossy cliffs that crowd the sky.

**Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE: FENGDU (American Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)**

A shore excursion at Fengdu shows the unique temples at Mingshan Hill, filled with statues of ghosts and devils.

**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE: CONGQING / XIAN (American Breakfast and Dinner)**

Disembark in Chongqing. Visit the Congqing Zoo. Fly to historic Xian. Accommodations in the **Grand New World Hotel** in Xian.

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – XIAN (American Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)**

A memorable day of sightseeing begins as you view remnants of China's ancient past: the life-sized **terra-cotta army**, buried with the emperor for over 2200 years, the Bronze Chariot, Circle Vision Movie and **Xian City Wall**.

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – XIAN / BEIJING (American Breakfast and Dinner)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flight to China's illustrious capital, Beijing. Tonight, attend a **Beijing Duck dinner**. Accommodations in the **New World Hotel** in Beijing.

**Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – BEIJING (American Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)**

This morning, see the vast **Tiananmen Square** and the extravagant Ming-era Imperial Palace in the **Forbidden City**, including the jewelry section. After lunch, visit the elegant **Summer Palace**, an UNESCO World Heritage site, with the largest imperial garden in the world. The grounds include over 3000 structures with a variety of pavilions, towers and arched bridges surrounding Lake Kunning with boat ride (weather permitting).

**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – BEIJING (American Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)**

Today will be a highlight of your trip as you visit the renowned **Great Wall**. On the way, if traffic allows, stop to photograph the iconic "**Bird's Nest**" – the Beijing National Stadium – host to many spectacular events of the 2008 Summer Olympics. Then arrive at the amazing Great Wall, and walk along its ancient ramparts as emperors once did. After lunch, visit a Cloisonne Factory and observe the skilled artisans at work creating intricate designs. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to shop and explore on your own.

**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – BEIJING / MIAMI (American Breakfast)**

After breakfast, bid farewell to China as you fly home.

\*\*\* option for extension to Hong Kong by request

\*\*\*single supplement: \$1000

**Information:**

- China Visas: \$175.00
- Insurance (Mandatory): \$169.00
- Reservation Deposit: \$500.00 / person
- Final Payment 45 days before departure

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