

Family China & Yangtze River

China Tours 2020-2021

Silver Experience **MAXIMUM 25 PARTICIPANTS**

Tour Type: Land only package

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Depart Originating City

Depart from your home city and cross the international dateline. This may be a day or more before tour start date, depending on your individual international air travel arrangements.

Day 1, Tue • Arrive Shanghai

A very special welcome to Shanghai. After entry formalities, you'll be greeted and escorted to your hotel in the heart of the former French Concession of the city (check in after 2pm). Enjoy a welcome basket with fruit and snacks in case you have the munchies. Have a good night's rest.

Hotel: Juss Hengshan

Day 2, Wed • Shanghai B,L,D

This morning visit futuristic Pudong. The notable spire with a globe in the middle is the Shanghai Oriental Pearl TV Tower where you can enjoy an indoor roller coaster ride. Later, cross back to Puxi and walk on the Bund. Stop of a lunch of the famous Shanghai soup dumplings before proceeding to Yu Garden. Kids of all ages will find the Shanghai Science & Technology Museum utterly fascinating. Enjoy dinner nearby before returning to your hotel.

Day 3, Thu • Shanghai / Yichang - Yangtze River Cruise B,L,D

Board your morning flight to Yichang where you'll explore the Yichang Museum and Chinese Sturgeon Park. Then drive to Maoping pier where you'll be welcomed onboard ship with refreshments and an orientation talk. Welcome dinner onboard.

Yangtze River Cruise: Victoria Jenna

Day 4, Fri • Cruise: Three Gorges Dam / Xiling Gorge B,L,D

Visit the Three Gorges Dam which spans the Yangtze River at Sandouping. It is the world's largest power station! Later, sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest of the Three Gorges. There will be daily entertainment, river talks and all meals onboard ship.

Day 5, Sat • Cruise: Small Gorges Excursion / Wu Gorge / Qutang Gorge B,L,D

Transfer to small boats for a cruise up Shennong Stream with its splendid Small Gorges or, depending on river conditions, on Goddess Stream with its scenic, narrow gorges,. Then, cruise into the 25-mile long Wu Gorge celebrated for its Twelve Peaks and quiet beauty and later, pass through Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most dramatic of the Three Gorges.

Day 6, Sun • Cruise: Xiaoguanshan Ancient Folk Culture Park and Mt. Shuanggui B,L,D

Shore excursion to the Xiaoguanshan Ancient Folk Culture Park near Fengdu, a noted site for the relocation and reconstruction of architectural and cultural relics, after the water level rose on the Yangtze as a result of the Three Gorges Dam project. The park reproduces historic ancient residential buildings, courtyards, temples, wood carvings and city gates in the Fengdu region, providing a deep sense of its history and ancient way of life. Performances here include Sichuan opera, acrobatics, folk music, and puppet shows. Mount Shuanggui faces the Yangtze River, and is a national forest park known for its picturesque scenery, which integrates history, culture and modern art. Mt. Shuanggui has for centuries been a favorite destination for literati and artists. There are cliff brush writings of calligraphists here from the Song Dynasty to the present day, and pavilions are named for notable historic figures. Return to your ship and continue sailing upstream.

Day 7, Mon • Yangtze Cruise: Chongqing / Xi'an B,L

Disembark in Chongqing (still Chungking to many, the capital of China during WWII) where the Flying Tigers were based. You'll see the Flying Tigers exhibit in the Stilwell Museum. Also, say 'ni hao' to the giant pandas in the Chongqing Zoo before flying out to Xian.

Hotel: Grand Noble

Day 8, Tue • Xi'an B,L

This Silk Road capital, in Shanxi Province, is most famous for the extraordinary terra cotta warriors on exhibit in the sprawling open pit museum. At the museum's restaurant, your lunch comes with a demonstration of making the famous Shanxi noodles. This afternoon, you can ride a bike on the ancient City Wall, if you wish – for a unique perspective overlooking Beiyuanmen Muslim Street including the Great Mosque. The local market offers a huge selection of Chinese Muslim craftsmanship and a variety of local cuisines. and later, you'll be treated to a private Chinese calligraphy class.

Day 9, Wed • Xi'an / Beijing B,D

Fly to China's modern-day capital and check-in to your hotel just steps from Tiananmen Square. Afternoon visit to the Temple of Heaven. See the Imperial Ceiling of Heaven with its Echo Wall and its uncanny acoustics. It is said a whisper can be heard by the gods (and everyone else in the group). You may even get the chance to play shuttlecock, a kicking game, with the locals. This evening, enjoy a performance of the thrilling Chinese acrobatic circus.

Hotel: Capital

Day 10, Thu • Beijing B,L

Tour the Forbidden City which was the Imperial Palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties and one of the most important heritage sites in all of China. After lunch at a typical Beijing eatery, as seen on The Food Channel,, visit the Summer Palace including a boat ride on Kunming Lake. This evening, enjoy the water park with swimming pools, water slides and more.

Day 11, Fri • Beijing B,L,D

Thrill to the chance to walk atop the awesome Great Wall. The Mutianyu sections includes a toboggan ride down! Lunch at a local restaurant at the foot of the wall. Then stroll along the Ming Tombs' Sacred Way of giant stone figures. Bid farewell to your traveling companions and new found friends at a dinner banquet including genuine Peking duck and other delights.

Day 12, Sat • Depart Beijing B

At leisure until departure transfer for your flight home or onward destination.

Deluxe 4★ Hotels

- Shanghai Juss Hengshan
- Yangtze River Victoria Cruises
- Xian Grand Noble
- Beijing Capital

Tour Cost (per person, based on double occupancy)

| START DATE | END DATE | LAND ONLY | SINGLE SUPP. |
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| 2020 | | | |
| May 26 | Jun 6 | \$4499 | \$1099 |
| Jun 9 | Jun 20 | \$4299 | \$1099 |
| Jun 23 | Jul 4 | \$4299 | \$1099 |
| Jul 7 | Jul 18 | \$4299 | \$1099 |
| Jul 21 | Aug 1 | \$4299 | \$1099 |
| Aug 4 | Aug 15 | \$4299 | \$1099 |
| Aug 18 | Aug 29 | \$4299 | \$1099 |
| Sep 15 | Sep 26 | \$4499 | \$1099 |
| Oct 6 | Oct 17 | \$4499 | \$1099 |
| Oct 20 | Oct 31 | \$4499 | \$1099 |
| Nov 3 | Nov 14 | \$4399 | \$1099 |

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