

Historic 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

After entry formalities, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel (check in after 2pm). Remainder of the day at leisure to rest and adjust to the time zone.

Hotel: Juss Hengshan

Day 2, Wed • Shanghai B,L

Visit the Shanghai Museum, where you'll have the opportunity to discover some of China's priceless pieces of ancient art consisting of bronze, ceramic, jade and calligraphy; followed by a visit to Shanghai's old town, Yu Garden, Silk factory and the city's colonial European past at the Bund. Your final stop is at Xintiandi, one of Shanghai's many restored shikumen (stone gate) districts of 19th century houses that are now (mainly) car-free with art galleries, bookstores, cafes and restaurants. The first Haagen Dazs ice cream parlor in Shanghai was here. You may wish to be dropped here and return to your hotel by taxi on your own.

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

This morning is at leisure. Later, transfer to Maoping to board your Victoria Cruises ship for an unforgettable cruise along the Yangtze River. Welcome dinner onboard.

Yangtze River Cruise: Victoria Jenna

Day 4, Fri • Cruise: Three Gorges Dam Excursion / 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, 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.

Day 7, Mon • Disembark Chongqing - fly to 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. This evening, perhaps take in a traditional performance of music and dance from the Tang Dynasty period (optional tour).

Hotel:

Day 8, Tue • Xi'an B,L

A full day of sightseeing to the extraordinary Terracotta Warriors and the Bronze Chariot buried with Emperor Qin Shi Huang for more than 2,000 years and discovered by farmers in 1974. 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.

Day 9, Wed • Xi'an / Beijing B

Fly to China's capital, Beijing, a fascinating city rich in history. This evening, perhaps take in a performance of the Legend of Kung Fu (optional tour).

Hotel: Capital

Day 10, Thu • Beijing B,L

This morning, visit Tiananmen Square and the extravagant Ming-era Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City featuring the living quarters, museum and the jewelry section. The entire complex covers 74 hectares (183 acres) and consists of over 8,000 rooms. The exhibition halls and vaults hold some one million treasures and is one of the most important heritage sites in all of China. After lunch at a typical Beijing eatery, as seen on The Food Channel, tour Beijing's 700-year-old Hutongs ("narrow lanes") area by old-fashioned pedicab.

Day 11, Fri • Beijing B,L,D

Get an early start to visit China's most famous landmark, the 3000-mile-long Great Wall of China, the only man-made object visible from the moon. From the top of one of the ramparts, you can stroll along the wall and see for miles in every direction. After lunch, visit a jade factory where you will learn about different types and colors of jade. Later, visit the Summer Palace declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1998. A gala farewell dinner includes 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 5 | May 16 | \$4099 | \$999 |
| May 12 | May 23 | \$4099 | \$999 |
| May 19 | May 30 | \$4099 | \$999 |
| May 26 | Jun 6 | \$4099 | \$999 |
| Jun 9 | Jun 20 | \$4099 | \$999 |
| Jun 23 | Jul 4 | \$4099 | \$999 |
| Jul 7 | Jul 18 | \$3999 | \$999 |
| Jul 21 | Aug 1 | \$3999 | \$999 |
| Aug 4 | Aug 15 | \$3999 | \$999 |
| Aug 18 | Aug 29 | \$3999 | \$999 |
| Sep 8 | Sep 19 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Sep 15 | Sep 26 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Sep 22 | Oct 3 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Sep 29 | Oct 10 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Oct 6 | Oct 17 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Oct 13 | Oct 24 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Oct 19 | Oct 31 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Oct 27 | Nov 7 | \$4199 | \$999 |
| Nov 3 | Nov 14 | \$4099 | \$999 |

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