

Imperial China & Yangtze River

China Tours 2020-2021

Gold Experience **MAXIMUM 16 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, Wed • Arrive Beijing

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

Hotel: The Ritz-Carlton

Day 2, Thu • Beijing B,L,D

This morning, visit Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world with its historic Great Hall of the People. Across the broad avenue, you'll enter the spectacular Forbidden City which was the Imperial Palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. After lunch at a typical Beijing eatery, as seen on The Food Channel, visit the Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy a boat ride on the man-made lake. Return to your hotel in the afternoon for a rest. Dinner at leisure at your hotel.

Day 3, 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. Ride the cable car to the top of one of the ramparts from where you can stroll along the wall and see for miles in every direction. After lunch at a local farmer's market at the foot of the wall, return to the city and the ornate Temple of Heaven with its uncanny acoustics. It is said a whisper can be heard by the gods (and everyone else in the group). Top off this evening with a Peking Duck Dinner at one of Beijing's notable specialty restaurants.

Day 4, Sat • Beijing / Xian B,D

Xi'an, the ancient Silk Road capital of China, is but a short flight away. This afternoon, visit the ancient City Wall – ride a bike on it, if you wish – for a unique perspective overlooking Beiyuanmen Muslim Street, including the Great Mosque. The local market offers a great selection of Chinese Muslim craftsmanship and a variety of local cuisines. This evening, enjoy the unique Xian frontier dinner at a popular local restaurant

Hotel: Shangri-La

Day 5, Sun • Xian B,L,D

See the extraordinary Terracotta Warriors and the Bronze Chariot buried with Emperor Qin Shi Huang for more than 2,000 years. Lunch at the Museum's Restaurant will feature a noodle-making demonstration. Return to the city this afternoon and visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the site where Buddhism was introduced to China. Stroll the wide plaza where you can find souvenirs including genuine fake antiques of the terra cotta warriors. This evening, enjoy unique vegetarian fusion dinner followed by a Tang Dynasty cultural show of music and dance.

Day 6, Mon • Xian / Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise B,D

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Chongqing, a picturesque city on the Yangtze River that was base for the famed Flying Tigers during WWII whose heroic history is commemorated in the Stilwell Museum. Also, say 'ni hao' to the giant pandas in the Chongqing Zoo before board your ship for an unforgettable cruise on the most exciting stretch of the Yangtze River.

Yangtze River Cruise: Victoria Jenna

Day 7, Tue • **Cruise: Jade Emperor Scenic Area** **B,L,D**
Depending on river conditions, this day's shore excursion will visit the area near Fengdu, which has the largest image of the Jade Emperor in the world or Shibaozhai, with its impressive wooden pagoda. Onboard ship, enjoy informative lectures, fashion shows and cultural presentations.

Day 8, Wed • **Cruise: Qutang Gorge / Small Gorges / Wu Gorge / Xiling Gorge** **B,L,D**
Enter the Three Gorges, considered by many to be China's most extraordinary scenery. You'll pass through Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most dramatic. The 25-mile long Wu Gorge is known for its quiet beauty, forest-covered mountains, and cliffs so sheer that the sun barely penetrates the precipices. Transfer to another vessel for an excursion through the attractive Goddess Stream or Shennong Stream, depending on river conditions. Finally, enter Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest of the Three Gorges.

Day 9, Thu • **Cruise: Three Gorges Dam – fly to Shanghai** **B**
Disembark this morning and tour the Three Gorges Dam, which spans the Yangtze River at Sandouping in Xiling Gorge. It is the world's largest power station and provides energy to millions of people in the Yangtze basin. Then transfer to the airport for the brief flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival in Shanghai, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of evening at leisure.
Hotel: The Portman Ritz-Carlton

Day 10, Fri • **Shanghai** **B,L,D**
This morning visit People's Park, Shanghai MOCA – a showcase for China's extraordinary contemporary art - and Shanghai's old town, Yu Garden. Lunch of tasty Shanghai soup dumplings before embarking on a very special tour with a widely published expert on the history and development of Shanghai. In the evening, enjoy dinner at leisure at your hotel.

Day 11, Sat • **Shanghai** **B,D**
Across the river from old Shanghai is Pudong, with its futuristic skyline that's been the backdrop of numerous films featuring spies and sci fi. You'll enjoy an unsurpassed view of the entire Shanghai megalopolis from atop Shanghai Tower, some 26 stories taller than the Empire State Building in New York. More down to earth, at the Shanghai Museum, discover China's exquisite ancient art including bronze, ceramic, jade and calligraphy. Taikang Road is a trendy area with galleries, shops, cafes and restaurants where you can grab a bite to eat, if you wish. Then visit the M50 Art District with open-to-public workshops, galleries and sidewalks full of statues, artsy graffiti and one of the world's most ingenious housing complexes, 1000 Trees. Tonight, enjoy farewell dinner at a world-famous Shanghai eatery on the Bund.

Day 12, Sun • **Departure** **B**
At leisure until departure transfer for your flight home or onward destination.

5 ★ Plus Hotels

- Beijing The Ritz-Carlton
- Xian Shangri-La
- Yangtze River Victoria Cruises
- Shanghai The Portman Ritz-Carlton

Tour Cost (per person, based on double occupancy)

TOUR START DATE	END DATE	TOUR COST	SINGLE SUPP.
2020			
May 13	May 24	\$5399	\$1899
May 27	Jun 7	\$5399	\$1899
Jun 10	Jun 21	\$5199	\$1699
Jun 24	Jul 5	\$5199	\$1699
Jul 8	Jul 19	\$5199	\$1699
Jul 22	Aug 2	\$5199	\$1699
Aug 5	Aug 16	\$5199	\$1699
Aug 19	Aug 30	\$5199	\$1699
Sep 2	Sep 13	\$5499	\$1999
Sep 9	Sep 20	\$5499	\$1999
Sep 16	Sep 27	\$5499	\$1999
Sep 23	Oct 4	\$5499	\$1999
Oct 7	Oct 18	\$5499	\$1999
Oct 14	Oct 25	\$5499	\$1999
Oct 21	Nov 1	\$5499	\$1999
Oct 28	Nov 8	\$5499	\$1999
Nov 4	Nov 15	\$5299	\$1699
2021			
Mar 17	Mar 28	\$5299	\$1699

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