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## 2012 China By Design Tour

*An intimate encounter with the treasures of China*

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## 17 days

**From AU\$5,995 per person twin share - fully inclusive 5-Star Tour from Australia**

*From price comprises a tour cost of AU\$5,390 (incl. gratuities) & Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges of AU\$605 (subject to change)*

Experience China's immense history and cultural diversity in a value packed 5-Star tour that takes you to many of China's most amazing sites. You'll stay in premium hotels, savour delicious meals and discover hidden treasures when you take the ultimate full-length luxury cruise along the mighty Yangtze River.

The tour begins in China's current capital Beijing, where you'll encounter an impressive mix of historical attractions such as the Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City and Ming Tombs. Next, you'll fly to China's original capital of Xi'an to witness the incredible Terracotta Warriors. Afterwards you'll fly to Chongqing to meet the adorable Giant Pandas and link up with the prestigious 5-Star Victoria Cruises ship to explore regions such as the 3 Gorges, Wuhan, Yellow Mountain and Nanjing. The tour concludes in Shanghai, where your cruise docks and you tour the modern metropolis that's become China's food, fashion and business capital.

### Tour essentials

-  Return economy class International Airfares with Singapore Airlines + 2 flights within China
-  5-Star Luxury Yangtze River Cruise aboard Victoria Cruises (USA)
-  5-Star Hotels - centrally located
-  Local English-speaking guides + national escort from LetsdoChina.com
-  Most meals - (BLD) as per the itinerary
-  Cost - \$5,995 per person twin-share Earlybird Discount\* of \$150 per person
-  Single supplement - \$1,770 for hotel rooms and Yangtze River Cruise cabin

Also included: all tour transportation & transfers within China, guided tours, entry fees to shows & attractions, LetsdoChina.com travel wallet and visa fees for Australian passport holders.



## Itinerary

### Days 1-2: AUSTRALIA to BEIJING

Fly overnight with Singapore Airlines to Beijing for a three night stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

### Day 3: BEIJING

After breakfast we'll visit Tiananmen Square and tour the amazing Forbidden City - headquarters of the imperial emperors for more than 500 years. After lunch we'll visit the tranquil settings of the Temple of Heaven where Emperors prayed for good harvests and the welfare of the people. Next we'll enjoy a Pedi-cab tour of the Hutongs and back alleys of old-world Beijing. This evening we'll dine on a sumptuous Peking Duck dinner - one of China's most famous signature dishes. (BLD)

### Day 4: BEIJING

Today we'll journey to the Great Wall of China and be overwhelmed as we walk along one of the greatest man-made structures in the world. Later we'll also visit the Ming Tombs in the Shisanling Forest, resting place for 13 of the Ming Dynasty emperors. Relax after dinner or explore Beijing at your leisure from our centrally located hotel. (BLD)

### Day 5: BEIJING & XI'AN

This morning we'll take a shopping trip to the incredible multi-storey Silk Street Market. You'll be amazed at the variety on offer so brush up on your bargaining skills. Later we'll have lunch and then transfer to the airport for a flight to Xi'an. On arrival to China's original capital, we'll be met by our local guide and transferred to the Sofitel Hotel. (BLD)

### Day 6: XI'AN

The highlight of today's tour is our visit to one of China's most amazing archaeological discoveries - the Terracotta Warriors. Marvel as we study the 6,000 plus life-sized clay soldiers and their horses. Later we'll walk along the well-preserved ancient City Wall and wander through the old town centre. In the evening we'll enjoy dinner whilst being entertained by the colourful performance of the Tang Dynasty Cultural Show. (BLD)

### Day 7: XI'AN & CHONGQING

Today we leave Xi'an and transfer to the airport for a flight to Chongqing. On arrival we'll be met by our local guide and visit the old Ciqikou part of the city. Afterwards we'll pay a visit to Chongqing Zoo to see the adorable Giant Pandas. This evening we'll have an overnight stay at the JW Marriott Hotel to relax and prepare for tomorrow's cruise. (BLD)

### Day 8: CHONGQING to SHANGHAI - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE & FENGDU

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the dock and board the Victoria Cruises ship for check-in and a 10:00AM departure. Relax and settle in to the gentle ebb of the mighty Yangtze as we pass beautiful scenery and rich vegetation. A shore excursion is scheduled to the ghost city of Fengdu. This evening we'll enjoy dinner and partake in some onboard activities. (BLD)

### Day 9: DANING RIVER & 3 GORGES

Relax as we sail past the towering cliffs and the amazing Qu Tang & Wu Gorges. Today there's a shore excursion planned for the smaller gorges of the Daning River. This evening we'll have an opportunity to meet fellow passengers and the ship's crew when we attend the Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party. Tonight the ship will also pass through the engineering marvel of the 3 Gorges Ship Lock. (BLD)

### Day 10: YICHANG

This morning we'll go ashore at Yichang to inspect the incredible 3 Gorges Dam - one of the world's largest engineering projects. Later we'll return to the ship and head for Wuhan. (BLD)

### Day 11: WUHAN

Around midday there's a shore excursion to Wuhan - China's largest central city. Here we'll visit the Hubei Provincial Museum and discover artefacts that date back to the first century BC. Later we'll return to the ship and continue a course towards Shanghai. (BLD)

### Day 12: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

This morning we'll arrive in Guichi and after breakfast there's a full day shore excursion to visit the majestic Yellow Mountain. This is one of the major highlights of the cruise where we'll visit one of China's most scenic mountainous regions. In the evening we'll return to the ship and head for Nanjing. (BLD)

### Day 13: NANJING

As day breaks we'll find ourselves in Nanjing - a former ancient capital of China. A half-day tour has been planned which includes a visit to Dr Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum. We'll also visit a Qing Dynasty style bazaar that surrounds a Confucian Temple. This evening the ship will depart Nanjing and set a course for our final destination - Shanghai. (BLD)

### Day 14: SHANGHAI

This morning the ship will arrive in the modern city of Shanghai and we'll bid farewell to the Captain and crew. Next we'll visit the riverfront promenade known as the Bund and then ascend to the observation deck of Jin Mao Tower in Pudong for a bird's eye view of Shanghai. Later we'll check-in to the Radisson New World Hotel and relax for the remainder of the day. (BLD)

### Day 15: SHANGHAI

Today after breakfast we'll head off on a tour of Yuyuan Gardens in Shanghai's old city quarter. Afterwards, we'll experience the bustling shopping atmosphere of Shanghai's famous Nanjing Road. In the evening we'll enjoy a local specialty dinner before catching a breath-taking performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Show. (BLD)

### Day 16: SHANGHAI

After checking out we'll be transferred to Shanghai Airport for our flight home to Australia. (B)

### Day 17: AUSTRALIA

Today we'll arrive home in Australia.





## Good to Know

### **\*Earlybird Discount of AU\$150 per person:**

Only available to registered members of Probus and bona fide registered Australian Seniors Card holders who pay in full by 31 January 2012. Proof of registration will be required.

### **Bookings & Cancellations:**

Bookings & deposits of AU\$440 per person must be received no later than 31 July 2012. A minimum of 10 passengers is required for the tour to go ahead. Cancellations made 42 days or less from the departure date will result in a forfeiture of 100% of your tour payment. For further details of terms, bookings & cancellations - see LetsdoChina.com's full terms and conditions included with your booking form.

### **Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges:**

The amount of \$605 included in this package is correct as at 05/09/2011 and is subject to change by the airlines.

### **Travel Insurance:**

To cover for any unforeseen events LetsdoChina.com strongly recommend that you purchase an appropriate level of Travel Insurance cover prior to your departure. LetsdoChina.com is a registered Safe Travel Charter Partner with the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and is also an authorized agent to issue travel insurance to our Australian clients. Call us for further information on Travel Insurance.

### **Land Package Only Price:**

Package price - Beijing to Shanghai excluding international airfares is from AU\$4,893 per person twin-share

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