

IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA TOUR



Beijing - Xi'an - Lhasa - Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang - Shanghai

This tour showcases the diversity of Chinese culture and history. Begin in Beijing and experience many of China's historically famous attractions such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Ming Tombs and Summer Palace. Next, you'll fly to Xi'an to see the amazing Terracotta Warriors and other interesting sites in China's original capital. From Xi'an you'll fly to the Tibetan capital of Lhasa for a wonderful journey into the lifestyle & culture of the Tibetan people including visits to some of their most fascinating sites and magnificent landscapes. From Lhasa you'll fly to Chongqing to meet up with your cruise ship for a relaxing time on the mighty Yangtze River. After the conclusion of your cruise, you'll fly to the modern & cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, for a glimpse of China's most popular fashion, food & business capital.

Duration	14 Days, 13 Nights
Route	Beijing - Xi'an - Lhasa - Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang - Shanghai
Fitness Level	Above Average due to some high altitude locations
Tour Price	From AU \$2,828 per person - twin share
Inclusions	7 nights twin-share accommodation in 4-star hotels; 3 nights twin-share accommodation in a 3-star hotel in Lhasa; 1 Tibetan Entry Permit; 4 domestic economy class flights Beijing > Xi'an > Lhasa > Chongqing & Yichang > Shanghai (inc. all taxes); 3 nights twin-share accommodation in a 4-star cabin aboard CCOTC Yangtze River cruise ship with meals, shore excursions and onboard activities per the itinerary; accredited English-speaking tour guide, transportation for all specified transfers & tours, entry fees to attractions as per the itinerary, 1 show ticket, meals as per the itinerary including 14 Breakfasts (B), 10 Lunches (L) & 4 Dinners (D)
Exclusions	International airfares & taxes, personal expenses such as telephone, dry cleaning, taxi fares etc, Chinese Visa application fees, gratuities to guides and drivers, optional activities or shows or meals or any items denoted by ** throughout the itinerary

Suggested Itinerary:

- Day 1 Upon arrival in Beijing, our local guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel where you'll relax for the remainder of the day. Please note no meals have been arranged for today. Your guide can arrange optional evening activities for you** Tonight you'll be staying at the 4-star Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel.
- Day 2 Today you'll journey to the Great Wall of China and be overwhelmed as you walk along one of the greatest man-made structures in the world. On the way to the Great Wall, you'll visit a traditional Cloisonné factory to admire some wonderful Chinese arts and crafts. You will also visit the Ming Tombs in the Shisanling Forest, resting place for 13 of the Ming Dynasty emperors. Tonight you'll continue your stay at the Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel. (BL)
- Day 3 After breakfast you'll visit Tiananmen Square and tour the amazing Forbidden City - headquarters of the imperial emperors for more than 500 years. After lunch visit the tranquil settings of the Temple of Heaven where Emperors prayed for good harvests and the welfare of the people. Next stop is the famous Hongqiao Pearl Market to see some of China's freshwater & ocean pearls. After dinner, you will enjoy an exciting Chinese Kung Fu show. Tonight is you're last night's stay at the Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel. (BL)
- Day 4 Take a morning Peditaxi tour of the Hutongs and back alleys of old-world Beijing. In the afternoon tour the 700-acre grounds of the Summer Palace and visit the long corridor and beautiful scenery surrounding Kunming Lake. Later you'll visit the Beijing Olympics site and time permitting, you can enter the Bird's Nest** and Water Cube** for a closer look. In the evening you'll fly to Xi'an and upon arrival you'll be met by our local guide who'll escort you to the 4-star Ramada Hotel Bell Tower for an overnight stay. (BL)
- Day 5 After breakfast, you'll visit one of China's most amazing archaeological discoveries - the Terracotta Warriors. Marvel as you study the 6,000 plus life-sized clay soldiers and their horses. Time permitting, you'll visit some shopping venues with many interesting and tempting arts & craft. In the afternoon you'll visit the Large Wild Goose Pagoda and then have a wander through the old Muslim quarter** Tonight you'll continue your stay at the Ramada Hotel Bell Tower. (BL)
- Day 6 Today you'll fly to Lhasa and upon arrival, your local guide will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. No activities have been arranged for today to enable you to adjust to the high altitude and your new surroundings. Tonight you'll be staying at the 3-star Lhasa Dhood Gu Hotel. (B)

- Day 7 Head off this morning for a tour of the fabulous Potala Palace, which is the traditional home of the Dalai Lama. Explore the 1300-year-old Jokhang Temple and then browse through Barkhor Markets for some uniquely Tibetan arts & crafts. Tonight you'll continue your stay at the Lhasa Dhood Gu Hotel. (BL)
- Day 8 Today begins with a visit to Norbulingka Palace, which is the summer retreat for the Dalai Lama. After lunch, you'll journey to Sera Temple where you can see monks debating and studying their religion. Tonight you'll continue your stay at the Lhasa Dhood Gu Hotel. (BL)
- Day 9 Bid farewell to Lhasa and transfer to the airport for your flight to Chongqing – gateway city to your Yangtze River cruise. On arrival at Chongqing, your guide will meet you at the airport and escort you on a visit to Ciqikou Old Town. After dinner you'll be transferred to the dock where you'll board the CCOTC cruise ship. This evening you'll have overnight stay aboard the 4-star cruise ship. (BD)
- Day 10 Your ship sets sail this morning and you'll relax to the gentle ebb of the mighty Yangtze as you pass towering cliffs and rich vegetation. Enjoy onboard activities as you soak up the beautiful scenery that lines the river. A shore excursion is scheduled to the ghost city of Fengdu. This evening you'll continue your stay aboard the cruise ship. (BLD)
- Day 11 Today you'll sail through the beautiful Qutang, Wu and Xiling Gorges with many opportunities for some wonderful photos. The shore excursion planned for today is to the smaller Gorges of the Daning River. Depending on river conditions, your Captain may select Shennong Stream as an alternate excursion. Later the ship will pass through the engineering marvel of the 3 Gorges Ship Lock. This evening will be your final night staying aboard the cruise ship. (BLD)
- Day 12 This morning you'll go ashore to inspect the incredible 3 Gorges Dam project. Afterwards your cruising adventure will conclude and you'll disembark in the city of Yichang around noon. Time permitting there will be optional sightseeing tours on offer at Yichang**. Later you'll be transferred to Yichang Airport for a flight to the modern metropolis of Shanghai. Upon arrival at Shanghai Airport, your local guide will transfer you to your hotel where you'll relax for the remainder of the day and an overnight stay at the 4-star Howard Johnson Business Club Hotel. (BL)
- Day 13 Today you'll visit the Shanghai Museum and Yuyuan Garden and Yuyuan Garden which is a 16th century Ming period private garden & residence in the heart of Shanghai's old Chinese quarter. Enjoy the surrounds of the local bazaar and Shanghai Old Street. Next you'll take a leisurely stroll through the boulevards of the former French Concession District and then head down to the waterfront promenade known as the Bund district and Nanjing Road. Tonight you'll have options to go to the amazing Shanghai Acrobatics Show** or check out Shanghai's nightlife at the famous Xintiandi bar & restaurant area**. Tonight will be your final night staying at the Howard Johnson Business Club Hotel. (BL)
- Day 14 Enjoy some spare time at your own leisure before being transferred to Shanghai Airport for your onward flight. (B)

2012 Join-in Tour Prices per person in AU\$

Tour Commencement Dates	Per Person Twin-Share	Single-Share Supplement
10 March, 24 March, 02 June, 16 June, 07 July, 21 July, 04 August, 18 August, 03 November, 17 November	2,828	818
07 April, 21 April, 05 May, 21 May, 01 September, 15 September, 13 October, 20 October	2,955	906

Important

The above dates are guaranteed departure dates. Tour group sizes may vary in each city and the group size usually is no larger than 20 travellers. Tour participants may come from different countries though the tour will be conducted in English. Please note that public holidays & seasonal demand directly affect availability. Join-In tours need to be booked no later than 60 days before the tour commencement date. To cater for individual tour members' needs, optional activities will be on offer in each city. Your local guide will notify you of the options and arrange these activities accordingly. Sometimes due to local traffic conditions or other circumstances, the order of your activities may vary slightly from your written itinerary. We also reserve the right to make alternative accommodation arrangements of a similar standard should a proposed hotel be unavailable. The price is correct as of the date of this publication and is based on the current exchanges rates. LetsdoChina.com reserve the right to adjust the package price until full payment has been received. CCOTC Cruises reserve the right to vary the order or content of any of their cruise itineraries and we recommend that you read their Terms & Conditions on their web site prior to making a booking.

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