



Beijing - Xi'an - Chengdu - Yangtze Cruise - Wuhan - Shanghai - Guilin - Yangshuo - Kunming - Lijiang

One of the most comprehensive tours of China where we've included many historical, cultural & popular must see activities. Your tour begins in majestic Beijing and then heads to Xi'an to behold the amazing Terracotta Warriors. We'll introduce you to the cuddly & adorable Giant Pandas in Chengdu and then relax in style whilst navigating one of the worlds most popular cruise destinations - the mighty Yangtze River. Visit cosmopolitan Shanghai for a dining & shopping extravaganza before heading south to discover the picturesque escapes of Guilin, Yangshuo, Kunming and Lijiang.

Duration	22 Days, 21 Nights
Route	Beijing - Xi'an - Chengdu - Chongqing - Yichang - Wuhan - Shanghai - Guilin - Yangshuo - Guilin - Kunming - Lijiang - Kunming
Fitness Level	Average
Tour Price	From AU \$7,389 per person - twin share 4-Star Hotels
Inclusions	21 nights accommodation with Breakfast (B), Lunches (L) & Dinners (D) as per the itinerary, accredited English-speaking tour guides, transportation for all specified transfers & tours, 7 domestic economy class flights (inc. taxes), 1 rail ticket, entry fees to shows & attractions as per the itinerary, luxury 5-Star Yangtze River cruise aboard Victoria Cruises including onboard entertainment & shore excursions.
Exclusions	International airfares & taxes, visa application fees, personal expenses such as telephone, dry cleaning, taxi fares etc, gratuities to guides and drivers, optional activities, shows, meals or any items denoted by ** throughout the itinerary

Suggested Itinerary:

- Day 1 On arrival to Beijing Airport, you'll be met by your guide and transferred to the hotel. Please note no meals have been arranged for today.
- Day 2 This morning 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 and time permitting, visit the Silk Street Markets for some retail therapy. In the evening you'll dine on a sumptuous Peking Duck dinner, one of China's most famous signature dishes. (BLD)
- Day 3 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. You will also visit the Ming Tombs in the Shisanling Forest - resting place for 13 of the Ming Dynasty emperors. This evening has been left open for you to relax or consider options such as attending the Beijing Opera** or the highly acclaimed Kung Fu Show** (BL)
- Day 4 Enjoy a morning visit to the Beijing Olympics site to stroll around the main venues such as the Bird Nest and Water Cube. After lunch, visit the magnificent Summer Palace retreat and take a boat trip on Kunming Lake - Beijing's largest man-made lake. Late in the afternoon transfer to the airport for a flight to Xi'an where you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. (BL)
- Day 5 The highlight of today's tour is 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. Later you'll visit the Wild Goose Pagoda and wander through the old Muslim town and Grand Mosque. In the evening you'll enjoy dinner whilst being entertained by the colourful performance of the Tang Dynasty Cultural Show. (BLD)
- Day 6 Have a relaxed start to the day with a walk along the well-preserved ancient City Wall. After lunch you'll transfer to the airport for a flight to Chengdu and be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. This evening has been left open for you to relax or venture around Chengdu's enchanting streets & restaurants. (BL)
- Day 7 This morning is devoted to a special visit to the Giant Panda Breeding Research Base where you'll spend ample time checking out China's national treasure. This is a wonderful opportunity to view the Pandas from early infancy through to their full-grown adulthood. Later you'll partake in a traditional tea ceremony and stroll through the heritage-preserved city. In the evening we've arranged for you to enjoy a local specialty dinner and cultural show that can only be seen in the Sichuan Province. (BLD)

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- Day 8 Checkout after breakfast and transfer to Chengdu Railway Station for a train journey to Chongqing. On arrival you'll be met by your guide and transferred to the docks to board your Yangtze River cruise ship. Go to our Yangtze Cruises web page for further details of what to expect from your luxury cruise. (BL)
- Day 9-10 Relax to the gentle ebb of the mighty Yangtze as you sail past towering cliffs and rich vegetation of the 3 Gorges region. Along the way you'll enjoy some scenic shore excursions and onboard activities, entertainment & fabulous cuisine. The ship will also pass through the 3 Gorges ship lock, which is an engineering masterpiece and fascinating part of the cruise. (BLD)
- Day 11 This morning you'll go ashore to inspect the incredible 3 Gorges Dam project. Later you'll return to the ship to collect your luggage and bid farewell to the captain & crew as you disembark at Yichang. Transfer to Wuhan by coach and check-in to your hotel. (BL)
- Day 12 Check out and transfer to the airport for a flight to Shanghai. On arrival, you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Relax until the evening when you'll partake in a BBQ style dinner before enjoying the world renowned Shanghai Acrobatic Show. (BLD)
- Day 13 Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and admire the beautiful Yuyuan Gardens in Shanghai's old city quarters. In the afternoon stroll along the Bund to study the architecture of the waterfront promenade. Afterwards, snap up a bargain in the busy markets around Nanjing Road. (BL)
- Day 14 Enjoy some free time before heading to the airport for your flight to Guilin. On arrival, you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. If time permits you can check out the Li River night markets. (BL)
- Day 15 Today you'll have a full day tour trekking around the magnificent rice terrace fields of Longi. Built some 650 years ago, the rice terraces are still in use today and cascade freely down the steep terrain. Enjoy a lunch of locally grown produce in an eating-house perched high atop the mountainside and return late in the afternoon for an evening free in Guilin. (BL)
- Day 16 Depart Guilin on a 4 hour cruise to Yangshuo along the crystal clear waters of the Li River. Enjoy lunch aboard whilst cruising through one of the most photographic regions of China. After checking in to your hotel, the afternoon has been left free to explore the many restaurants, cafes and shops along West Street. (BL)
- Day 17 Enhance your skills as a Chinese chef by attending the very popular and relaxed surroundings of the Yangshuo Cooking School. Tour the produce markets for some fresh ingredients, and then master the secrets of some easy to learn local delicacies. Later enjoy some spare time before going to the visually spectacular Impression Sanjie Liu show. We've booked you premium seats for this stunning production that proudly boasts the same director of the now-famous Beijing Olympics opening ceremony. (BL)
- Day 18 Transfer by road back to Guilin and visit Elephant Trunk Hill and the beautiful Reed Flute Cave. After lunch you'll fly to Kunming where you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Relax with some free time for the remainder of the day or explore the city and its restaurants & shops. (BL)
- Day 19 Grab your camera and check out the abstract rock formations of the Stone Forest. Afterwards you'll board a flight for Lijiang where you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the 800-year-old city. There's always plenty to see or do in Lijiang, so after dinner have a wander around and explore the old town. (BLD)
- Day 20 Today you visit the beautiful Black Dragon Pond, Dongba Museum and Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. A cable car will transfer you to the mountaintop glacier where you'll enjoy stunning views of the alpine ecosystem. After lunch you'll travel back to the old town to visit Mufu Palace and have the remainder of the day to shop for handicrafts and souvenirs made by the local minority people. (BL)
- Day 21 A scenic day tour to the First Bend of the Yangtze River and the spectacular Tiger Leaping Gorge. Spanning a distance of 16km, the gorge measures just under 4000 metres in height making it one of the deepest in the world. Later you'll travel back to the old town to relax and fit in some last minute shopping. (BL)

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Day 22

After breakfast, checkout and transfer to the airport for a flight to Kunming and your onward journey. (B)

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