

## YANGTZE & BEYOND TOUR



### **Beijing - Xi'an - Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang - Shanghai**

The Yangtze and Beyond tour captures China's most visited attractions, including the mighty Yangtze River. You can look forward to visiting China's current capital before going back in time to visit Xi'an to experience the original capital. Expect to see a good mix of historical attractions where you'll venture to the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City and of course the amazing Terracotta Warriors. The next leg of your adventure takes you cruising along the mighty Yangtze River where you'll relax and savour one of China's biggest drawcards. The tour concludes in Shanghai where you'll witness the modern transformation of China's food, fashion and business capital.

<b>Duration</b>	11 Days, 10 Nights
<b>Route</b>	Beijing - Xi'an - Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang - Shanghai
<b>Fitness Level</b>	Average
<b>Tour Price</b>	From AU \$2,389 per person - twin share
<b>Inclusions</b>	7 nights twin-share accommodation in 4-star hotels; 3 nights twin-share accommodation in a 5-star cabin aboard President 8 Yangtze River cruise ship with meals, shore excursions and onboard activities per the itinerary; 1 economy class Bullet Train ticket Beijing > Xi'an, 2 domestic economy class flights Xi'an > Chongqing and Yichang > Shanghai (inc. all taxes), accredited English-speaking tour guide, transportation for all specified transfers & tours, entry fees to attractions as per the itinerary, meals as per the itinerary including 10 Breakfasts (B), 9 Lunches (L) & 3 Dinners (D).
<b>Exclusions</b>	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 After breakfast you'll visit Tiananmen Square and tour the amazing Forbidden City - headquarters of the imperial emperors for more than 500 years. In the afternoon tour the 700-acre grounds of the Summer Palace and visit the long corridor and beautiful scenery surrounding Kunming Lake. Tonight you'll continue your stay at the Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel. (BL)
- 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. On the way to the Great Wall, you'll visit a traditional Cloisonné factory to admire some wonderful Chinese arts and crafts. Afterwards you will visit the Beijing Olympics site and time permitting, you can enter the Bird's Nest\*\* and Water Cube\*\* for a closer look. Your final activity is a tour of the Hutongs and back alleys of old-world Beijing. Tonight is you're last night's stay at the Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel. (BL)
- Day 4 This morning you'll board the Bullet Train for an exhilarating trip to Xi'an. On arrival you'll be met by your local tour guide and escorted to your hotel for check-in. In the afternoon you'll visit Xi'an Museum, the small Wild Goose Pagoda and participate in learning the art of Chinese Calligraphy. This evening you'll stay at the 4-star Xi'an Grand New World Hotel. (BL)
- Day 5 After breakfast, you'll take a stroll along Xi'an's well-preserved Ancient City Wall. Next 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. Later you'll enjoy a wander through the old Muslim quarter and then return to the Xi'an Grand New World Hotel. (BL)
- Day 6 After check-out this morning, you'll be transferred to Xi'an Airport for your flight to Chongqing - the gateway city to your Yangtze River cruise. On arrival at Chongqing, time permitting your guide will escort you to visit Ciqikou Old Town and after dinner you'll board the President 8 cruise ship. This evening you'll have an overnight stay aboard the 5-star cruise ship. (BD)
- Day 7 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 8 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. 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 9 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 Lexington Plaza Mingde Hotel. (BL)
- Day 10 Today you'll visit the Yuyuan Garden which is a 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Later 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. Time permitting you'll do some shopping and visit an authentic Silk Shop. 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 at the Lexington Plaza Mingde Hotel. (BL)
- Day 11 Enjoy some spare time at your own leisure before being transferred to Shanghai Airport for your onward flight. (B)

### **Important**

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 exchange rates. LetsdoChina.com reserve the right to adjust the package price until full payment has been received. President 8 Cruises reserve the right to vary the order or content of any of their cruise itineraries to suit river conditions.

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