

Yangtze Three Gorge Impression - 12 Days

A cruise on the Yangtze River has been the dream of many travelers, and this tour introduces you to sail through the picturesque Three Gorges region of the Yangtze River as you travel upstream aboard a luxurious cruise ship. This tour also gives you an enhanced experience by visiting modern Shanghai, breathtaking Guilin, historic Xi'an and imperial Beijing.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Shanghai	 airport-hotel transfer in Shanghai
2	Day 2 Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai Museum, Bund, a local gift shop en route Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Jade Buddha Temple is famous for its two precious jade Buddha statues brought from Burma, which are not only rare cultural relics but also exquisite artworks. The Shanghai Museum has a collection of 120,000 pieces of Chinese ancient treasures. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai. Ideas for leisure time: 1. Acrobatic Shows in Shanghai are known as the best in China. You can never imagine how exciting the show is. 2. Or you could take a Huangpu River Night Cruise which is the perfect way to enjoy the gorgeous night view of Shanghai.
3	Day 3 Shanghai - Yichang (by air) - Yangtze Cruise	 hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai, airport- port transfer in Yichang  breakfast, lunch  Embark on your Yangtze River Cruise Ship Upon arrival in Chongqing, transfer and embark on your Yangtze River Cruise Ship. The Yangtze River originates on the Tibetan Plateau and traverses a distance of 3900 miles before flowing into the East China Sea, near Shanghai. It has been the lifeline in China for millennia.
4	Day 4 Yangtze Cruise	 breakfast, lunch, dinner  Yangtze River Cruise (Three Gorges Dam Site) In the morning, set sail into Xiling Gorge. Today you could enjoy the spectacular view from the deck or you could take an optional tour to Tribe of Three Gorges (CNY 280 per person). After lunch, take a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Site, the largest dam and hydroelectric project in the world. Then the cruise transits the Five-step Ship Lock and sails through the second

		section of Xiling Gorge. Attend the Captain's Welcome Banquet in the evening.
5	Day 5 Yangtze Cruise	 breakfast, lunch, dinner  Yangtze River Cruise (Shennong Stream) This morning sail into Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and probably the most fascinating one. Later sail through Wu Gorge. It is well-known for the legend of 12 fairy maidens became the 12 peaks of Wu Gorge. Then you could take an optional tour to White Emperor Town, which is famous for historical temples and legends (CNY 280 per person). After lunch change to the "peapod" boat for sailing deep into the Shennong Stream for a 3 hours exploration. The contrasting heights of these gorges and the narrowness of the river make this area one of the most dramatic scenes in the world. Notice the ruins of the ancient plank road along the cliff face as well as the coffins suspended from the cliffs above. Afterwards, sail through the Five-step Ship Lock.
6	Day 6 Yangtze Cruise	 breakfast, lunch, dinner  Yangtze River Cruise (Fengdu) Today, take a shore excursion to Fengdu - China's "City of Ghosts". In legends, Fengdu was a ghost city and the entrance of heaven or hell, and the imaged ghost statues here reveal ancient Chinese religion and belief. You could either enjoy leisure time for the rest of the day or join the onboard activities.
7	Day 7 Yangtze Cruise - Chongqing - Xi'an (by air)	 port - airport transfer in Chongqing, airport transfer in Xi'an  breakfast, lunch  Disembark , Ancient City Wall After breakfast, disembark in Chongqing and transfer to the airport or train for your departure. The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.
8	Day 8 Xi'an	 breakfast, lunch  Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a ceramic & pottery workshop en route The Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO) is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses, and bronze chariots have silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty landmark, is a seven-story pagoda initially constructed in 652 AD. One of the pagoda's many functions is to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the Buddhist translator and traveler - Xuanzang. Ideas for leisure time: Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show. Good to know: If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or to take a day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.
9	Day 9 Xi'an - Beijing (by bullet train)	 hotel - train station transfer in Xi'an, train station - hotel transfer in Beijing  breakfast

10	Day 10 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City , Temple of Heaven, a silk gift shop en route <p>The Tian'anmen Square is the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. The Forbidden City (UNESCO) is the imperial place where the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards, and private quarters. The Temple of Heaven (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors made sacrifices to Heaven and prayed for bountiful harvests, demonstrates the supreme achievement of traditional Chinese architecture.</p> <p>Good to know: Usually the guide service for a full day tour is about from 9:00 to 17:00, and the evening time is on your own. If needed, your guide is happy to offer some tips or help you buy tickets for evening entertainment.</p> <p>Ideas for leisure time: If you are interested in Chinese Kung Fu, the Legend of Kung Fu is a good choice for tonight. It is stunning Kung Fu show with a great story line and martial arts skills.</p>
11	Day 11 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  Great Wall, Summer Palace , a cloisonné workshop en route <p>The Great Wall is one of the most spectacular structures ever built by humans and is the only one visible from space. The Summer Palace (UNESCO) is the largest imperial garden in the world. Emperors of successive dynasties created a summer retreat of Chinese gardens and pavilions, around the tranquil waters of Kunming Lake.</p> <p>Ideas for leisure time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enjoy the Peking Duck dinner at time-honored restaurant - Quanjude or Bianyifang. The duck is characteristic with its crispy skin, tender meat and the fragrance from the fruit-wood. 2. Watch a breathtaking acrobatic show at Chaoyang Theater or Tiandi Theater.
12	Day 12 Beijing	 hotel - airport transfer in Beijing  breakfast

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch and dinner as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Yangtze Cruise Ticket (include accommodation, meals on board, the shore excursion in groups and daily activities)
- Domestic flights and train ticket (2nd class seat) with taxes as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flights with taxes
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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