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SIC-L Tour - China Best Selection with Yangtze River Cruise - 16 Days

Discover China's ultimate highlights on this spectacular 16-day small group tour covering Beijing, Chongqing, a Yangtze Cruise, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Guilin, and Hong Kong. Journey smoothly from the Great Wall and Dazu Rock Carvings to a scenic river cruise, poetic lakes, karst landscapes, and modern skylines. Limited to a maximum of 16 guests for a premium experience, departures run every two weeks and are fully guaranteed with just 2 passengers.

Guaranteed Departure: Only **2 people** are required to run the tour. If only 1 person is confirmed for a specific departure date, we will inform you ahead of time and suggest a new date.

Genuine Small Group: Maximum of **16 guests** per group for a comfortable, personalized experience—no large crowds of 30+.

Guaranteed Hotels: Stay in premium 4-star downtown hotels. We provide specific, verified hotel options with full transparency—no vague descriptions or unexpected downgrades.

Frequent Departures: Departs on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (except national holidays).

Departure Dates & Prices in USD per person		
Departure Date	Twin/Double Share	Single Room
Jan 4 & 18	3,940	4,995
Feb 15	3,940	4,995
Mar 1 & 15	3,940	4,995
Apr 5 & 19	3,940	4,995
May 3 & 17	3,940	4,995
Jun 7 & 21	3,940	4,995
Jul 5 & 19	3,940	4,995
Aug 2 & 16	3,940	4,995
Sep 6 & 20	3,940	4,995
Oct 18	3,940	4,995
Nov 1 & 15	3,940	4,995
Dec 6 & 20	3,940	4,995

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport

1	Day 1: Arrival in Beijing	airport - hotel transfer
2	Day 2: Beijing	breakfast, lunch **The Summer Palace (UNESCO), a pearl workshop en route, The Mutianyu Great Wall (UNESCO)** This Qing Dynasty (1636-1912) imperial palace and garden (1636-1912) is the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China. Modelled on the West Lake in Hangzhou and borrowing design techniques and artistic ideas from the gardens of Jiangnan south of the Yangtze River, this landscaped park offers the perfect summer retreat. As China's most renowned monument, the Great Wall stands as one of the most spectacular architectural feats in human history. The Mutianyu section, celebrated as one of the best-preserved portions of the wall, once served as a vital northern bastion protecting the capital and the nearby imperial tombs. Famous for its breathtaking watchtowers and lush forest surroundings, it offers a magnificent glimpse into China's ancient strategic defense.
3	Day 3: Beijing	breakfast, lunch **Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City (UNESCO), Temple of Heaven (UNESCO)** Stand in the heart of modern China at the world's largest public square, a site of profound historical significance and grand architectural scale. Walk into or drive through (sedan/minivan) Tian'anmen Square to marvel at its iconic surroundings, including the Monument to the People's Heroes and the Great Hall of the People. Constructed from 1406 at the very centre of Beijing, the Palace Museum is more widely known as the Forbidden City. Previously home to 24 different emperors, it is the largest palace complex in the world at approximately 720,000 square metres. Note: Closed on Mondays. In case of closure or ticket unavailability, the itinerary adjusts to Jingshan Park for a premier panoramic view overlooking the entire Forbidden City. Completed in 1420, the Temple of Heaven is the largest complex of sacrificial buildings in China that still stands to this day. The temple was visited by Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1636-1912) emperors on an annual basis to pray to the heavens for a good harvest. The subtle employment of acoustic principles used in the construction of the Echo Wall, Triple Sound Stone and Dialogue Stone reflects the advanced architectural technology in use in ancient China.
4	Day 4: Beijing - Chongqing (by air)	hotel - airport transfer in Beijing, airport - hotel transfer in Chongqing
5	Day 5: Chongqing	breakfast, lunch **Chongqing City Walk Tour:** Explore the vibrant contrast of Chongqing's "3D mountain city" terrain on foot. Stroll through bustling modern streets and historic alleys, experiencing the lively local lifestyle and dramatic hillside architecture up close.

6	Day 6: Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise	private transfer to the port breakfast, lunch, dinner **Ciqikou Ancient Town, Eling Park, Three Gorges Museum (Sanxia Museum), Embark on your Yangtze River Cruise Ship** The Ciqikou Ancient Town used to be a busy port famous for porcelain production during the Ming and Qing Dynasties. It is a place full of religious temples, traditional buildings, ancient alleys with local teahouses and restaurants. Pay a visit to the Eling Park. Climbing up to the top of Liangjiang Tower, you will enjoy a panoramic view of Jialing River and the Yangtze River flowing through the city. Located in the heart of Chongqing, this large-scale museum offers a deep dive into the history, cultural heritage, and environmental transformation of the Yangtze River's Three Gorges region. It houses a vast collection of ancient relics, cultural treasures, and immersive exhibitions that vividly document the construction of the iconic Three Gorges Dam and the soul of this historic mountain city. Upon arrival in Chongqing, transfer and embark on your Yangtze River Cruise Ship. Board your Yangtze River cruise ship in the afternoon or evening, depending on the sailing schedule. Settle into your cabin and enjoy a welcome reception hosted by the cruise crew as your journey along the Yangtze River begins.
7	Day 7: Yangtze River Cruise	breakfast, lunch, dinner **Yangtze River Cruise (Day 2)** Enjoy a shore excursion featuring one of the region's distinctive cultural attractions. Depending on the cruise itinerary, options may include the White Crane Ridge Underwater Museum, which preserves ancient hydrological inscriptions, or the 816 Underground Nuclear Project, an extraordinary underground engineering complex. Return to the ship for cultural activities and evening entertainment, which may include a large-scale Three Kingdoms-themed performance, subject to the cruise schedule and operating conditions.
8	Day 8: Yangtze River Cruise	breakfast, lunch, dinner **Yangtze River Cruise (Day 3)** Choose from cultural and scenic excursions, potentially including Baidi City, renowned for its historical associations with the Three Kingdoms period, or the Three Gorges Summit, offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and river valleys. Later, enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges as the cruise passes through Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, and the western section of Xiling Gorge. Enjoy onboard cultural performances and leisure activities in the evening.

9	Day 9: Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang - Hangzhou (by bullet train)	port - train station transfer in Yichang, train station - hotel transfer in Hangzhou breakfast **Yangtze River Cruise (Three Gorges Dam) & disembark** After breakfast, enjoy a visit to the Three Gorges Dam area, one of the world's largest hydroelectric engineering projects. Depending on the cruise arrangement, the excursion may include a passage through the Three Gorges Ship Lift and a scenic cruise along the eastern section of Xiling Gorge. Disembark at the Three Gorges Cruise Terminal in Yichang, followed by transfer services to Yichang Sanxia Airport or designated railway stations.
10	Day 10: Hangzhou - Shanghai (by bullet train)	train station transfer in Hangzhou, train station - hotel transfer in Shanghai breakfast, lunch **West Lake , Dragon Well Tea Plantation, Qinghefang Historical Street** The West Lake (UNESCO) is famous for its natural beauty and historic relics and it has has influenced numerous painters, poets, and garden designers throughout Chinese history. You will take a short cruise on the picturesque West Lake. The Dragon Well Tea Plantation is one of the origin places of Dragon Well Tea, also called Longjing Tea. The first picked tea leaves of the new harvest were once reserved solely for the Emperor and transported to him via the Grand Canal in ancient China. The Qinghefang Historical Street has been the most flourished street in the city since the ancient time. Hangzhou’s century-old shops are all located in this area.

11	Day 11: Shanghai	breakfast, lunch **Yu Garden, The Bund, Jade Buddha Temple, Nanjing Road, Shanghai Old Town** Built in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), Yu Garden is a classic example of a Jiangnan region garden and the most famous of five classical gardens in Shanghai. The Yu Garden compound consists of more than 30 halls and is divided into six sections by "dragon walls", tall white walls with undulating grey tiled ridges each terminating in a dragon's head. Next to the garden is Yuyuan Bazaar, a labyrinth of small streets and lanes where you can find a large number of restaurants, tea houses and shops. The most popular restaurants are NanxiangMantou Restaurant, famous for its xiaolongbao, Lubolang Restaurant and Old Shanghai Restaurant. One of the city's most recognisable landmarks and the pride of Shanghai for over one hundred years, the Bund is a mile-long stretch of waterfront promenade along the Huangpu River. On the west side of the road stand 52 buildings of various architectural styles, including Gothic, baroque, and neoclassical styles. It is often called an outdoor museum of buildings. 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 Nanjing Road,a must-see metropolitan destination attracting thousands of fashion-seeking shoppers from all over the world, is a top prosperous center of Shanghai. Step back in time and experience the historical heart of the city at Shanghai Old Town, where classic Jiangnan-style architecture and bustling street markets offer a fascinating contrast to the city's futuristic skyscrapers. Anchored by the 16th-century Yu Garden and the lively bazaar surrounding the City God Temple, this vibrant district allows you to wander through labyrinthine alleys lined with traditional gray-brick buildings, cross the iconic Nine-Turn Bridge, and sample world-famous local delicacies like Xiaolongbao (soup dumplings) at historic eateries.
12	Day 12: Shanghai - Guilin (by air)	hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai, airport - hotel transfer in Guilin breakfast
13	Day 13: Guilin - Yangshuo (Li River Cruise) - Guilin (by automobile)	hotel - port transfer in Guilin, private transfer from Yangshuo to Guilin breakfast, lunch **Li River Cruise** In the morning, meet your guide at the hotel and transfer to embark on a memorable Li River Cruise. Through this 3-hour journey of China's best known natural scenery, you can appreciate unique karst landscapes as well as verdant hills and lovely waters. Then, arrive at Yangshuo at about 13:00 and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.
14	Day 14: Guilin - Hong Kong (by bullet train)	hotel - train station transfer in Guilin, train station - hotel transfer in Hong Kong breakfast

15	Day 15: Hong Kong	breakfast **Half-day tour of Hong Kong Island** Today starts with a half-day tour of Hong Kong Island. Visit the Victoria Peak (include One-way peak tram ride), the summit of the Hong Kong Island and get a bird-eye view of the magnificent skyline of the Victoria Harbor. Then, visit the Stanley Market and drive by the Repulse Bay. Later, explore the Historic Fishing Village at Aberdeen with sampan ride. Their traditional lifestyle is in sharp contrast to the modern life style of those living in the high-rise communities. Afterwards, return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.
16	Day 16: Hong Kong - Departure	hotel - airport transfer in Hong Kong breakfast

Notes

Deadline: Book at least 20 days before arriving in China. Please send us all passenger names, passport numbers, room choices, and itineraries before this date.
Shared Tour & Guiding: Travelers with different tour packages on the same date may share the same bus and guide. All main sights are fully guaranteed, but the daily order of the itinerary may change to make the trip run smoothly for everyone.
Flight Notice: The departure dates are **Mondays**, which is **Day 1 (your arrival day)**. Please book your flight to land in Beijing on or before these dates.

Destinations	Hotels
Beijing	Qianmen Jianguo Hotel ★★★★ (or similar)
Chongqing	Holiday Inn Express Guanyinqiao Hotel ★★★★ (or similar)
Hangzhou	Wanghu Hotel ★★★★ (or similar)
Shanghai	Ocean Hotel ★★★★ (or similar)
Guilin	Guilin Bravo Hotel ★★★★ (or similar)
Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza Metropolis Hotel ★★★★ (or similar)

Tour Includes :

-- Accommodation in double/triple/single rooms in the indicated hotels
-- Chinese lunches at local restaurants as indicated in the itinerary
-- One glass of soft drink or local beer per person for each mentioned meal
-- All transfers to/from the airport in each destination and all included sightseeing
-- All first entrance fees to the mentioned tourist sites
-- All domestic flights in economy class and airport taxes as indicated in the itinerary
-- All domestic trains in second class as indicated in the itinerary
-- An English-speaking local guide/assistant in the travel

Tour Excludes :

-- All other meals and all other beverages not mentioned
-- Transfers outside the allotment dates;
-- Tips
-- Tips for pre-tours or post-base-trip extensions
-- Evening shows in China and other optional visits
-- Medical + baggage insurance
-- China Visa
-- All personal expenses and anything not specifically listed under "Inclusions"

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