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16-DAY China Tour with Yangtze Cruise

BEIJING-SUZHOU-WUXI-HANGZHOU-SHANGHAI-XIAN-YICHANG-YANGTZERIVER-CHONGQING

Tour Code: 26YANTC16

Departure dates (Dates arrivals Beijing):

Mar: 10,17,24 May: 12,19,26 Jun: 2 Aug: 4,11,18

Sep: 1 Oct: 13 Nov: 3,7,11

A: Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 Beijing Arrival (PEK or PKX)

Welcome to Beijing! Upon arrival at Beijing Airport, you will be escorted to your hotel.

Meals: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel or similar 4*

Arrival day airport transfer: For flights arriving between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM, we will arrange three free airport pick-ups depending on the actual situation. For flights arriving outside of these times, additional pick-up fees \$50/P will apply.

DAY 2 Beijing – Tiananmen Square

Meals: Breakfast

Discover Beijing's iconic imperial treasures. Visit the immense **Tiananmen Square** and explore its sacred grounds. Following the tour, enjoy free time to explore the city at your leisure, or opt for an enhanced experience with one of our optional excursions.

Optional tour: Forbidden City Tour (\$80.00/pp)

Step into the world-famous **Forbidden City**, the vast complex that served as the imperial palace for centuries during the Ming and Qing dynasties.

Optional tour: Hutong Life Tour (\$40.00/pp)

Immerse yourself in the charm of old Beijing on our **Hutong Life Tour**. Stroll through narrow lanes lined with traditional courtyard houses. This intimate experience offers a unique glimpse into the city's vibrant history.

Optional tour: Peking Duck Banquet (\$50.00/pp)

Your evening features a culinary highlight: an authentic Peking Duck banquet. The star dish is served with all its traditional sides, accompanied by an array of other exquisite Chinese specialties.

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel or similar 4*

DAY 3 Jade Carving Workshop and the Great Wall

Meals: Breakfast

Today visit the Great Wall at Juyongguan Section, situated 60km from Beijing, it once served as a vital fortress guarding the city's northern gateway. you'll have the opportunity to walk a winding path along these 21,000 km-long marvels. On the way, you'll stop at one of China's premier Jade Exhibitions to discover the story behind this celebrated stone. Once back in Beijing, the evening is yours to relax or join an optional activity.

Optional tour: Summer Palace with meal (\$90.00/pp)

The Summer Palace is a UNESCO-listed masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. It perfectly harmonizes breathtaking architecture with natural scenery. Be sure to admire the iconic Long Corridor with its intricately painted scenes, gaze across the serene **Kunming Lake**, and see the famed **Marble Boat** that never sets sail. Your visit will be complemented by an exquisite Chinese meal.

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel or similar 4*

DAY 4 Beijing to Suzhou by high-speed train

Meals: Breakfast

Your day begins with a visit to a **Traditional Chinese Health Center** for an introduction to the world of traditional Chinese medicine. Following this, you will explore the **Temple of Heaven**, Beijing's most sacred imperial temple and a UNESCO-listed masterpiece of architecture and landscape design. You will experience China's world-class high-speed rail network to Suzhou. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. Your bullet train may be scheduled to arrive at Wuxi East Station which is close to Suzhou.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Suzhou Taihu Lake or similar 4*

DAY 5 Suzhou to Wuxi by coach

Meals: Breakfast

Suzhou is home to more UNESCO World Heritage-listed gardens than any city on earth. Begin your exploration at the **Lingering Garden**, a jewel in Suzhou's crown of classical gardens. Next, immerse yourself in the art of silk at the Suzhou **Silk Factory**, where you'll learn about the intricate journey from cocoon to luxurious fabric. Concluding with an optional canal cruise, you'll then embark on a drive to Wuxi.

Optional tour: Suzhou Grand Canal Cruise (\$60/pp)

Step aboard a traditional boat and slip into the serene, watery heart of old Suzhou. The canal cruise along the historic **Shan Tang Street** offers a peaceful escape and a unique perspective on a city celebrated for its canals. The journey shows you a living, breathing old community.

Accommodation: Wuxi Landison Plaza Hotel or similar 4*

DAY 6 Wuxi to Hangzhou by coach

Meals: Breakfast

This morning begins with a visit to **Lihu Lake**, a scenic inlet of the larger Taihu Lake. Renowned for its beautiful parkland and unique attractions. Its fame is largely attributed to scholars throughout history. Afterwards, you will visit a **freshwater pearl farm** by Taihu Lake, where generations have been cultivating pearls in its waters, and their products are sold worldwide. This afternoon we head to Hangzhou, which Marco Polo described as the world's most beautiful city.

Optional tour: Romantic Show of Song-Cheng (\$105/pp)

The "Romantic Show of Song Cheng" is a must-see cultural icon in Hangzhou. This grand-scale theatrical experience combines powerful performances with impressive sound and light design to narrate the epic story of the city. It transports you through from the imperial grandeur of the Southern Song Dynasty to the beloved legends like "The Butterfly Lovers" etc.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Hangzhou Xiaoshan or similar 4*

PRICE	CAD
Adult(18 Yrs+)	\$2799.00/pp
Single Supplement	\$1200.00/pp
Pre-Pay Gratuity	\$225.00/PP

Extra night hotel: \$110.00/Room/night

DAY 7 Hangzhou to Shanghai by coach

Known as "Paradise on Earth". Your visit centers on its jewel: the UNESCO-listed West Lake Cultural Landscape, a masterpiece that has captivated generations. You'll then venture into the rolling hillsides to taste the world-renowned **Dragon Well Tea**, a premium green tea cherished for its healthful antioxidants and cultural significance in a Tea Plantation. In the afternoon, you depart for the bustling metropolis of Shanghai.

Optional tour: Huangpu River Cruise (\$80.00/pp)

A night cruise offers a front-row seat to its sparkling spectacle, the historic Bund glows under shimmering lights, presenting a grand gallery of world architecture against the city skyline, the futuristic towers of **Lujiazui** dazzle with a vibrant palette of dreamlike colors, creating an unforgettable panorama.

Accommodation: Shanghai Maison New Century Hotel or similar 4*

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 Shanghai

Today's exploration starts at the historic **Bund**, where you can stroll along the waterfront and admire its famous row of European-style buildings - a stunning architectural legacy that now anchors the city's "Wall Street of the East." With the rest of the afternoon and evening free, you can relax at your own pace or opt for a curated tour to discover even more of what makes Shanghai extraordinary.

Optional tour: Shanghai Insight Tour (\$70.00/pp)

Venture into the heart of Shanghai's financial prowess at Lujiazui, where you'll encounter the majestic **Jinmao Tower**. Soaring 420.5 meters over 88 floors, the building epitomizes a harmonious fusion of timeless Chinese design principles with contemporary global engineering. Next, experience a different side of the city at **Xintiandi**, it is celebrated area retains the charm of Shanghai's signature "**Shikumen**" architecture, now revitalized into a stylish cultural and leisure quarter that draws a global audience.

Optional tour: Shanghai Chinese Acrobatic Show (\$105.00/pp)

ERA is a grand-scale multimedia spectacle, a breathtaking feat of acrobatics and technology unique in China. It draws its power from the dynamic fusion of traditional artistry and modern innovation, much like the city of Shanghai itself.

Accommodation: Shanghai Maison New Century Hotel or similar 4*

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 Shanghai to Xi'an by high-speed train or flight

Today you will take a bullet train (A domestic flight may be provided in place of high-speed rail journey) to Xi'an. Visit the incredible **Wild Goose Pagoda**, originally built to house the Buddhist scriptures brought from ancient India. Later, you can opt for a fascinating optional tour.

Optional tour: Grand Tang Everbright City & Dumpling Banquet (\$80.00/pp)

Dive into Xi'an's vibrant nightlife. Begin with a sumptuous dumpling feast before immersing yourself in the electric energy of the **Grand Tang Everbright City**. Wind your way through this place of shopping, dining, amusement, and lively night markets.

Accommodation: Novotel Xi'an Xinxing or similar 4*

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 Xi'an

Today, you will visit the Terracotta Warriors. Accompanied by your local guide, marvel at rank upon rank of these enigmatic ancient figures. Later, explore the famous Muslim Quarter, a lively street brimming with delicious local snacks and unique souvenirs.

Accommodation: Novotel Xi'an Xinxing or similar 4*

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 11 Xi'an to Yichang by flight

Fly to Yichang, transfer to board the cruise. Once you've settled into your cabin, join your fellow travelers in the main hall for the Captain's welcome speech and safety instructions.

Accommodation: Victoria Cruise 5*

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12 Yangtze River

Today, you take a shore excursion to the **Three Gorges Dam Site**. It is one of the largest construction projects undertaken by mankind. Later today, sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest (41 miles) and deepest of the Three Gorges. This evening attends the Captain's Welcome Banquet and enjoy the evening entertainment with a Minorities and Dynasty Costumes Show.

Optional tour: Tribe of Three Gorges (\$90/pp)

The Tribe of the Three Gorges offers a captivating glimpse into the rich tapestry of China's cultural heritage and natural splendor. Travelers step back in time and experience the traditional lifestyles of the local, explore ancient dwellings, witness vibrant folk performances.

Accommodation: Victoria Cruise 5*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 13 Yangtze River

Today you will enjoy shore excursion to **Shennong Stream**. You will leave your cruise ship and board smaller vessels to sail through the narrower and breathtaking Lesser Three Gorges region, lined by sheer cliffs and mountains. Along the river you may see the ancient plank road and the Hanging Coffins. You will then return to the ship and continue sailing into **Wu Gorge**. You may also want to visit Three Gorges Apex (optional tour, it is free). It Offer breathtaking panoramic views of the majestic Yangtze River. Then sail through **Qutang Gorge**, the shortest (5 miles), narrowest (500 feet), and most dramatic gorge.

Optional tour: White Emperor City or Peak of the Three Gorges (\$90/pp)

This ancient fortress, often shrouded in mist and legend, offers a mesmerizing journey through China's storied past. Renowned as the "City of Poems".

Accommodation: Victoria Cruise 5*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 14 Yangtze River

Today you will join the included excursion to visit **Snow Jade Cave** which is a magnificent karst cave, renowned for its stunning white calcium carbonate formations, it is one of China's most beautiful caves. Then continue to pass through the mountains of Eastern Chongqing. Tonight enjoy the farewell dinner and pack your bags in preparation for disembarking tomorrow.

Optional tour: Mt. Wuling Great Rift (\$90/pp)

Additional optional shore excursion to Mt. Wuling Great Rift which is a spectacular natural wonder characterized by its deep, steep valleys and lush vegetation. Return to the ship after.

Accommodation: Victoria Cruise 5*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 15 Arrive Chongqing (CKG) and Departure (Pls book flight departure after 13:00pm)

This morning you will disembark the cruise in the city of Chongqing. You can explore this magic city at your own pace, or you will be taken to the airport to board flight home or to begin your onward journey. We hope that you have had a marvelous time and are bringing home unforgettable memories of your tour.

Optional tour: Chongqing Insight Tour (\$90/pp) (If choose it, Pls book flight departure after 20:00pm)

Welcome to join our well-planned insight tour. You'll explore many landmarks of Chongqing including Hongyadong Folk Custom Scene Area, Ciqikou Ancient Town and witness with your own eyes the marvel of the light rail train passing through an residential building. When the time comes.

Departure day airport transfer: For flights departing between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM, we will arrange three free airport transfers depending on the actual situation. For flights departing outside of these hours, an additional fee of \$50 per person will be charged.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 16 Home

You will arrive home today. We hope you return with memories that will last a lifetime.

Inclusions

10 nights of accommodation in 4-star hotels
4 nights' accommodation in cruise cabin
Daily buffet breakfast + lunch & dinner as listed in itinerary
High-speed train tickets as specified (Second Class)
Services of professional English-speaking tour guides
All land transportation via a air-conditioned coach
All entrance fees for scheduled sightseeing activities
Two bottles of water on each full sightseeing day
Day11 domestic flight from Xi'an to Yichang is included

Exclusions

International airfare to and from China
Chinese visa application and processing fees
Comprehensive travel insurance
Any personal expenses and meals not outlined in the itinerary
Costs associated with optional activities and excursions
Prepaid Mandatory Tipping \$225.00/pp
Personal shopping, laundry, telephone calls, and other incidental expenses

Important information

1, Itineraries and schedules are subject to change without notice. No refunds or price adjustments will be issued for changes made under these circumstances.
2, The price is for double occupancy, if a guest cancels the trip, the roommate needs to pay for a single supplement or cancel the trip also. For a third person sharing the room, a sofa bed or a cot will be provided. The third adult cannot be accommodated in the room on Yangtze river Ship.
3, This tour is for participants aged 18 and over, any participant under 18 is subject to a supplemental fee of \$180.00/pp, full payment is required for all optional activities and gratuities.
4, One free airport transfer in Beijing and one for departure in Chongqing are arranged. Pls see Day1 and Day15 for Details. Transfers outside the timing periods can be arranged privately for an additional fee of \$50.00/pp, 2 people or more per time.
5, All guests must follow the published group itinerary. The local service provider reserves the right to cancel any onward travel arrangements for guests who deviate from the planned schedule. This requirement does not apply to optional tours.
6, If you choose not to join an optional tour, your guide will drop you at a designated location and tell you when and where to rejoin the group. If you prefer to return to the hotel or explore independently, your guide can help arrange a private transfer for you in advance, the cost of any private transfer will be your own expense.
7, Cancellation & Refund Policy: Cancellations made 16 or more days prior to the scheduled departure date are eligible for a refund with a handling fee \$300.00/pp reduced. No refunds will be granted for cancellations made within 16 days of departure.