



Dream of China & Yangtze River (Three Gorges) 19 Days

Beijing - Xi'an

- Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise

- Wuhan - Shanghai - Guilin - Yangshuo - Hongkong

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Day 1: Home city – Beijing

Departure from your home city to Beijing, overnight on international flight.

Day 2: Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, China’s imperial capital whose rich history dates back to more than 3,000 years ago. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Our guide will assist with check-in, allowing you to enjoy some free time to relax afterwards.

Accommodation: Sheraton Beijing Lize Hotel or similar

Day 3: Beijing (B/L/D)

Beijing embodies the beating heart of China, brimming with monumental landmarks that reflect its storied past and vibrant economic center. After breakfast, we will visit Tiananmen Square and then enter the Forbidden City, the ornate palace of the emperors, enclosed by its imperial-red walls. This structure was off limits to commoners for centuries, being an UNESCO World Heritage Site accessible only to emperors, their families, and the court for over 500 years. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will visit another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Temple of Heaven, where emperors would humble themselves and pray for a good harvest. Evening welcome dinner with the Peking duck.

Accommodation: Sheraton Beijing Lize Hotel or similar

Day 4: Beijing (B/L/D)

Enjoy your trip to the ancient Great Wall, an iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site built from the 5th Century BC to the 16th Century AD to keep out the nomads, stretching for about 4,000 miles. Wander its paths, take in the breathtaking view. In the afternoon, visit the Summer Palace (Yiheyuan), a masterpiece of Chinese garden design and a former royal retreat with lakes, gardens, and palaces. Stroll the Long Corridor, admire the Marble Boat, and savor the calm of Kunming Lake to escape the city's hustle.

Accommodation: Sheraton Beijing Lize Hotel or similar

Day 5: Beijing - Xi'an (B/L)

After breakfast, take a city tour in the old town of Beijing: visit the Hutongs with a rickshaw ride, admire the well-kept courtyards of families who still live in this richly historic community, and enjoy an authentic lunch. Then, fly to Xi'an, one of China’s oldest cities, celebrated as the starting point of the ancient Silk Road. With more than 3,000 years of history, this city played a crucial role in one of China’s most glorious cultural periods. Dinner and transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation:Hilton Xi'an or similar



Day 6: Xi'an (B/L/D)

Visit the Eighth Wonder of the World : the magnificent Terracotta Warriors. At the enormous mausoleum where Emperor Qin Shi Huang was laid to rest over 2,000 years ago. Behold the 8,000 life-sized sculpted warriors, archers, and infantrymen who were buried with him. Remarkably, each man and horse was molded with its own distinctive features. The incredible archaeological site was discovered by local farmers in 1974. In the afternoon, we will visit the Grand Wild Goose Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy dinner while watching the spectacular Tang Dynasty Dance Show.

Accommodation:Hilton Xi'an or similar

Day 7: Xi'an - Chongqing (B/D)

After breakfast, we'll have a city tour of Xi'an before taking a speedy train to Chongqing, known as the 'Mountain City'. Dinner and transfer to hotel afterwards.

Accommodation:Hyatt Regency Chongqing Hotel or similar

Day 8: Chongqing/Century Glory Cruise (B/L/D)

After Breakfast, we will visit Chongqing Zoo (home to pandas) and take a city tour. In the afternoon, we will board the Century Glory for Yangtze River Cruise.

Accommodation: Century Glory (5-star cabin with private balcony)

Day 9: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Excursion to Fengdu Ghost city - It's known for the culture of ghosts and integrating of Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism with a diversity of Chinese traditions.

Accommodation: Century Glory (5-star cabin with private balcony)

Day 10: Yangtze River Cruise (Three Gorges) (B/L/D)

Travel the most scenic stretch of the Yangtze as it forces its way through a breathtaking series of limestone ridges known as the Three Gorges. Cruise through the Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest yet most spectacular of the three large gorges. Then, we will board a smaller boat for an excursion through the Shennv Stream. We will sail through these remarkable canyons flanked by towering cliffs. Along the way, you can see fascinating sites including the hanging coffins of the Ba people and the ancient plank path carved into the cliff side. Sailing through the Wu Gorge, renowned for its magnificent scenery.

Accommodation:Century Glory (5-star cabin with private balcony)



Day 11: Yangtze River Cruise / Yichang /Shanghai(B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will disembark for a tour of the Three Gorges Dam - the world’s largest hydroelectric power project, taking almost 20 years to build. You will see the inner workings of this massive structure up close. Learn how the dam controls flooding and how it led to the relocation of 1.25 million people. After the tour, we'll take a bus from Yichang to Jingzhou / Wuhan. Upon arrival, we'll head straight to the airport and board a flight to Shanghai.

Accommodation: Shanghai Marriott Hotel Yangpu Riverside or similar

Day 12: Shanghai (B/D)

Upon arrival in Shanghai, start your day at Lujiazui to enjoy the modern skyscraper view surrounded by landmarks like the Oriental Pearl Tower. Next, head to Nanjing Road. Browse high-end stores, taste local snacks, and soak up the vibrant atmosphere. Then, drive to the Bund to admire the contrast between Pudong's metropolitan views and European style buildings. In the afternoon, head to City God’s Temple. Try local snacks, explore Yuyuan Garden with its beautiful rockeries.

Accommodation: Shanghai Marriott Hotel Yangpu Riverside or similar

Day 13: Shanghai (B/D)

On the second day in Shanghai, begin your morning at Zhujiajiao Ancient Town. Walk along its old streets, admire the Ming and Qing style buildings, and take a boat ride to enjoy the water town charm. In the afternoon, explore the Old Shanghai's alleys in Tianzifang and visit cultural spots to learn about the city's past. As night falls, take a Huangpu River cruise to enjoy the city's lit up skyline.

Accommodation: Shanghai Marriott Hotel Yangpu Riverside or similar

Day 14: Shanghai - Guilin (B/D)

After breakfast, we will transfer by flight to Guilin. Its name translates to "Forest of Sweet Osmanthus”, owing to the large number of fragrant sweet Osmanthus trees located in the region. The city has long been renowned for its stunning karst topography. Guilin is one of China's most popular tourist destinations, and the epithet "By water, by mountains, most lovely”captures its charm.

Accommodation: Guilin Shangri-La Hotel or similar

Day 15: Yangshuo - Guilin (B/L)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to Yangshuo where we will take a bamboo raft ride on the Li River, which like a graceful green belt

meandering among the hills. The clear waters reflect the teal hills, making them more attractive. In the afternoon, we will visit the old quarter and a minority village.

Accommodation: Guilin Shangri-La Hotel or similar

Day 16: Yangshuo - Guilin (B/L)

After breakfast, head to Reed Flute Cave. Explore the fascinating underground karst topography, marvel at the spectacular rock formations, and be enchanted by the unique natural scenery inside. In the afternoon, we will visit a tea plantation, surrounded by the famous Guilin karst mountains. There, you will learn about different types of teas, followed by a demonstration of tea preparation per type and a tea ceremony with tasting. In the evening, board a ship on the lake. Relax on the deck, enjoy the gentle breeze, and soak in the beautiful night views of the surrounding landscape, offering a peaceful and leisurely experience.

Accommodation: Guilin Shangri-La Hotel or similar

Day 17: Guilin - Hong Kong (B/L)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart by High Speed Train for Hong Kong. Transfer to the hotel and enjoy free time in the evening.

Accommodation:Hong Kong Nina hotel or similar

Day 18: Hong Kong (B/L)

After breakfast, take a tour in Hong Kong Island Start with a visit to Victoria Peak, where you can enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the city, Victoria Harbor, Kowloon Peninsula, and beyond (if weather permits) at 554 meters above sea-level. Then, experience the Peak Tram, which was the first established in 1888. While taking in the soaring views of the city, imagine the olden days when locals used to carry the upper-class colonials up by sedan chair. Afterwards, visit Repulse Bay Beach, one of the most expensive residential areas in Hong Kong, followed by a trip to Stanley Market, a popular market located in the quaint village of Stanley on the south coast of Hong Kong Island, favored by locals.

Accommodation:Hong Kong Nina hotel or similar

Day 19: Hong Kong - Home city (B)

After breakfast, we will transfer to Hong Kong International airport to end your trip.

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