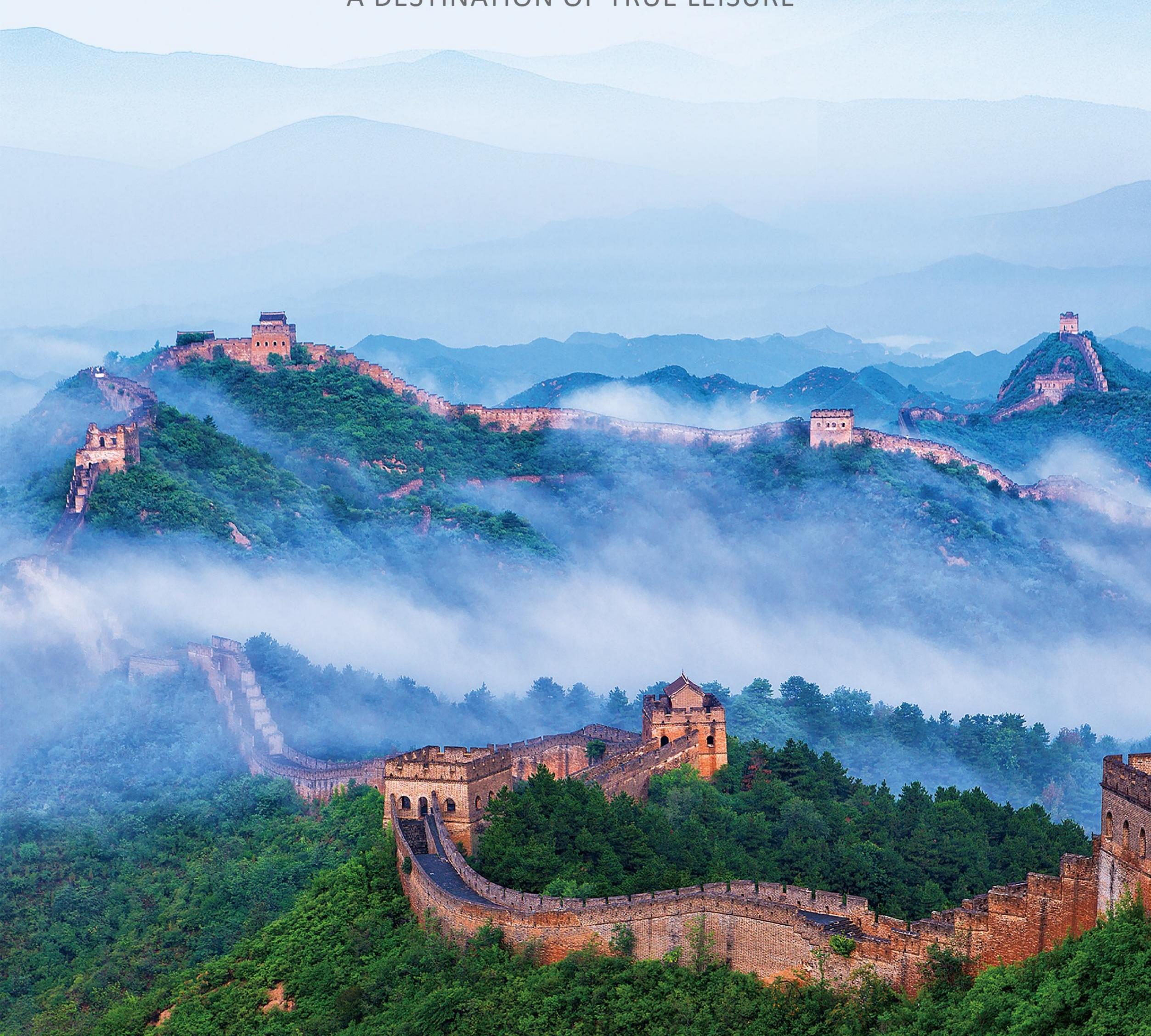


## Legend of China & Yangtze River Cruise 14 Days

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## **CRUISE IN UTMOST LUXURY**

- 9 Nights in 5-star Hotels
- 3 Nights Onboard Century Glory
- 30 Meals included
- Visit 4 World Heritage Sites
- Professional English—speaking Tour Guides



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

### Day 2: Beijing

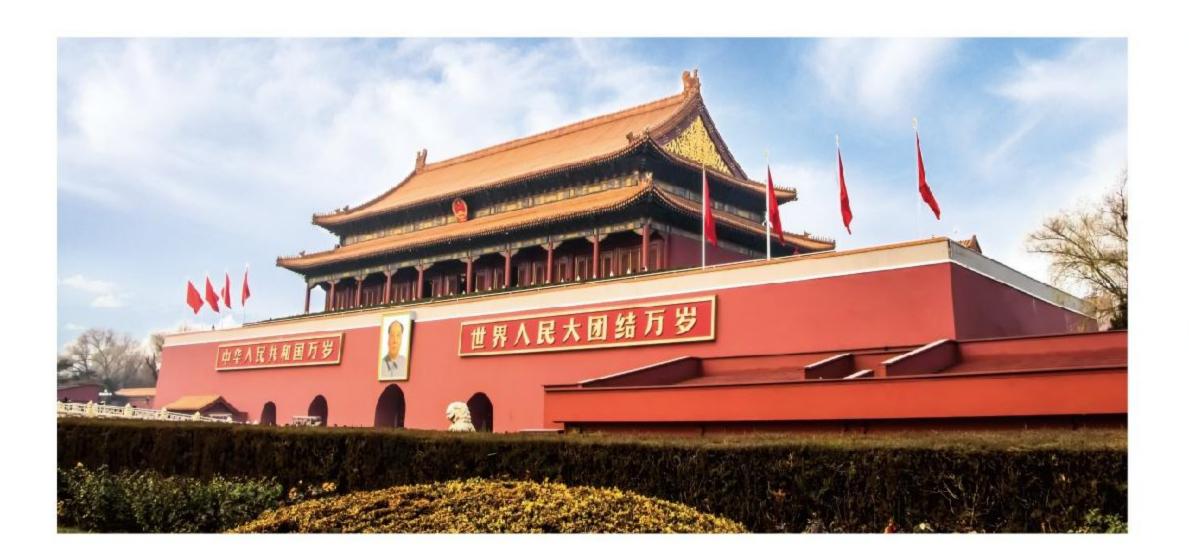
Arrive in Beijing, China's imperial capital whose rich history dates back to more than 3000 years. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Our guide will assist with check-in, allowing you to enjoy some free time to relax afterwards.

## 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 a 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 at the Peking duck.

## 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 nomads, stretching about 4,000 miles. Wander its paths, take in the breathtaking view, and then head back to view the exterior of Beijing National Stadium (Bird's Nest Stadium). 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, escaping the city's hustle.

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

After breakfast, take a city tour in the old town of Beijing: visit Hutong with a rickshaw ride, admire the well-kept courtyards of families who still live in this richly historic community, and enjoy a lunch at local resident. Departure by flight to Xi'an, one of the oldest cities in China. Celebrated as the starting point of the ancient Silk Road. More than 3,000 years of history, this city presided over one of China's most glorious cultural periods. Dinner and transfer to the hotel.

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

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, see 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 the spectacular Tang Dynasty Dance Show.

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

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

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

After Breakfast, we will visit Chongqing Zoo (Panda), and take a city tour. After dinner, we will board the Century Glory for Yangtze River Cruise.



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

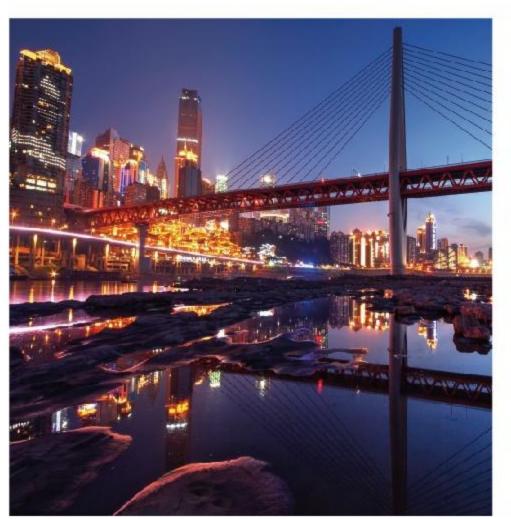
Excursion to FENGDU Ghost city - It's known for the culture of ghosts and integrating of Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhist with diverse of Chinese traditions.

#### 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 spectacular series of limestone ridges known as the Three Gorges. Cruise through Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most spectacular of the three large gorges. Then, we will board a smaller boat for an excursion through the Goddess 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 road carved into the cliffside. Sailing through Wu Gorge, renowned for its magnificent scenery.

# Day 11: Yangtze River Cruise / Yichang /Shang-hai(B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will disembark for a tour of the Three Gorges Dam. The world's largest hydroelectric power project took 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/high-speed train from Yichang to Wuhan. Upon arriving in Wuhan, we'll head straight to the airport and board a flight to Shanghai.





#### Day 12: Wuhan - Shanghai (B/D)

Upon arriving in Shanghai, start your day on Nanjing Road. Browse high - end stores, taste local snacks, and soak up the vibrant vibes. Next, head to the Bund to admire the contrast between Pudong's skyscrapers and European style buildings. Then, explore the Old Shanghai's alleys and visit cultural spots to learn about the city's past. Finally, drive to Lujiazui and enjoy the amazing night view surrounded by landmarks like the Oriental Pearl Tower.

## 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, head to Chenghuangmiao. Try local snacks, explore Yuyuan Garden with its beautiful rockeries, and visit the Shanghai Museum to see cultural relics. As night falls, take a Huangpu River cruise to enjoy the city's lit up skyline.

### Day 14: Shanghai – Home city (B)

After breakfast, we will head to Shanghai Pudong International Airport for the return flight. This marks the end of the trip.

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