

Giant Panda & Yangzi Cruise

See the giant panda up close and sail through the scenic Three Gorges while exploring natural wonders, cultural attractions, and hidden treasures in Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, on a Yangzi River Cruise, as well as in Shanghai

14 Days / 12 Nights

Departures: May 21-June 03, 2017 October 22-November 04, 2017



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Tour Program Summary

China is a land of history and refinement unparalleled in the world. Attentive visitors are immersed in a sea of visual and cultural experiences unlike any other. Each geographic area in China teems with its own identity as an energetic variation on the great theme of Chinese civilization. You will be amazed at how regions differ vastly yet express similar values and ideas.

Your grand China tour starts in **Beijing**. Enjoy an exploration of the beauty of the imperial city and meetings with urban Chinese residents. Discover the splendor of China's glorious past: the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and Great Wall; also witness the dynamic and ever-changing life pace in today's capital of China.



Travel by air to **Xi'an**, once the largest city in the world. Visit and explore the Terracotta Warriors Museum in homage to Qinshihuang. It is considered China's preeminent archaeological discovery. Tour other important historic sites in the ancient Tang Dynasty capital.

Wing on to our next destination **Chengdu**, a place of color, spirit and fiery food. A visit to the Giant Panda Breeding Center will prove to be a thrill. Ponder over the extraordinary archaeological discovery at the Sanxingdui Site & Museum. Watch the marvelous face changing show and relax in a local restaurant for a taste of the genuine Sichuan cuisine.

Take a high-speed train to **Chongqing**, industrial and commercial hub of southwestern China. Get on a deluxe cruise ship and begin sailing. The 3-night **Yangzi River Cruise** allows you to enjoy the dramatic Three Gorges scenery and the magnificent river culture to their fullest. It includes daily stops on the way downstream. The landscapes in the Three Gorges area are as grand as ever, and you can enjoy all the beautiful views from the comfort of a modern ship.

The last stop of this tour is **Shanghai**, China's most populous city and economic powerhouse. The European Bund still retains the glamour of the colonial era; modern shopping malls, Chinese specialty stores, western pubs & bars, and boutique shops scatter all around the center of Shanghai. Visit the traditional Yuyuan Garden and spend some time exploring Shanghai Museum, the best in China.

Fly home from Shanghai and arrive in North America on the same day.

Tour Daily Itinerary

- Day 01 → depart Fly from your home city to Beijing, China on a cross-Pacific flight
- Day 02 **Beijing** Arrive in Beijing today; met by your private English-speaking guide and transfer to [Regent Beijing \(deluxe room\)](#). Join the **Evening Group Reception** or free for your own leisure and relaxation.



- Day 03 **Beijing** Breakfast in hotel. Meet your guide in the lobby at **8:30am**; go to visit [Tiananmen Square](#), world's largest public square, and the "Egg"-National Performing Arts Centre (exterior) followed by the [Forbidden City](#), imperial palaces for the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) Dynasties.

After **lunch** in a local restaurant, take part in a pedicab "[Hutong & Courtyard](#)" tour to explore the old traditional neighborhood of the city through narrow alleyways; transfer back to hotel for relaxation.

Join your guide again and enjoy a **Peking Duck Dinner** at *Dadong Restaurant* this evening. Transfer back to hotel after dinner. <B-L-D>

- Day 04 **Beijing** Breakfast in hotel. Start the day a bit early at **7:30am**; meet your guide and visit [Temple of Heaven](#) in the morning to see the locals doing various morning exercise and also visit the [Hall of Prayer for Harvest](#); stop by [Hongqiao Market](#) for a visit before heading to *Capital M Restaurant* for a relaxing **lunch** with views of the bustling Qianmen Street and Tiananmen Square.

Afternoon travel by vehicle to [Summer Palace](#) for an exploration of this huge imperial park including a [boat ride](#) on Kunming Lake.

Transfer back to hotel in late afternoon and evening is free. <B-L>



- Day 05 → **Xi'an** Breakfast in hotel and check out; travel by vehicle with guide to the [Great Wall at Mutianyu](#) for a visit including round-trip cable car ride; have **lunch** at *The Xiaolongpu Restaurant* in Mutianyu Village.
- Transfer to Beijing Airport and fly **CA1225 (1525-1730)** to Xi'an; met by your private guide upon arrival and transfer to [Gran Melia Hotel Xi'an \(deluxe room\)](#) for check-in and relaxation. <B-L>

Day 06 **Xi'an** Breakfast in hotel. Meet your guide in hotel lobby at **8:30am** and take a morning excursion to the Terracotta Warriors Site & Museum for an exploration; return to the hotel for a relaxation and lunch is on your own.

In the afternoon, tour the massive Ancient City Wall, built in the Ming Dynasty, and the Great Mosque and the nearby bustling Muslim Market. Tonight, enjoy a **Xi'an Cuisine Dinner** in *Baixing Chufang Restaurant*. Transfer back to hotel after dinner for your own relaxation. <B-D>



Day 07 **→ Chengdu** Have breakfast in your hotel; then transfer to airport and fly **CZ6433 (1040-1215)** to Chengdu. Met by your local guide and transfer to hotel for check-in, rest and your own lunch.

In the Afternoon, visit Kuanzhai Alley Arts & Crafts District, and enjoy a **Sichuan Cuisine Dinner** at *Baguobuyi* followed by a **Face-Changing Show** in *Shufeng Yayun Theatre*. Stay two nights in Renaissance Chengdu Hotel (deluxe room). <B-D>

Day 08 **Chengdu** Breakfast at your hotel; then travel by vehicle to visit the Chengdu Panda Research & Breeding Center where you can get a close look at the giant pandas and scientists' effort to save the bear from extinction.

Then, take an excursion to the amazing Sanxingdui Archaeological Site & Museum for a visit and later tour a countryside market.

Return to hotel in late afternoon and remainder of the day is free for your own relaxation. Dinner is on your own. <B-L>

Day 09 **📍 Chongqing** Breakfast in hotel; enjoy some leisure time this morning. Transfer to train station and take high speed train **D5112 (1207-1402)** to Chongqing.

Upon arrival, met by your local guide and take a city tour visiting Ciqikou Old District and Three Gorges Museum. Enjoy a **Chongqing Hot Pot Dinner** before boarding the Victoria Jenna Cruise Ship (bridge superior cabin with amenity package) and start sailing on the mighty Yangzi River. <B-D>



Day 10 **YZ Cruise** Breakfast aboard the ship. Today's shore excursion is to visit Shibaozhai (or

Wanxian Town Market depending docking pier) to experience unique hillside temples and local market. Enjoy a **Captain's Reception** and the **Welcome Dinner** in the evening. <B-L-D>

Day 11 **YZ Cruise** Breakfast aboard the ship. Passing through Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge; take the Danang River (or Shennong Stream depending on water conditions) excursion to see the scenic Lesser Three Gorges and hanging coffins.
Later in the day, sail through the ship-locks and Xiling Gorge; enjoy an **Evening Banquet** and party at the **Crew Talent Show** with fellow travelers and service staff. Spend a third night on the ship. <B-L-D>

Day 12 → **Shanghai** Breakfast aboard the ship. Get off the boat this morning for the Three Gorges Dam Excursion; cruise ends in Yichang and you are picked up by local guide and enjoy a city tour. Have **lunch** in a local restaurant.
Then, transfer to Yichang Airport and fly **MU2674 (1625-1815)** to Shanghai; met and transfer to Grand Central Hotel Shanghai (deluxe room) for check-in and relaxation; dinner is on your. <B-L>

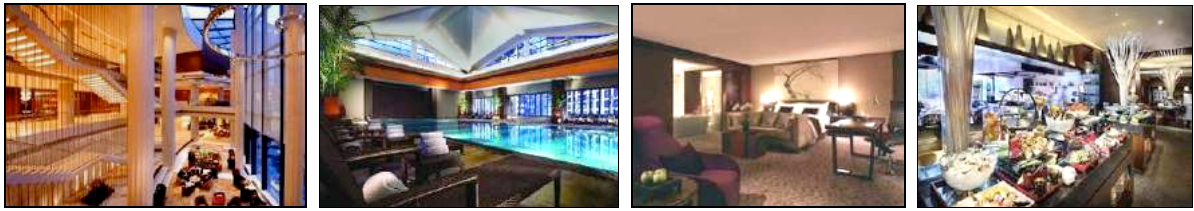


Day 13 **Shanghai** Breakfast in hotel. Go out with your guide and enjoy a full day exploration in the modern and cosmopolitan Shanghai. Visit the Bund -- a mile-long promenade lined with colonial era architecture buildings, the literati Yuyuan Garden, and the Old Town Area. Have **lunch** in a local restaurant.
Afternoon visit the leafy French Concession, Shanghai Museum with the world class bronze exhibit, and Ohel Moshe Synagogue in the old Jewish Quarters; return to hotel for refreshing and enjoy a **Shanghai Cuisine Dinner** in Xianqiangfang Restaurant tonight. <B-L-D>

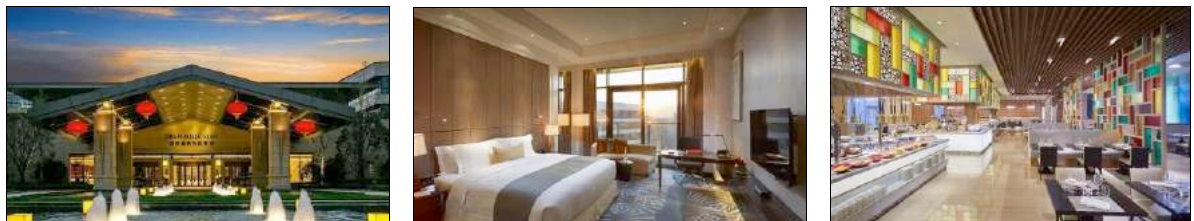
Day 14 → **return** Breakfast in hotel; enjoy some leisure time this morning. Afternoon transfer to Shanghai Pudong Airport and fly home.

Changes to Itinerary: Access China Tours has made all possible attempts to ensure the accuracy of tour itineraries. Circumstances beyond our control may occur. We reserve the right to change itineraries, sightseeing activities, and common carriers, and to substitute hotels when necessary. Service of a similar category and standard will be maintained if such changes are made. The Service Voucher in your last pre-departure packet will provide the operational itinerary summary, final transport and hotel information.

Luxury & Deluxe Class Hotels and Cruise Ship on Tour



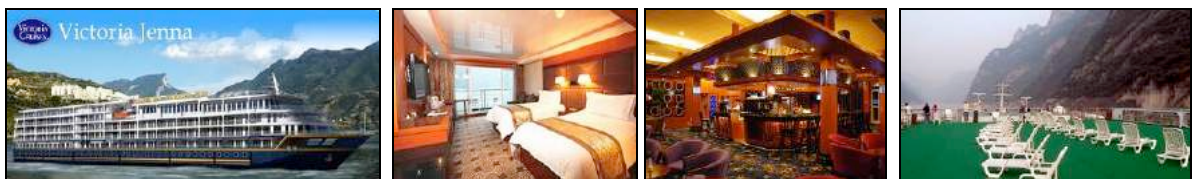
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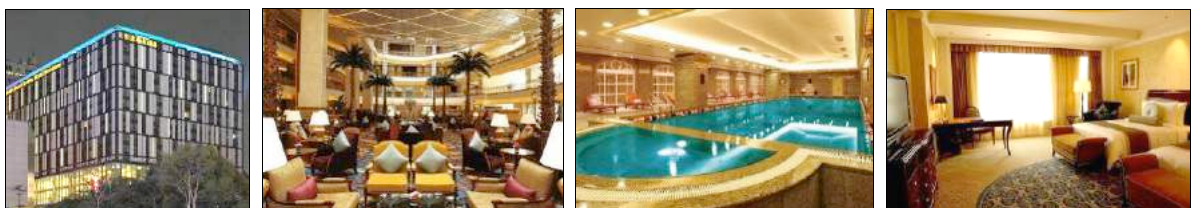
Gran Melia Hotel Xi'an



Renaissance Chengdu Hotel



Victoria Jenna Cruise Ship



Grand Central Hotel Shanghai

Tour Land Price Inclusions & Exclusions

Tour Land Prices: **\$4,590 USD** per person double occupancy (for a group of 2-5 travelers)
 \$4,470 USD per person double occupancy (for a group of 6-9 travelers)
 \$4,250 USD per person double occupancy (for a group of 10-16 travelers)

Single Supplement Cost: **\$1,380 USD** for single occupancy in hotels on cruise ship throughout the tour

What's Included in 'Tour Land Prices'

- Luxury & deluxe class hotel double occupancy accommodations
- Superior cabin on bridge deck with amenity package* (*complimentary drinks, lounge, WiFi etc*)
- Coach class China domestic air tickets, high speed train and ground transportation
- All tour related Chinese domestic taxes
- Arrival and departure transfers on tour dates
- Transfers and luggage (1 piece of 45 pounds per person for domestic flights) handling
- Pre-departure information packets
- All sightseeing, visits, cultural events, and activities listed in the itinerary
- All meals (*all breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners*) as specified in the itinerary
- Service of a private English-speaking Tour Manager/Escort (*for a group of 6 or more travelers*)
- Service of a private English-speaking local guide in each city where needed
- Private, clean, and newer motor vehicle with air-conditioning and a professional driver
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers (*for a group of 6 or more travelers*)

What's Not Included in 'Tour Land Prices'

- International air tickets (*will quote separately if requested*)
- Chinese visa processing (www.mychinavisa.com or www.mychinavisa.ca)
- Trip cancellation, baggage, accident, and medical insurance
- Meals not indicated as included and optional activities and events
- Gratuities to your Tour Manager/Escort; tipping for local guides and drivers (*for 2-5 travelers*)
- Items not listed and/or specified as included in the itinerary

Cancellation Policy: **\$600 USD pp deposit is required at sign up.** All cancellation notices must be received in writing and will become effective as of the date of receipt by *Access China Tours*. We assess cancellation fees of all tours according to the following schedule:

90 days or more prior to departure	\$300 per person *
89 to 60 days prior to departure	\$600 per person *
59 to 30 days prior to departure	\$900 per person *
29 to 15 days prior to departure	\$1200 per person *

* Plus any charges assessed by government agencies, land suppliers, cruise companies and airlines.

Within 14 days of departure100% forfeiture of the tour price per person

Access China Tours will not grant partial refunds for any unused trip arrangements after the trip has commenced or any refunds to participants who do not complete any portion of the itinerary. Any airline tickets issued are subject to the carrier's refund and cancellation policy. **We strongly recommend you purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance to protect your travel investment.** If a tour is forced to be cancelled due to government's travel warnings, declared or undeclared wars, hostilities, civil disturbances, strike, riot, epidemic, and quarantines, *Access China Tours* will refund all participants' payment less any irretrievable expenses and loss (visa fees, airline penalties, communication cost, and non-refundable booking cost, etc.). However, *Access China Tours* will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by tour participants (e.g., non-refundable "advance purchase" air tickets, insurance & medical expenses, passport and visa expenses, etc.).