

Hotel (or the same standard):

Shanghai: **** Dorure International Hotel & *** Shanghai Harbour Hotel

Yangtze River Cruise – China Regal Cruises: ***** Princess Elaine

***** Princess Jeannie

***** Princess Sheena

Chongqing: **** Hai De Hotel & *** Guangchang Hotel

Xi'an: **** Wan Nian Grand Hotel & *** Wan Nian Grand Hotel

Beijing: **** Guangxi Hotel & *** Ping An Fu Hotel

- High Season: April, May, July 20th-July 31st, Aug., Sep., Oct., Nov.1st-Nov.15th
- Shoulder Season: Mar., June, July 1st-July 19th, Nov.16th-Nov.30th
- Low Season: Dec., Jan., Feb.

[Tour Code: CY-003] Yangtze River Cruise (upstream)
Shanghai-Wuhan-Yangtze River-Chongqing-Xi'an-Beijing (14 Day)

The Yangtze River is China's longest river and the third longest waterway in the world. There are more than 70 passenger ships cruising between Chongqing and Yichang, Wuhan or Shanghai both upstream and downstream. Their outstanding hotel and cruise management expertise give travelers a wonderful vacation option on the Yangtze River.

The Three Gorges, Qutang, Wu and Xiling Gorge, the most spectacular section of the Yangtze River, are filled with breathtaking sceneries. Beginning from Baidicheng in Fengjie, Chongqing and ending in Nanjin Pass in Yichang, they extend for a distance of 192 kilometers.

The Three Gorges Dam, is the world's largest hydroelectric project using the rich water resources of the Three Gorges and the newest attraction on the Yangtze cruise line. After the damming of the open diversion channel on Nov 6, 2002 during the second stage of the Three Gorges Dam's construction, the Yangtze River Cruise resumed from June 16th, 2003 with still magnificent gorge, impressive mountain landscape and some new attractions.



Day01 Arrive in Shanghai

Arrive in Shanghai, the bustling commercial heart of China, known as "Paris of the East". Meet your guide upon arrival and be transferred to your comfortable hotel. (D)

Day02 Shanghai

Visit **the Bund**, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Jin Mao Tower can be seen on the opposite side. The splendid row of early

20th century Europe buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Visit fascinating **Yuyuan Garden**, a well-restored Suzhou-style garden, and take a walk through the Old Town filled with antique markets and specialty stores. Then, visit to the marvelous **Shanghai Museum**, a leading attraction of the city since it opened in 1994, containing some priceless collections of paintings, porcelains and bronzes. Enjoy a fabulous **Acrobatic Show** in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day03 Shanghai-Wuhan

This morning is free to shop and explore. Fly to Wuhan, the capital of Hubei Province. Visit **Yellow Crane Tower**, one of the most renowned towers south of the Yangtze River. Its cultural significance led to its being made the symbol of Wuhan City. Boarding on the ship at about 17:00pm, depart your Yangtze River Cruise around 19:00pm. (B-L-D)

Attention: No dinner on the ship, if you want to have dinner on ship, the fare is RMB 80 –per person.

Day04 Yangtze River Cruise



Sail all day. Listen to the briefing of the Yangtze River, enjoy the beautiful scenery on the riversides. You also can watch the performance of Tai Ji and other cultural programs, such as the Chinese cuisine, language, music, history, art and so on. In the evening, enjoy the **Captain's Welcome Banquet** and **Singing & Dancing Show**. (B-L-D)

Day05 Yangtze River Cruise

At about 07:30am, the ship will navigate **Gezhou Ship Lock**. One and a half hours later, cruise through **Xiling Gorge**, which is the longest gorge among the three gorges. Around 11:00am-14:00pm, visit **Three Gorges Dam**, the world's largest hydroelectric project and the newest attraction on the Yangtze River Cruise line. Around 14:30pm-17:30pm, pass through the **Five-Step Ship Locks** of Three Gorges Dam. Enjoy the Dancing and Movie entertainment in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day06 Yangtze River Cruise

Arrive at Badong Port in the morning. Around 08:00am-12:00am, cruise through the **Shennong Stream**, a tributary of the Yangtze River, with crystal clear steam flows swiftly from north to south, a sampan tour will allow you to experience a speedy adventure along the **Mianzhu Gorge**. At about 12:30pm, enter **Wu**



Gorge, which is the most beautiful section of the Yangtze River, flanked by high peaks that are often capped by fog or clouds. Around 16:00pm, the cruise will enter **Qutang Gorge**, 8km long, which is the last (most up stream) and shortest of the gorges, quite spectacular. Enjoy the Dancing entertainment and Movie entertainment in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day07 Yangtze River Cruise

Arrive at Wanxian Port around 08:00am. **Wanxian City Tour** around 08:30am -11:30am, you will pay a visit to the Museum, Relocation Village and Market. Departure Wanxian at about 12:00 noon. Enjoy the Dancing entertainment and Movie entertainment in the evening. (B-L-D)

[Attention: All itineraries are subject to change based on various factors beyond our control.](#)

[Timetable is for general reference only. Precise port and gorge times subject to seasonal changes at time of operation. Excursions will be shorter in high water season of summer.](#)

Day08 Yangtze River Cruise-Chongqing

Yangtze River Cruise will be ended at 10:00am in Chongqing. Upon disembarking, enjoy a brief city tour of the most famous mountain city in China, visit the **People's Hall of Chongqing**. Evening atop **Loquat Hill** to enjoy evening view of the city. Stay overnight in Chongqing. (B-L-D)

Day09 Chongqing-Xi'an

Take morning flight to Xi'an, the great ancient capital and the eastern end of the Silk Road. City tour begins with a visit to the ancient **City Wall** which was built in 1370 A.D. Afternoon visit to **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** which was built in 652 A.D. It contains a large volume of Buddhist scriptures which were obtained from India by the eminent monk of Xuanzang. Attend a special **Tang Dynasty Dinner and Show** in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day10 Xi'an



Horses yourself. (B-L-D)

Xi'an full day excursion to the unparalleled highlight **Terra-Cotta Warriors** at the Tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor in China. Added highlights are a visit to **Banpo Village** - the remains of a neolithic village dating back 6,000 years. Primitive tools and household utensils are displayed in the Banpo Museum. Time permits, visit factory where copies of Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses are made. With the introduction of the workman there, you may try to use clay and mould to make the copies of Terra-cotta Warriors and

Day11 Xi'an-Beijing

Take morning flight to Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China. Meet your guide upon arrival and be transferred to your deluxe hotel. Afternoon tour to the **Temple of Heaven** where the emperors prayed for good harvest. Travel through the Beijing old "**Hutongs**" via pedicabs in the afternoon. (B-L-D)

Day12 Beijing

Beijing morning tour to **Tian'anmen Square**, located in the heart of the capital, and the Imperial Palace, known as the **Forbidden City** - one of the greatest feats of ancient Chinese architecture. Afternoon sightseeing includes **Summer Palace** - a former summer resort area of the royal family. Welcome **Peking Duck Dinner** in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day13 Beijing

Beijing full day excursion to the **Great Wall (Badaling Section)**- the landmark of China. It is one of the most amazing feats of human labour - the only man-made construction on earth visible from outer space. After lunch, a drive to the **Ming Tombs (Changling Tomb)**, the tomb area for deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. (B-L-D)

Day14 Depart From Beijing

Be transferred to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. (B)

