

11 Days China Relaxation Tour with Yangtze River Cruise

Day 1 USA/Beijing

Arrive at Beijing Capital Int'l Airport. The representative will greet and escort you to your hotel.

Day 2 Beijing

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In the morning, visit the **Temple of Heaven**; widely regarded as the noblest example of religious architectures in all of China, it was the site where emperors came to worship heaven for a bountiful harvest. We'll walk around **Tiananmen Square**, probably the largest and most magnificent public square in the world. Explore the **Forbidden City**, the largest and most well-preserved imperial palace whose vast and exotic grandeur was brilliantly captured in the movie *The Last Emperor*. Tonight's **welcome dinner** features China's famous **Peking duck**.

Day 3 Beijing

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In the morning, we will visit the **Olympic Park**, where the 2008 Summer Olympic was held and now it is the new tourist attraction in Beijing. Then we will visit a jade workshop, where we will learn about Chinese jade culture. In the afternoon, go to the fabled **Great Wall**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a massive defensive structure built to keep off intrusion. Proceed to Tongrentang, China's most famous traditional pharmacy, where you could learn the mystifying Chinese theory of Yin & Yang balance. In the evening, we will attend the most famous **Chinese Acrobatic Show**

Day 4 Beijing/Xian

BLD

In the morning, visit the **Summer Palace**, former summer retreat for the imperial family during the late Qing Dynasty and now China's largest and best-preserved royal garden. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to the fresh-water pearl shop. In the afternoon board a flight to Xi'an. Visit the **City Wall** -- one of the few ancient city walls still standing in China. Enjoy a good night of **Dumpling Banquet Dinner** and the **Tang Dynasty Show**.

Day 5 Xian

BLD

In the morning, visit the **Wild Goose Pagoda**, a famous Buddhist pagoda in China. Then we go to one of the most exciting archaeological finds of the 20th Century -- **Terracotta Warriors and reproduction factory**. Current estimates -- there were over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses, the major of which are still buried in the pits. Lastly, indulge in a **hot-pot** dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 6 Xian/Chongqing

BLD

Morning, visit **Shaanxi Provincial Museum**, which beholds a treasure of 113,000 historic and cultural artifacts unearthed in Shaanxi; After lunch, take flight to Chongqing, the birthplace of Ba and Yu culture with the history of 3000 years. Take the city tour upon arrival. Visit includes **Chongqing Zoo to see the Pandas**. Early evening board the Yangtze River cruiser and start your venture tour on the Yangtze River. With a rich Chinese cultural heritage of thousands of years, the Three Gorges is not only a picturesque natural gallery, but also a spectacular treasure house.

Day 7 Yangtze Cruise BLD

Today, we will take a **shore excursion to Fengdu**. Fengdu is an ancient city with a long history, located on the north bank of the Yangtze River, also known as the "Abode of Ghosts." **Captain's Banquet** is arranged tonight.

Day 8 Yangtze Cruise BLD

Today we will pass **Xiling Gorge-West Part**, which is renowned for being extremely perilous and is the longest one of the Three Gorges. The water is full of turbulent currents and whirlpools and dangerous shoals. Transfer to smaller boats to see the **Shennongxi Stream**. In the afternoon, we will pass Wu Gorge, The Wu Gorge boasts the most immediately beautiful and spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. Then we will pass Qutang Gorge around 5:00pm. Although Qutang Gorge is the smallest among the Three Gorges, it is actually the most powerful one and the water here flows most rapidly at this spot.

Day 9 Yichang/Shanghai BLD

The Yangtze River Adventure concludes in the city of Yichang. Fly to Shanghai, upon arrival, we will explore the **Special Economic Zone of Pudong** and walk along the **east side of Huangpu River** with memorable views of the Bund and the Huangpu River. Then we will visit the famous waterfront **Bund and Nanjing Road**.

Day 10 Shanghai BLD

After breakfast, visit **Zhujiajiao Water town**. In the afternoon, visit **City God Temple Open Market**. We also make a stop at the Chinese tea house.

Day 11 Shanghai/USA B

Free in the morning until your tour guide transfers you to airport. Take a flight return to USA.

Tour Package Price (based on double-sharing a room):

For 6-9 people: \$1798/per person

For 10 or more: \$1598/per person

Price includes:

- * 4 star accommodation on twin sharing basis with daily buffet breakfast.
- *Sightseeing & transfers with English speaking guide and private air-conditioned car
- *Meals specified in local Chinese restaurants (B for breakfast, L for lunch, D for dinner)
- *Evening programs mentioned in the itinerary
- *4 star cruise on Yangtze River

Price not includes:

- *China Visa
- *International flights
- *Travel insurance
- *Tipping to guide, driver and hotel porters
- *Any items not mentioned in the itinerary