

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Forbidden City in Beijing, China. The image shows the traditional Chinese architecture with its iconic yellow roofs and red walls. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue overlay on the right side, which contains the text and logo.

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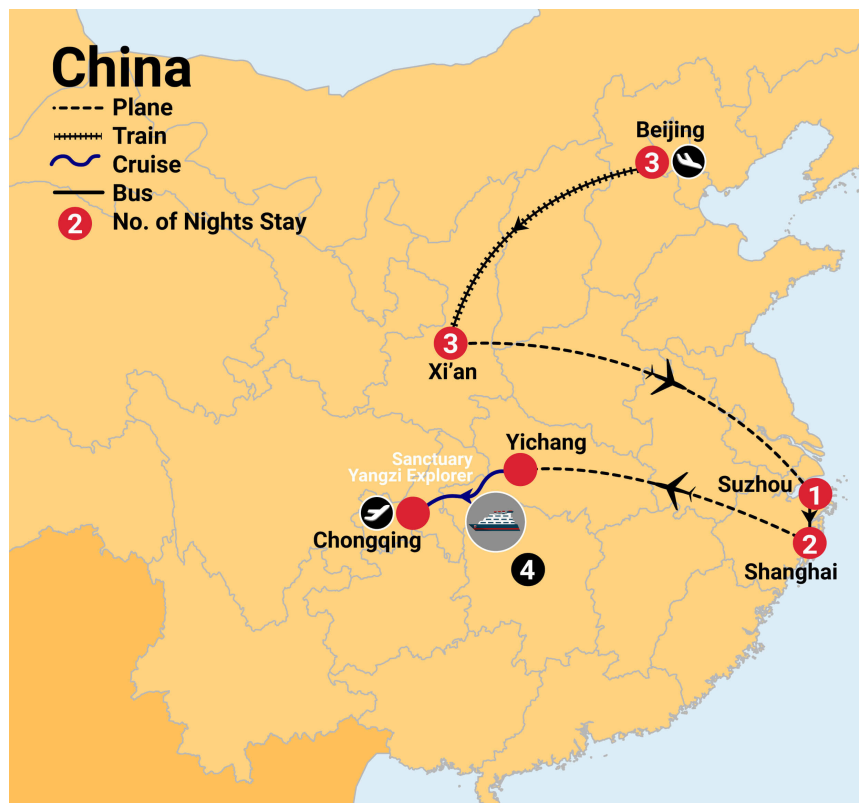
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### TOUR ITINERARY



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### DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Beijing
Meals included	
Hotel	5 ★ Shangri-La's China World, or similar

Welcome to China! You'll be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

A city of roughly 22 million people, Beijing is bustling, energetic and it just doesn't stop. There is plenty to see, do and, of course, eat – whether it's dumplings at a night food market or a taste of traditional Peking duck. Given the capital's rich history – 5,000 years of it – you'll find magnificent palaces, and luxurious royal gardens and mausoleums. It's home to important temples and several of China's most famous tourist attractions, like the Forbidden City.

*Please note: Some flights may depart the day before.*

*Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.*

### DAY 2

Destination	Beijing
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Shangri-La's China World, or similar

Today we'll visit Tiananmen Square, the site of several important events in Chinese history. At 440,000 square metres, it was built as a sign of the strength of Communism. It's designed to hold one million people. Tiananmen means 'Gate of Heavenly Peace' and the north side of the square is flanked by this gate that leads to the Forbidden City. The square holds great cultural significance and also contains the Monument to the People's Heroes, the National Museum of China and the Mausoleum of Chairman Mao Zedong.

Next we'll visit the Forbidden City, directly opposite Tiananmen Square. The former Chinese imperial palace is a famous landmark of Beijing and a great place to learn about Chinese culture and history. It was the centre of imperial China during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Don't miss the magnificent Meridian Gate or the Golden River Bridges, five richly-decorated white marble bridges. It's undoubtedly China's top tourist site so be prepared for crowds!

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – GOLDEN MASK DYNASTY/KUNG FU SHOW

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. A must-see production in Beijing for tourists and Kung Fu lovers, take in the colourful, spectacular musical performance of 'The Golden Mask Dynasty'. Or, see the 'Kung Fu Legend' show, which showcases Chinese martial arts, dance and acrobatics.

#### DAY 3

Destination	Beijing
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Shangri-La's China World, or similar

Your excursion to the majestic Great Wall (Juyong Pass) won't disappoint – it's one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy the rugged mountain scenery at Juyong Pass, one of the most important forts on the Great Wall. You'll have a chance to climb a portion of this ancient wall.

On the way, we'll visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia. Jade, known as the royal gem, has been a popular stone for prosperity and luck since ancient times.

Afterwards, you'll explore the hutongs of Beijing on the backs of rickshaws, a traditional mode of transport in Beijing. These old city lanes, rapidly-disappearing traditional neighbourhoods, offer an authentic glimpse into the Beijing of the past.

Tonight, enjoy your **Inspiring Taste**, an authentic Peking duck banquet dinner served with all the traditional accompaniments. This famous roasted duck dish dates back to the Ming Dynasty, some 600 years ago. Peking duck is named after Beijing – peking is an older spelling.

#### DAY 4

Destination	Beijing 🚗 Xi'an
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Shangri-La Hotel Xian, or similar

We'll visit the beautiful Temple of Heaven complex of ancient religious buildings. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was originally constructed in the first half of the 15th century during the Ming Dynasty and is situated in a vast garden. The

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entire complex covers 660 acres – it's larger than the Forbidden City. Commoners were not allowed to enter until the 20th century. The Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests is the most recognisable building with its distinctive cone-shaped blue roof crowned with a gilded point. Inside, the hall looks almost exactly the same in every direction.

We'll then take a bullet train to Xi'an.

Xi'an is one of the oldest cities in China and the final resting place of the first Emperor of China. It's home to many historical sites and was the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world during the Tang Dynasty. Xi'an was the capital for 11 dynasties, over a period of more than 2,000 years.

### DAY 5

Destination	Xi'an
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Shangri-La Hotel Xian, or similar

We'll visit the incredible Giant Wild Goose Pagoda. Rich in Buddhist culture, this pagoda is a gem of Chinese ancient architectural history. The temple was originally used to keep sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought back from India in the seventh century. Over time, it has become a holy place for pilgrims.

Next we'll see the City Wall; the oldest, largest and best-preserved Chinese city walls. It was originally built during the old Tang Dynasty (618–907), then enlarged during the Ming Dynasty to protect the city. The entire wall is 13.7 km long, with a deep moat and 98 ramparts to defend against the enemy climbing up.

Tonight, you'll have the option of a bonus Inspiring Sight to enhance your stay in this interesting city – free as part of your package.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – TANG DYNASTY SHOW AND DUMPLING FEAST

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Xi'an was China's capital city during the Tang dynasty and Tang dynasty culture plays a significant part of shaping today's Chinese culture. You'll be fascinated by the music and dance dinner show, the pride of the city. Hosted at the legendary Tang Dynasty Palace, you'll enjoy exciting Chinese entertainment while enjoying signature local food – dumplings! You'll be surprised how many different types of dumplings are served during the feast.

### DAY 6

Destination	Xi'an
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Shangri-La Hotel Xian, or similar

We'll visit the Terracotta Warriors with our experienced local guide. View the enigmatic ranks of the underground Terracotta Army, the 2000-year-old army of clay statues that guarded the tomb of China's first emperor until a chance discovery in 1974.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it was one of the most significant archeological discoveries of the 20th century. You may have the opportunity to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon the Warriors in 1974 and learn about the moment they were uncovered.

We'll visit the famous Muslim Quarter where many delicious local snacks and souvenirs are available for purchase.

### DAY 7

Destination	Xi'an ✈ Suzhou
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Pan Pacific Hotel , or similar

We'll transfer to the airport to fly to Suzhou – the city of Paradise – also known as the Oriental Venice for its exquisite canals, bridges, pagodas and beautiful gardens. Nine of its classical gardens are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, admired as the most refined representations of the art of classical Chinese garden design.

We'll take a boat trip along the longest canal in the world – Suzhou's Grand Canal. Some sections date as far back as the

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5th century BC and it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site – there are many beautiful homes to admire along this impressive waterway.

### DAY 8

Destination Suzhou 🚗 Shanghai

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel 5 ★ Le Royal Meridien Shanghai, or similar

Master of the Nets Garden may be the smallest among the classical gardens in Suzhou, but it's arguably the most impressive and well-preserved. Quiet and tranquil, these gardens were first designed during the Southern Song Dynasty (1127–1279).

It's divided into three sections: a residential section, the central main garden and an inner garden. The inner garden was used as the model for the Ming Hall Garden at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

China is known for its silk. This morning we'll visit the Suzhou Silk Factory, the largest silk manufacturer in the country, to discover the intricacies of the silk-making process.

We'll then head to Shanghai, the largest city by population in the world. Its renowned for its architecture, world-class museums and galleries. It's a city of contrasts and the interesting blend of old and new is part of its charm.

Your Inspiring Stay at the stylish Le Royal Meridien Shanghai, located on one of Shanghai's most important streets, provides the perfect base for enjoying this delightful city. Ascending 66 storeys over the expanse of Shanghai, it offers superior service and modern design. Take in the breathtaking panoramic views of the Huangpu River, People's Park and the spectacular Shanghai skyline from floor-to-ceiling glass windows in all guest rooms.

To add to your Shanghai experience, you may choose to enjoy a bonus **Inspiring Sight** tonight, free as part of your package.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Get a glimpse of dazzling Shanghai from the Huangpu River – enjoy the modern and colonial contrasts of the city and see famous attractions like Yangpu Bridge, the landmark Oriental Pearl Tower and the old iron Waibaidu Bridge

### DAY 9

Destination	Shanghai
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Le Royal Meridien Shanghai, or similar

Be amazed by the combination of traditional Chinese and Western culture by enjoying your walk along The Bund. This famous waterfront promenade is a must-visit. You'll see historic buildings – a living museum of colonial history – and across the water, enjoy the contrast of the famous Shanghai skyline, with the modern skyscrapers of the Pudong District. Shanghai is home to some of the world's biggest buildings. Try to spot the 632m-tall Shanghai Tower and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, with its distinctive pink spheres.

We'll head to People's Square and visit the Shanghai Museum, housed in a modern building with a distinctive round top to represent heaven and a square base to represent land. You'll find five floors of ancient Chinese history, from ancient bronze and jade artifacts to old coins, paintings and ceramics. There are more than 120,000 pieces here across 11 galleries.

The pedestrian-friendly Nanjing Road is the best-known shopping street, also a thriving dining and entertainment precinct. It's all here – big chain stores, iconic Chinese department stores like Sincere and Wing On, expensive boutiques and street vendors.

You'll see the Taoist Temple of the City Gods (Chenghuang Temple), consisting of nine halls and a rich history of nearly 600 years. We'll also visit the French Concession, the former home of the French government during the city's colonial days. After wandering around here, you'll understand why Shanghai was once known as the 'Paris of the East'. These quiet, leafy boulevards are home to wine bars, boutiques, European delis and trendy, upscale dining options.

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### DAY 10

Destination Shanghai ✈️ Yichang 🚢 Embark on Yangtze Cruise

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer, or similar

This morning you'll fly to Yichang and transfer to Maoping Port to board your luxury cruise. You'll be cruising upstream through this stunning section of the Yangtze River, a place of historic and cultural importance to China.

The Yangtze River is the largest river in Asia and the third largest in the world. The river begins in remote mountainous regions and winds its way through stunning gorges to bring life to millions of people. It's famous for its impressive scenery, much like a dreamy landscape painting.

Settle in before joining your fellow guests in the Explorer Bar for a welcome drink. There is an optional embarkation dinner (at extra cost) and a welcome safety briefing. Later in the evening, the documentary Seven Wonders of China will be shown in the Tang Theatre.

This Yangtze River cruise, your **Inspiring Stay**, promises luxury and service like no other. It boasts the largest cabins and suites on the river, with private balconies, and the highest 1:1 crew to passenger ratio.

It's a smaller cruise to allow for personalised service. Onboard you'll find a la carte dining, a luxury spa, observation deck, a two-floor theatre and 24-hour room service. Dining onboard is your chance to savour traditional Chinese cooking, with an exciting a la carte menu and cooking lessons from the executive chef so you can learn to cook local delicacies yourself!

*Please note: Your passport or local ID is required for check in, and your photograph will be taken for security purposes.*

### DAY 11

Destination 🚢 Three Gorges

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer, or similar

You can start your days onboard with a traditional Tai Chi lesson, led by a certified Tai Chi Master.

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Enjoy a morning lecture on the Three Gorges Project to learn more about the dam's construction, including the controversial resettlement of 1.2 million people.

After a delicious lunch onboard, we'll leave the boat to visit the Three Gorges Project Dam Site and Exhibition Centre. The dam is the largest – and most expensive – engineering project in the world, spanning 2,335 metres in length and 181 metres in height. Although the dam will produce clean energy to reduce China's reliance on coal, it's not without controversy.

This afternoon, there'll be a lecture topic on traditional Chinese medicine. Then we'll sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest of the Three Gorges, measuring some 76 kilometres in length. It's the perfect introduction to the relaxed pace of the Yangtze River; enjoy the views as the river widens and sweeps through groves of orange and pomelo trees.

There will be an optional shore excursion to the Tribe of the Three Gorges. One of the few remaining scenic spots not to have been influenced by the Three Gorges Dam project, this leafy area showcases Ba-Shu Culture.

Tonight, there is a special Captain's welcome reception and dinner.

### DAY 12

Destination	 Shennong Stream  Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer, or similar

This morning's shore excursion is a unique ride along the Shennong Stream on a sampan, a traditional longboat rowed by expert Tujia boatmen. As we gently float through this stunning riverine gorge flanked by verdant forest, you'll see evidence of early settlements in the form of hanging coffins suspended high up on the limestone cliff faces, which contain the remains of descendants of the Tujia people. The scenery is gorgeous, with steep ridges and peaks, thick vegetation and some wonderful wildlife like monkeys and tropical birds.

A tributary of the Yangtze, the Shennong flows through three beautiful gorges including the Mianzhu, Parrot and Longcangdong. Each gorge is renowned for its unique and stunning scenery.

We'll visit a traditional boat trackers village, to catch a fascinating glimpse of the traditional, rural Chinese community (dependent on weather and water level). You'll find mud huts for homes, with basic kitchens where meat is dried on hooks. Although there are satellite dishes, villages still treasure their heritage.

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Back onboard, lunch is served and we'll sail through the spectacular Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge, with informative commentary. After sailing through the Qutang Gorge, there is an optional excursion to White King Town.

In the afternoon, listen to cultural lectures and tonight in the Tang Theatre, a talk on the 816 Underground Project will prepare you for tomorrow's excursion.

*Please note: Tracker village activity will not take place between the end of May and beginning of September due to low water levels.*

### DAY 13

Destination	 Fuling
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer, or similar

For guests sailing mid-March to May and mid-September to November, this morning you'll choose between two activities: The 816 Underground Project or the White Crane Ridge Underwater Museum.

The 816 Underground Project is the world's largest artificial cave, an intriguing site in the mountains of Fuling. Over 50 years ago, more than 60,000 workers came to Jianzishan – an uninhabited place among mountains and forest – to start work on a top secret nuclear site. The work continued for 17 years and was nearly complete when the government decided to suspend it, before any nuclear material could be produced. These military caves have been opened to tourists since 2010.

The White Crane Ridge Underwater Museum takes you some 43 metres underwater to admire the river bed and the intricate ancient rock carvings left there many years ago. Learn about the Yangtze River and its flora and fauna while enjoying this interesting archaeological site. Afterwards you'll visit the local market to experience the region's rich culinary culture. Farmers meet at this daily market to buy and sell a variety of goods, from fruit and vegetables to fish and meat – and of course, a whole array of pickles, which Fuling is famous for.

Onboard, enjoy a lunch buffet followed by activities, like a dumpling cooking class or the ancient Chinese board game, Mahjong.



Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous farewell dinner 'A Taste of China', before a live band performance in the Explorer Bar.

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### DAY 14

Destination  Disembark cruise - Chongqing  Home

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel N/A

Enjoy an international buffet breakfast before disembarking in Chongqing.

After some free time, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

### DAY 15

Destination Home

Meals included

Hotel N/A

Arrive home today. We hope you've been *inspired*.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international Economy airfares with Cathay Pacific
- All airport and port transfers with guide assistance
- 9 nights in world-recognised hotel brands including Shangri-la
- 4 nights cruising the stunning Yangtze River on the luxurious Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer
- All Transportation
- Activities indicated in the itinerary
- Meals: Daily breakfast, 12 lunches, 4 dinners
- 6-20 people: 1 English speaking tour leader – Will accompany the group throughout
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals and shore excursions)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional or shore excursion)
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

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### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Beijing – Visit the fascinating top tourist sites of Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
- Beijing – Walk on the marvellous Great Wall of China, the largest man-made structure in the world
- Xi'an – See ancient Chinese sites like the iconic Giant Wild Goose Pagoda and the best-preserved ancient city walls
- Xi'an – Visit one of the most incredible archaeological finds of the 21st century, the Terracotta Warriors
- Suzhou – Take a boat trip along Suzhou's beautiful Grand Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Suzhou – Admire the refined art of classical Chinese garden design at the UNESCO-listed Master of the Nets Garden
- Shanghai – Admire the contrast of traditional and modern architecture as you wander The Bund waterfront promenade
- Shanghai – Discover interesting, precious artefacts of ancient Chinese history at the Shanghai Museum
- Yangtze River – Be enchanted by these grand landscapes as you cruise the amazing Three Gorges on the Yangtze River
- Yangtze River – Visit the Three Gorges Project Dam Site to learn about this mammoth clean energy project
- Shennong Stream – Drift along in a local sampan and admire the natural beauty of this serene wilderness, home to the Hanging Coffins
- Fuling – Discover ancient rock carvings at the White Crane Ridge underwater museum and visit a local market to experience rural Chinese life
- Fuling – Explore the world's largest artificial cave, a once-secret nuclear project in the mountains

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### INSPIRING TASTES, SIGHTS AND STAYS

#### Inspiring Tastes

- Beijing Peking Duck Banquet Dinner – Enjoy an authentic Peking duck banquet dinner, the famous roasted duck dish that dates back to the Ming Dynasty

#### Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests 2 bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 3 options (further details listed under 'Optional Tours')

- Golden Mask Dynasty/Kung Fu Legend Show – Experience the colourful, spectacular musical performance of the 'Golden Mask Dynasty' or see Chinese martial arts, dance and acrobatics at the 'Kung Fu Legend' show
- Tang Dynasty Show and Dumpling Feast – Enjoy an array of delicious dumplings as you take in this fascinating music and dance dinner show at the legendary Tang Dynasty Palace
- Huangpu River Cruise – Get a glimpse of the dazzling Shanghai skyline from the Huangpu River, admiring famous attractions like Yangpu Bridge and the old iron Waibadu Bridge

#### Inspiring Stays

- Experience the finest service and highest standards of luxury onboard the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer; a deluxe, intimate cruise along the iconic Yangtze River
- Enjoy wonderful views over Shanghai from this ideally located, luxury hotel on one of Shanghai's most important streets

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### CRUISE DETAILS

The Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer introduces a new standard of cruising in China - more intimate and luxurious. With the largest cabins and suites on the river, all with private balconies, as well as the highest crew to passenger ratio on the river of 1:1, this is a Yangtze cruise unlike any other.

Carrying just 124 passengers, compared to the 300 plus accommodated on other cruise ships, the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer offers the finest and most personalised service on the river. Onboard facilities include a la carte dining, a luxury spa, an observation deck, 24-hour room service, a two-floor theatre, library, and beauty and fitness facilities. The ship also has the most spacious and indulgent spa on board any cruise vessel on the Yangtze.

All cabins boast floor-to-ceiling windows providing access to private balconies with outdoor armchairs and coffee tables. In addition to a choice of king or twin beds, connecting cabins are also available. All cabins are equipped with private bathroom, hairdryer, safety deposit box, mini bar and LCD satellite television.

Dining on board the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer is your chance to savour traditional Chinese cooking at its finest. With an a-la-carte menu and cooking lessons from our executive chef for all ages, you can enjoy and learn to cook local delicacies.

The team of chefs are always on hand to cater for particular dietary requirements, or a special dinner with family and friends.

For more information on your Sanctuary Explorer Yangtze River cruise, click [HERE](#).





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### CABIN UPGRADES

#### **Deluxe Cabin Main Deck 2 - INCLUDED**

These 16 ensuite cabins are the largest entry level of their kind on the Yangtze River. Stylish, and with their own private balconies, each is fully equipped with satellite TV, electronic safe, minibar and fridge (31 sq m).

#### **Deluxe Cabin Xiling Deck 3 - An additional \$219 per person twin share (\$438 single)**

These 14 ensuite cabins are the largest entry level of their kind on the Yangtze River. Stylish, and with their own private balconies, each is fully equipped with satellite TV, electronic safe, minibar and fridge (31 sq m).

#### **Deluxe Cabin Wu Deck 4 - An additional \$319 per person twin share (\$638 single)**

These 8 ensuite cabins are the largest entry level of their kind on the Yangtze River. Stylish, and with their own private balconies, each is fully equipped with satellite TV, electronic safe, minibar and fridge (31 sq m).

#### **Suite Wu Deck 4 - An additional \$1,430 per person twin share (\$2,860 single)**

These 7 Suites have an indoor seating area and a private balcony with table and chairs (39 sq m).

#### **Suite Quatang Deck 5 - An additional \$1,630 per person twin share (\$3,260)**

These 13 Suites have an indoor seating area and a private balcony with table and chairs (39 sq m).

Suites include a complimentary laundry and shoeshine service, Wi-Fi and a welcome house-wine on arrival to the Suite. Also included is complimentary soft drinks in your Suite on arrival day, a welcome tea service, and access to the Suite Lounge on full sailing days for complimentary afternoon canapés. Further inclusions are complimentary specialty coffee and tea, and local beer and house wines in the Suite Lounge during full sailing days.

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payment

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$2,999 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

### FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

#### Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used is Cathay Pacific (Singapore Airlines or similar if unavailable)
- Flights are not direct and include a minimum of one connection (maximum two)
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required

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- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

### Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy upgrade available from an additional \$2,500 per person (subject to availability).
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$6,500 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

### Land Only discount

A reduction of \$600 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

### How to extend your stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Follow the 'Book Now' prompts after signing up, until you reach the 'Special Requests' field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

Please note, a supplement of \$150 per person (plus any applicable fare and tax differences) applies to deviate from the standard itinerary. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required

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to confirm your request.

### **Hong Kong Stopover**

You may wish to stopover in Hong Kong before or after your tour.

Package includes:

- 3 nights staying at Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees or similar in a Standard Room
- Daily buffet breakfast
- A half-day tour of Hong Kong Island visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village
- Return airport transfers

Cost - \$570 per person Twin Share (\$1,080 Single)

If you wish to book the Hong Kong stopover package before or after your tour, please select this under 'Upgrade Options' before completing your booking. You will then be invoiced for this in your final payment.

The \$150pp extension supplement does not apply if selecting this option.



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### EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

**Pre and post tour accommodation** (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation (Beijing) - \$310 per person including breakfast and transfers (minimum 2 people)
- Post-tour accommodation (Chongqing) - \$210 per person including breakfast and transfers (minimum 2 people)

**Arrival and departure airport transfers**

- Arrival Transfer (Beijing): \$190 per vehicle per direction (up to 5 people)
- Departure Transfer (Chongqing): \$190 per vehicle per direction (up to 5 people)

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

Please note, the transfers are not private and you may be grouped with other Inspiring Vacations customers.



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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering 2 free sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 3 options, listed below. Guests can also purchase any of the remaining 1 sightseeing experience:

- Day 2: Beijing: Golden Mask Dynasty/Kungfu Show - NZD \$85
- Day 5: Xi-an: Tang Dynasty Cultural Show & Dumpling Feast - NZD \$85
- Day 8: Shanghai: Huangpu Night River Cruise - NZD \$85

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

### SHORE EXCURSIONS

The following optional shore excursions may be purchased whilst on your cruise, in the local currency:

- Three Gorges Tribe - RMB 290 (approx. NZD \$68)
- White King Town - RMB 290 (approx. NZD \$68)

### EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

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As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3".

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

### **Tipping**

Included

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$3,099 per person in addition to the twin share price.

### **Triple Share**

Not Available

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the travellers responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your intended date of return.  
All New Zealand passport holders will require a visa to enter China

Please note the visa is only valid for 3 months from date of issue.

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The best way to apply for your Visa is directly with the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre in your nearest capital city. We recommend you to organise an appointment online to arrange a date and time.

You will require specific documents to apply for your visa which we will provide you closer to your departure date. Please keep in mind you are unable to apply for your visa until you are within 3 months of your travel date.

Please see below a check list of items/ documents required :

- Actual Passport
- Application Form (attached)
- Passport Size Photo
- E-ticket/flight schedule
- Tour Itinerary and Hotel List
- Application Fee (approximately \$110 - paid direct with consulate)

To apply for your visa direct with the Chinese Consulate you will need to:

- Ensure your passport has a validity of at least 6 months from your departure date / Or 15 months validity if applying for a multiple entry.
- If you have a new passport, you will be required to provide both copies to the Service Centre.
- Make sure your passport has 2 blank pages.
- Complete the China Visa Application form accurately and apply for the correct visa. Each Passport holder is required to complete and sign an individual application form.
- Attach 1 passport size photo to your form.
- Provide a photocopy of your passport Information Page.
- Pay the visa application fee at the time of collection, if by post need to include a sign Payment Authorization Form (extra charge applied if need to return your passport by post)
- Submit your application in person or post to China Visa Center.
- If you submit the application in person, you are required to drop in your application to the China Visa Center. We highly recommend you make an appointment to be seen. When your China Visa is issued you are required to go back to the China Visa Center to collect your passport. This may take up to 4-5 business days) You will be provided with a pick up date upon dropping off your application.

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- If you do it by post it may take up to 2 weeks for the passport to return to you.
- Traveller under 18 years old travel with parents need to bring original birth certificate.
- (Please note all rush applications are to be submitted (2nd working day collection) before 12 o'clock noon.)

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements. Visa's should not be applied for before receiving your final documentation.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

6-20

### **Trip Style - Small Group Tour**

These tours are our proudest creations. They have been crafted for Inspiring Vacations travellers exclusively, with personal and unique experiences in mind. You will travel with only a maximum of 20 other guests. Enjoy choice features such as hand-picked accommodation, a sampling of the region's best culinary delights and a range of optional activities to choose from to best suit your travel style.

### **Children**

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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