

## 16 Days

# Panorama of China with Yangtze River Cruise

From Ancient Marvels to Modern Wonders

Trip Code: TP16PC

€ 14 Nights

small to Medium Group

30 Meals

Airfare included

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Escorted Tour

Coach, Flight, Cruise

🛏 4-5 Star Hotel, Cruise

Daily Sightseeing



#### WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

A tour of China, one of the world's oldest civilizations, is unlike any other. China's multifaceted charm, from its turbulent history and bustling cities to its ancient marvels, promises to astonish and captivate you. Our Panorama China tours guide you through the nation's renowned landmarks while unveiling the hidden gems known only to the locals...Just come and discover the diversity of China.

- ✓ Marvel at the Great wall, a testament to China's architectural prowess.
- Step back in time to explore the Forbidden City that stands as a beacon of China's regal history
- ✓ Stand in awe before the grandeur of this historic army Terra Cotta

  Warriors
- Get up close with China's national treasure, the endearing **giant panda**.
- Embark on a luxurious 4 nights 5 days cruise, immersing yourself in the breathtaking landscapes along China's majestic Yangtze River.
- ✓ Walk along the famous Bund in **Shanghai**, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River to capture the western influences of the old days.
- Visit the serene **West Lake**, where described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world"
- In the 'East Venice' of Suzhou, revel in the tranquility of these meticulously designed gardens



- Day 1 Canada Shanghai
- Day 2 Arrive in Shanghai
- Day 3 Shanghai
- Day 4 Zhujiajiao Suzhou
- Day 5 Suzhou Hangzhou
- Day 6 Hangzhou Shanghai Yichang
- Day 7 Yangtze River Cruise
- Day 8 Yangtze River Cruise
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- **Day 10 Chongqing**
- Day 11 Chongqing Xi'an
- Day 12 Xi'an
- Day 13 Xi'an-Beijing
- Day 14 Beijing
- Day 15 Beijing
- Day 16 Beijing Canada



#### Day 1 Canada - Shanghai

Depart from Canada, fly overnight to China.

#### Day 2 Arrive in Shanghai

Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by the tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

#### Day 3 Shanghai

Shanghai stands as China's bustling and dynamic hub of commerce. This morning you will walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. This afternoon we will visit Shanghai Museum and City God Temple area, surrounded by a network of local snack vendors and souvenir shops that make for a colorful walk. Enjoy some free time here. At night, you may enjoy the "Huanapu River Night Cruise" and get a alimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai (US\$50/person).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 4 Zhujiajiao - Suzhou

After breakfast, we will visit Zhujiajiao Ancient Water Town, which has almost 1,700 years of history. Walking on the zigzag stone pathway, you would feel like walking in an elegant and fresh painting. Small rivers shaded by willow trees, bridges over the river, houses dated back to the Ming and Qing Dynasties, lovely local people, all of these are the charm of the small water town. Then travel by coach to Suzhou. Suzhou is also known as the "Garden City" due to its classical gardens. Upon arrival, visit the Lingering Garden, one of the finest gardens in China. As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams, Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East". You may take an optional cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday (US\$50/person).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 5 Suzhou - Hangzhou

This morning, travel by coach to Hangzhou. Described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, visit the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for its scenic beauty which blends with many famous historical and cultural sites. This evening, you can enjoy an optional performance, Impression West Lake "Enduring Memories of Hangzhou", a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games Opening Ceremony (US\$90/person).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 6 Hangzhou - Yichang - On Board

After breakfast, experience an oriental tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. Then travel by coach to Shanghai, and fly to Yichang, the starting point of your Yangtze River Cruise.

After arriving in Yichang, board the luxury cruise and learn about cruise events and onboard activities.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **Day 7 Yangtze River Cruise**

Your highly anticipated grand Yangtze River adventure begins this morning. The cruise ship's first stop is Taipingxi (or Sandouping). Disembark to visit the massive Three Gorges Dam Project, the world's largest dam, measuring 606 feet high and 6,500 feet long. In 1997, the cofferdam was completed and the main structure began. Re-embark the cruise ship and sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest one of the Three Gorges with 41 miles long and highest (4,000 feet).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 8 Yangtze River Cruise**

Disembark at Wushan, where you'll board small riverboats for a leisurely ride through Shennong Stream's picturesque rock formations, and even see the playful monkeys and goats along the river banks. Re-embark the cruise as it sails through Wu Gorge, which is famous for its

tranquility, and the Qutang Gorge, the shortest and most dramatic part of the Three Gorges.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 9 Yangtze River Cruise**

Today's shore excursion will occur at Shibaozhai. The Shibaozhai Pagoda is a 12-storey, 18th-century temple built in Zhongxian County on the northern bank of the Yangtze River. It represents one of the aems of Chinese Architecture.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 10 Disembark - Chongqing

Disembark from the cruise at the port of Chongqing this morning. Then travel to the Panda House to see the adorable giant pandas. Spend time observing these cuddly creatures as they munch on bamboo and play in their habitats. Then make your way to Ci Qi Kou, wander through its narrow lanes lined with traditional architecture and shops selling pottery and handicrafts. This historic town offers a glimpse into Chongqing's past.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 11 Chongqing - Xi'an

Today's highlight is taking the modern bullet train from Chongaing to Xi'an. Xi'an was the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world during the Tang Dynasty. Over a period for more than 2000 years, Xi'an was the capital of eleven dynasties. After arrival, we will visit Xi'an Museum and drive pass the Ancient City Wall. It is not only the most complete city wall that has survived in China, but also one of the largest and most complete ancient military defense systems in the world. This evening, you may join the optional visit to Tang Everbright City Grand (US\$69/person). It is a 2,100-meter-long pedestrian mall in Xi'an. The design theme is inspired by Tang Dynasty (618-907), You may try on a Tang Dynasty costume, the traditional attire of the Chinese people and having great photo opportunity along the



artificial ancient street at night, to immerse yourself in the vibrant night life in the Tang Dynasty.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 12 Xi'an

After breakfast, you will visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum and see the attached life-sized defending army for the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is regarded as "the eighth wonder of the world" and is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Visit an Art Ceramics Factory before visiting This evening, enjoy the "special local Imperial Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show" (US\$68/person).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 13 Xi'an - Beijing

This morning, take the flight or high-speed train to Beijing. Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit the exquisite Summer Palace, the largest preserved ancient imperial garden in China, and a former summer resort for Emperors. Before head back to hotel, drive pass by modern exteriors of the Bird's Nest and Water Cube that were built for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. Both buildings have become symbols of modern China and are significant landmarks that showcase the country's architectural prowess.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 14 Beijing

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall, the most famous image of China, and you can get a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia en-route before the Great Wall. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work in a Cloisonné Factory. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (US\$65/person).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 15 Beijing

Today, visit Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, and the Forbidden City, it is a historic and magnificent imperial palace complex and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. It served as the imperial palace for the Chinese emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties, spanning nearly five centuries from 1420 to 1912. It is located at the heart of Beijing and covers an area of about 180 acres. It is enclosed by a massive defensive wall and a deep moat, making it one of the largest and best-preserved ancient palace complexes in the world. Your banquet includes the local delicacy, Peking Roast Duck.

This afternoon, you may join the optional Temple of Heaven & Hutona Life tour with dinner (\$89/person). Temple of Heaven, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest. Then take a famous rickshaw Hutona Tour & Local Family Visit, this package also includes a traditional Zhajianamian - a popular Chinese noodle dish that originated in Beijing. It consists of hand-pulled wheat noodles topped with a savory sauce made from stir-fried ground meat. Hutongs are traditional alley ways that made up Beijing's old city layout, take a special rickshaw ride for an immersive tour to get a wonderful glimpse into yesterday's world, the old way of life and traditional Beijing culture, and see the dramatic changes the city has undergone, continue to visit a local family.

**Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 16 Beijing - Canada

This morning, transfer to the airport and fly back home.

**Meals**: Breakfast



# VIP Pacakge

**US\$199**/**person** (Value US\$499)



- Free Upgrade to Higher Floor (4-6/F)
- Free coffee, tea and snacks at happy hours in afternoon
- Enjoy all meals at VIP restaurant
- Wine, beer and soft drink for lunch and dinner.
- Room turn-down service
- Welcome fruit plate in cabin
- VIP area reserved for evening entertainments



President No.7 and No.8 are deluxe cruisers offerung a premium experience on the Yangtze River. These cruises boast a competitive and luxurious fleet, highlighted by a 360-degree View Stand on the top floor and a unique two-story hollowed-out dining hall. The deluxe suites featuring private sight-seeing balconies, passengers can enjoy exceptional comfort and scenic views. The ships provide free access to all areas, excellent conference facilities with a built-in multi-functional simultaneous interpretation system, and complete mobile network coverage. Additionally, cruisers feature largest the thermostatic swimming pool with surfing function on an inland-river cruise and the largest SPA as well.

# FREE Upgrade to 5 Star Hotels

Harbour Plaza Metropolitan Shanghai ★★★★★





Pan Pacific Hotel Suzhou





Wyndham HangZhou East





Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Chongqing \* \* \* \*





#### **Optional Programs**

- Shanghai "Huangpu River Night Cruise" (US\$50/person)
- Suzhou "Grand Canal Cruise" (US\$50/person)
- Hangzhou"Impression West Lake"with dinner (US\$90/person)





Evening spectacle of music, light, and dance, entirely staged on the beautiful West Lake, a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games Opening Ceremony and music of the performance was composed by Kitaro, a world-class musician.

Xi'an "Grand Tang Everbright City" (US\$69/person)





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- Xi'an "Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show" (US\$68/person)
- Beijing "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (US\$65/person)
- Beijing "Hutong Life Tour with Dinner" (US\$89/person)







Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest. And take a famous rickshaw Hutong, the traditional alley ways that made up Beijing's old city layout, immersive yourself to get a wonderful glimpse into old Beijing.

### **2024 Departures**

27-Mar	03-Apr	17-Apr	08-May	15-May
22-May	11-Sep	18-Sep	09-Oct	16-Oct
23-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov		

**Land Only Price** 

**16 Days Package Price** 

From **\*\$2,499** 

From **\*\$3,999** 

\*Leading price is based on specific departure dates in low season. \$100 to \$300 price increases may apply during shoulder season and peak season. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information. https://tripoppo.com

#### **Price Notes**

- Single room supplement fee for standard hotel: \$1,199/person
- Add on airfare from other cities: Toronto from \$500; Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Victoria from \$500; Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city, Halifax, St.John from \$700
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.

#### **Package Includes**

- International Airfare from Vancouver in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Domestic Flight/ High-speed train: Shanghai to Yichang; Chengdu-Xi'an; Xi'an-Beijing
- 5 Star Deluxe hotel accommodations
- 4 nights 5 star cruise upstream on the Yangtze River (accommodation in outside cabin with balcony and private bathroom facilities)
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

#### Package Does Not Include

- China Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities:USD\$210/person
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

#### Ship Overview

### M/V President 7/8

Maiden Voyage: April, 2013

Lengtn: 141.8m, Beam: 20.2m, Draπ: 2.6m Crew: 200, Capacity: 460, Deck: 7

Cabin Size: 296 sq ft

VIP Package Upgrade: Guarantee 4-6 Floo











6/F Sun Deck



5/F Recreation Deck



4/F Bridge Deck



3/F Promenade Deck



2/F Upper Deck



1/F Main Deck



-1/F Deck

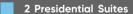


# Luxury 5 Star President No.7 and No.8 Deluxe Cabin with Private Balcony

- Deluxe Cruisers, launching in April 2013.
- Most competitive and deluxe fleet on the Yangtze river.
- View Stand with 360 degree field of view on the top floor of the cruise.
- Two-story hollowed-out dinning-hall with an extraordinary style.
- 230 deluxe suites with private sight-seeing balcony.
- Presidential suite and supergiant open deck at the bow create fantastic

feeling of private cruise.

- Free access to every corner of the cruise.
- $\bullet$  Perfect conference facilities with built-in multi-functional simultaneous interpretation system.
- Full coverage of 3G mobile network.
- Largest thermostatic swimming poor with surfing function on inland-river cruise.
- Largest SPA on inland-river cruise





215 Standard Cabins







