

CHINA + THE YANGTZE



Great Wall of China



Our AAA Host, expert English-speaking Chinese guides and the finest all-balcony Yangtze ship promise a remarkable journey filled with exclusive cultural encounters you won't find elsewhere.

INSPIRING EXPERIENCES

AUTHENTIC ENCOUNTERS

ONLY FROM AAA

- Fully escorted on land and river by our attentive AAA Host for a seamless and more rewarding journey.
- With fewer visitors, the Great Wall at the remote Juyongguan Pass promises a more authentic experience.
- Experience life as a city resident as you browse in a local market for produce to bring to your hosts, a resident Beijing family.
- Thrill to the Three Gorges' scenery as you cruise aboard the all-balcony *ms Yangzi Explorer*.
- **Touch Antiquity...** our exclusive experience allows you to handle and examine ancient artifacts at the Xian Museum.
- The futuristic Maglev Train whisks you from the airport to our deluxe hotel in the heart of Shanghai!
- Includes 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites.


DAY 1 | Fly to Beijing

Your journey begins with your non-stop flight from Chicago to Beijing, crossing the International Date Line enroute.


DAY 2 | Welcome to Beijing

You'll be warmly greeted upon arrival and escorted to the *Park Plaza Beijing Wangfujing Hotel* in the heart of the capital.


DAY 3 | Imperial Splendors

 Behold the grandeur of Tiananmen Square and follow in the footsteps of Ming Dynasty emperors through the Forbidden City. Explore the ancient streets of a city hutong by rickshaw and browse in a market for fresh produce to give to a local family, your hosts for today's lunch. Tonight you'll feast on Peking Duck. **MEALS B+L+D**

DAY 4 | In + Around Beijing

 Join residents for Tai Chi at the Temple of Heaven before touring this architectural masterpiece. Then explore the graceful pavilions and grounds of the Summer Palace before a boat ride on Kunming Lake. **MEALS B+L**

DAY 5 | The Great Wall

 This section of the Great Wall at Juyongguan Pass is one of the most impressive and remote, and was the site of many ancient battles. Back in the city, you'll see the iconic venues of the 2008 Olympics. **MEALS B+L**

DAY 6 | Yangtze Cruise

Fly to Yichang and step aboard the luxury *ms Yangzi Explorer*. Settle in to your spacious balcony stateroom before dinner and this evening's film presentation on the Three Gorges Dam. **MEALS B+D**

DAY 7 | Three Gorges Dam

Enjoy Tai Chi on deck and a morning of scenic cruising. This afternoon's excursion to the Three Gorges Dam reveals the far reaching impact of this engineering marvel. This afternoon, your ship navigates through the dramatic Xiling Gorge. **MEALS B+L+D**

DAY 8 | Shennong Stream

Today's excursion in a traditional sampan takes you deep into the inspiring scenery of Shennong Stream. Later, our ship navigates through the massive cliffs of Wu Gorge and into Qutang Gorge, the narrowest and most dramatic of the Three Gorges. **MEALS B+L+D**

DAY 9 | Ashore in Fengdu

Alight in Fengdu this morning to explore the ancient temples of the famed "Ghost City." Back onboard, you can try your hand at Chinese brush painting or calligraphy. At this evening's final onboard dinner, your crew will be garbed in traditional Chinese dress. **MEALS B+L+D**


DAY 10 | Chongqing to Xian

Disembark in Chongqing and fly to Xian, the ancient capital for 13 dynasties. Tonight, enjoy traditional Xian dumplings and overnight at the 5-star *Shangri-La Golden Flower Hotel*. **MEALS B+D**



Terra Cotta Army

DAY 5 | Terra Cotta Army

 Discover China's greatest archaeological discovery and learn about ancient healing methods as you explore a local medicinal herb market. **MEALS B+L**

DAY 12 | Xian to Shanghai

With curators guiding your discovery, our *Touch Antiquity* experience at the Xian Museum gives you a chance to examine and hold ancient artifacts. Visit the Small Wild Goose Pagoda and fly to Shanghai. Upon arrival, the Maglev Train whisks you

downtown where you'll check in to the deluxe *Sofitel Shanghai Hyland Hotel*. **MEALS B+L**

DAY 13 | Discover Shanghai

Drive along the waterfront Bund and visit the Shanghai Museum, famed for its collection spanning millennia of Chinese history and culture. Marvel at the 21st-century skyscrapers of Pudong and stroll in Tianzifang, now home to thriving galleries and boutiques. Tonight, thrill to a performance by the renowned Shanghai Acrobats. **MEALS B+L+D**

DAY 14 | Day at Leisure

Enjoy a free day and tonight's festive Farewell Dinner. **MEALS B+D**

DAY 15 | Depart Shanghai

Transfer to the airport for your non-stop return flight. **MEALS B**

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- 9 nights in our superior first class and deluxe hotels
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- All on-tour transportation including all three internal flights, port charges, all hotel taxes, and all airline fees for included flights

2015 Rates PER PERSON DOUBLE

DEPART U.S.	AIR INCLUSIVE CHICAGO
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Sep 1, Oct 27, Nov 3	\$5,629

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