



Majestic Yangtze

18 Days 16 Nights

Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Chongqing,
Yangtze River, Shanghai

Day 1 Canada – Beijing

Depart Canada and fly to Beijing, crossing the International Date Line en-route.

Day 2 Beijing Arrival

Arrive at Beijing Capital International Airport, you will be greeted by your guide and transferred to the hotel in the evening. Take time to relax and prepare for your full day Beijing tour tomorrow.

Accommodation: Beijing Doubletree by Hilton or similar

Day 3 Beijing (B/L/D)

You begin your first day in Beijing with a wake-up call, arranged by your tour guide. You will then enjoy a daily hotel buffet breakfast, featuring a large selection of Asian and Western cuisine. You will then set out with your trip leader to discover Beijing's Imperial treasures. Stand in Tiananmen Square, one of the largest and grandest public plazas in the world. Enter the imposing walls of the Forbidden City, once the exclusive domain of the Ming Dynasty, for an extensive tour through this vast complex. Return to your hotel in the evening, relax and refresh or enjoy an optional evening performance – Kung Fu Legend.

Day 4 Beijing (B/L/D)

Travel to one of the wonders of the world: the Great Wall of China. Its construction began in the 5th Century B.C. as a defence against the Mongols: 300,000 people (many of whom were buried in the wall) laboured on it over several centuries. The Great Wall extends across mountains and valleys for more than 3,000 miles and is only approximately a tenth of its former length. In the afternoon, you will tour the exterior portion of the Beijing National Stadium. The stadium was designed by an architectural firm in Switzerland and is currently the world's largest structure built of steel. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Peking duck Dinner at one of the most prestigious restaurants in Beijing recognized for its specialty.

Day 5 Beijing (B/L)

This morning you will visit the beautiful Temple of Heaven. Afterwards, explore the historic Hutong neighbourhood via a rickshaw. The Hutong houses the oldest residences in Beijing, and the area is full of history and ancient Chinese culture. In the mid 1900s, most of the original Hutong vanished and were replaced with high rise buildings and commercial offices. Your next stop will be the Summer Palace, which is renowned for its beauty and grandeur, and was ranked amongst the World Heritage Sites by UNESCO in 1998.

Day 6 Beijing (B)

Today you may enjoy a day of leisure, exploring Beijing at your own pace. You could visit Lama Temple, one of the largest and most important Tibetan Buddhist monasteries in the world. The building and artworks combine the renowned Han Chinese and Tibetan styles. You could visit the Beijing Zoo, best known for its collection of rare animals unique to China, with the Giant Pandas being the zoo's most popular residents.

Day 7 Beijing – Xian (B/L)

This morning you will take the bullet train from Beijing to Xi'an. After arriving in Xi'an, you will visit the Wild Goose Pagoda. The temple was originally used by a large team of scholars to translate the Buddhism Scriptures into Chinese and subsequently became a holy place for pilgrims. You will then have time to visit the Provincial Museum, which documents China's archaeological finds which date back to the Neolithic Age (20000 years ago), all the way to the dynasties from 980 AD.

Accommodation: Xian Grand Noble or similar

Day 8 Xian (B/L)

Today you will tour the impressive life-size Terracotta Army. The Terracotta Warriors Site is considered the eighth wonder of the world and was discovered by accident in 1974. You will see the army of over 7000 soldiers, archers, horses and chariots that has guarded Emperor Qin's tomb since 210BC. Each figure is unique and the painstaking repair and evacuation continues to this day. Later, explore the Ancient City Wall which is one of the oldest and best preserved Chinese city walls.



Day 9 Xian – Guilin – Longji (B/D)

Today you will fly from Xi'an to Guilin and upon arrival you will be transferred to Longji Terraced Fields. Once there, you will hike up the mountain to admire the terraces that look like ribbons as the wind from the foot to the top of the mountain. The terraces are constructed without any nails, and it is this design that is best used where there is a limited arable land and water resource. Zhuang and Yao minority villages dot the landscape. You will spend the night in a cottage on the mountain.

Accommodation: Longji Star Wish Cottage or similar

Day 10 Yangshuo (B/L)

In the morning you will hike to see the impressive sunrise on the summit of the Longji Rice Terraces. Afterwards you will be driven 3.5 hours to Yangshuo. Upon arrival you will take a raft boat to enjoy the most beautiful sections of the Li River. In the evening you may choose to join the optional evening entertainment – the famous Lui San Jie Water Lighting Show.

Accommodation: Yangshuo Jasper International Hotel or similar

Day 11 Guilin (B/L/D)

Today you may choose to enjoy a morning of leisure or join an optional bike tour/sightseeing tram tour. On the tour you will explore Yangshuo's Karst peaks, plains and villages. After a 30 minute ride you will arrive at Moon Hill, a limestone pinnacle with a moon shaped hole in the middle. The stairs at the bottom of Moon Hill lead to its peak, where you will enjoy a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. Afterwards, visit Reed Flute Cave and Elephant Trunk Hill in Guilin, which is considered the most beautiful town in all of China.

Accommodation: Guilin Royal Garden Hotel or similar



Day 12 Guilin – Chongqing – Yangtze River Cruise (B/D)

This morning you will take a short flight to the mountain city of Chongqing, China's largest city with a population of over 30 million. Chongqing is the gateway to China's most populous Sichuan Province and home to China's most notable Sichuan cuisine. Here you will enjoy a visit to the Chongqing Zoo to see the famous giant pandas, which are considered to be 'national treasures' in China. Afterwards, you will explore Chongqing's Old Town – one of China's best naturally preserved, active old townships. In the evening you will board the cruise ship to begin your memorable 3 night cruise down the Yangtze River.

Accommodation: Onboard Yangtze River Cruise



Day 13 Yangtze River Sailing (B/L/D)

The Yangtze River originates on the Tibetan Plateau and traverses a distance of 3900 miles before flowing east into the East China Sea, near Shanghai. Today you will enjoy a scheduled shore excursion to the Fengdu Ghost City to see why it's regarded as the "City of Ghosts". The temples built on Ming Mountain depict the punish instruments and demon paintings, demonstrating the Chinese people's imagination of hell. Return to the ship and continue to pass through the mountains of Eastern Sichuan. This evening you will enjoy the Captain's Welcome Banquet.



Day 14 Yangtze River Sailing (B/L/D)

Today you will enjoy a shore excursion to Lesser Three Gorges - a shining pearl hidden in remote mountains. They are much smaller, narrower and are surrounded by dramatic scenery. Along the Yangtze River you will appreciate the beauty of the Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge and visit the ancient plank road, Mengliang Stairway and the Hanging Coffins. You will land at Badong and travel to the Shennong Stream via a small wooden boat. Tonight you will enjoy a traditional meal and onboard entertainment.



Day 15 Yangtze River Sailing - Yichang – Shanghai (B/L/D)

Today's activities include; a morning Tai Chi lesson and a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Site. The Three Gorges Dam Site is one of the largest construction projects undertaken by mankind and is the biggest hydropower project in the world. In the afternoon you will disembark at Yichang and continue on to Shanghai.

Accommodation: Shanghai Radison Blu Hong Quan or similar





Day 16 Shanghai (B/L/D)

Today you will visit the Jin Mao Building which was built to represent Shanghai moving into the 21st Century. It is currently the tallest building in China and the third tallest in the world, standing at 420.5 metres high. It is located next to the Oriental Pearl Tower and the Shanghai World Financial Centre in the Lujiazui area of the Pudong district. You will then move on to the Shanghai Museum and People Square for a short history lesson, and conclude the tour with a visit to Xian Tian Di – one of the most popular new entertainment districts in Shanghai, located in the former French Concession. This evening you may choose to join an optional Huangpu River Cruise, giving you the opportunity to admire many of Shanghai's famous sites including the People's Hero Monument, the Bund, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, the bustling International Passenger Station of Shanghai Harbour, the docks and the Wu Song ancient gun fort relics.

Day 17 Shanghai (B/L/D)

Today you will travel to an Ancient Water Town, located to the west of Shanghai. The town has a history of more than 1,000 years and is comprised of hundreds of gardens established in the Ming and Qing dynasties. 15 rivers divide the town into 7 islands, with 49 historic bridges connected the town together.

Day 18 Shanghai Departure (B)

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your scheduled flight home. We hope you enjoyed your journey to China with us!

B – Breakfast

L – Lunch

D – Dinner

2015 Departure Date - Arrival China on Thursday

MAR	05, 12, 19, 26	AUG	06, 13, 20, 27
APR	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	SEP	03, 10, 17, 24
MAY	07, 14, 21, 28	OCT	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
JUN	04, 10, 18, 25	NOV	05, 12, 19, 26
JUL	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	DEC	03, 10

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – minimum 2 person.

Thursday Arrival in China	Toronto	Vancouver Calgary Edmonton	Land Only	Single Supplement
March – April, June – August, November – December	4026	3838	3229	1026
May, September, October	4154	3966	3358	1026

HIGH SEASON AIRFARE SURCHARGE

Seasonality	Toronto	Vancouver Calgary Edmonton
April 19 – Jun 11, Jul 08 – Aug 16 Sep 27 – Oct 13, Dec 01 – 09 Dec 25 – 29	58	114
Jun 12 – Jul 07 Dec 10 – Dec 16	364	375

Other Canada Cities Add-On

Canadian Cities	Gateway	Roundtrip Add-on
YYJ, YCD	Vancouver	50
YLW, YKA, YYF		100
YCG, YQL, YXC, YXH, YPR, YXJ, YXS, YXT, YYD, YZP, YMM, YQU		140
YQR, YWG, YXE, YXY, YZF		200
YMQ, YOW	Toronto	50
YQB, YXU		70
YQG, YAM, YGK, YQT, YSB, YTS, YYB, YZR		140
YHZ, YBC, YBG, YGP, YGR, YQY, YUY, YVO, YYY, YZV, ZBF, YFC, YQM, YSJ, YYG		170
YDF, YFB, YQX, YWK, YYR, YYT		200

LAND ONLY does NOT include International airfare to China.

Estimated taxes and fuel surcharge of \$425 - \$475 are additional.

HIGH SEASON AIRFARE SURCHARGE is additional and is subject to date of travel.

International inbound travel NOT permitted from 02Jan - 15Jan and 01Aug to 10Sep.

HOTEL BLACK OUT DATES may apply.

ALL PRICES ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.



Your Tour Package Includes:

- International Roundtrip Economy Airfare from Canada to China.
- Round trip transfer to and from airport
- Sightseeing admissions as specified
- One way Bullet Train from Beijing to Xi'an
- One way airfare from Xian – Guilin – Chongqing // Yichang - Shanghai
- Private Coach with air conditioning
- English Speaking Guide
- Superior hotel accommodation:
- Meals: 16 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches, 9 Dinners

Your Tour Package Does NOT Include:

- Any taxes, airport fees and fuel surcharge.
- Travel insurance, Travel Visa and all personal expenses.
- Tipping and gratuities to local guides, drivers, and hotel staff.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature
- Trip delay, or interruption by airline schedule change
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above