5-Star China & Yangtze Cruise

XI'AN ● BEIJING ● CHONGQING ● SHANGHAI

The Offer

Travel like an emperor, discovering the ancient wonders and modern marvels of China on this 14-day journey.

Your adventure begins in Xi'an, where you'll marvel at the ancient Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Explore Beijing, taking in the historic Tiananmen Square, the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City (or The Temple of Heaven) and ticking the iconic Great Wall of China off your bucket list, before visiting Suzhou to wander through the Lingering Garden. Visit Shanghai, take in the incredible skyline from The Bund and delve into the past at the Shanghai History Museum.

From Shanghai, travel to Yichang. Here, you will embark on a four-night cruise along the Yangtze River aboard a Victoria Cruise Line vessel on a private Balcony Cabin with ensuite. While sailing the longest river in Eurasia, you can relax and enjoy the ship's main features, including elegant dining rooms, inviting bars and lounges, refreshing pools and engaging entertainment areas. Along the way, discover the magnificent Three Gorges Dam, the breathtaking Three Gorges and the fascinating Snow Jade Cave. Next, head to Chongqing to experience its mind-blowing urban landscape and the famous Liziba Subway Station.

This unforgettable holiday includes return international full-service flights, a four-night Yangtze River cruise, eight nights in five-star hotel accommodation, 19 meals, high-speed rail journeys (or domestic flights) and return airport transfers.

Want more? Extend your adventure by 4 nights with the Zhangjiajie Extension or tailor your trip with optional tours.

Please note:• This travel offer is strictly valid for those 18 and over.• This travel offer is priced based on full participation in the itinerary by all travellers. Accordingly, as a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary or otherwise leave the group, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services (including accommodation and transfers) if you do. This does not apply to days with specified time at leisure.• Australian and New Zealand citizens qualify for Visa-free travel to China for stays up to 30 days. The visa exemption is set to expire on the 31st December 2026, and any extension to this exemption will likely be announced towards the end of 2026. Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.

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Optional Tour: Huangpu River Night Cruise

In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional night cruise on the Huangpu River. Not included, paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note:

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Overnight: Sheraton Waigaoqiao Shanghai or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Shanghai - Yichang - Board Yangtze River Cruise

This morning, transfer to Shanghai Railway Station for a high-speed train ride to Yichang (approximately 6.5 hours).

Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the railway station to escort you to check-in to your Yangtze River cruise onboard a Victoria Cruise Line ship, then settle in to your Balcony Cabin.

Please note: Cruise staff may offer cabin upgrades and additional optional shore excursions when on tour. All offers are subject to availability and will be communicated and paid for on tour. Additionally, since boarding is between 17:30 to 23:00, dinner is not included tonight. An onboard restaurant will be available for you to purchase meals this evening.

Overnight: Victoria Jenna Cruise or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise - Three Gorges Dam/Xiling Gorge

After breakfast, enjoy a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam, a stunning example of human achievement and a hallmark of an emerging China. It is the world's largest hydroelectric power station and one of the most massive engineering projects in human history. Spanning 2.3 kilometres in length and standing 185 metres high, the structure generates immense renewable power, controls seasonal river flooding and enables large ship navigation deep into inland China.

Victoria cruise ship departs upstream through the west section of Xiling Gorge in the late afternoon, the first of these dramatic slices through the surrounding mountains. The new reservoir has altered the landscape and, with more than a million people relocated, the scenery is now of a wild countryside and the physical embodiment of thousands of beautiful Chinese landscape paintings. Watch the fog move in as it appears to turn the mountains into ghostly sculptures and enjoy a sumptuous Captain's Dinner for your evening meal.

An additional optional shore excursion is available in the morning (river conditions permitting) to the Tribe of the Three Gorges and the recently-completed unique ship lock with a ship lift (not included - paid on tour).

Overnight: Victoria Jenna Cruise or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Yangtze River Cruise - Small Gorges - Qutang Gorge

Transfer to another vessel for an excursion through Shennong Stream small gorges, which are narrower than the Three Gorges, but very impressive. Enter the 45-kilometre-long Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty, forest covered mountains and cliffs so sheer that the sun barely penetrates the precipices. Then sail through Qutang Gorge, the shortest (8 kilometres), narrowest and most dramatic gorge.

Depending on river conditions, an alternate excursion may be substituted to the gorges of Goddess Stream.

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An additional optional shore excursion is available in the late afternoon (river conditions permitting) to White Emperor City and “Return to the Three Gorges” Live Show (evening). Not included, paid on tour.

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Day 12 Yangtze River Cruise - Snow Jade Cave

This morning, after breakfast, experience an adventurous shore excursion to Snow Jade Cave.

The cave's interior is China's only pure-white, jade-like example. It continues to expand due to erosion in the surrounding karst landscape. At 1,644 metres, of which 1,161 metres has been explored, the Snow Jade Cave is spread over three levels. Inside, both the 8-metre Stone King's Flag (◇◇◇) and the 4-metre-high Stone King's Shield (◇◇◇) are the largest of their type in the world. There are also numerous examples of corals.

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Day 13 Disembark Yangtze River Cruise - Chongqing Sightseeing - Depart Chongqing

Today, your cruise arrives in Chongqing where you will disembark.

Often nicknamed the 'Mountain City' due to its hilly terrain, this vibrant metropolis is a spectacular blend of hyper-modern innovation and ancient history. The city is famous for its mind-blowing urban landscape and complex, multi-layered topography. It's a place where you can exit a building on the ground floor and find yourself on the 22nd floor of a different street.

First, you will enjoy a walk outside the Great Hall of the People, an iconic landmark that ranks in the top 10 of classical Asian architecture of the 20th century and the Classic Chinese Centennial Building of the 20th century. Then head to Liziba Subway Station and experience the Chongqing monorail passing directly through a residential building, an architectural marvel that has become very hot in social media. Last, enjoy some free time in Hongya Cave, multi-level shopping and dining known for its traditional stilted architecture.

Afterwards, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note some flights may arrive +1 days.

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Overnight: Victoria Jenna Cruise or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise - Three Gorges Dam/Xiling Gorge

After breakfast, enjoy a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam, a stunning example of human achievement and a hallmark of an emerging China. It is the world's largest hydroelectric power station and one of the most massive engineering projects in human history. Spanning 2.3 kilometres in length and standing 185 metres high, the structure generates immense renewable power, controls seasonal river flooding and enables large ship navigation deep into inland China.

Victoria cruise ship departs upstream through the west section of Xiling Gorge in the late afternoon, the first of these dramatic slices through the surrounding mountains. The new reservoir has altered the landscape and, with more than a million people relocated, the scenery is now of a wild countryside and the physical embodiment of thousands of beautiful Chinese landscape paintings. Watch the fog move in as it appears to turn the mountains into ghostly sculptures and enjoy a sumptuous Captain's Dinner for your evening meal.

An additional optional shore excursion is available in the morning (river conditions permitting) to the Tribe of the Three Gorges and the recently-completed unique ship lock with a ship lift (not included - paid on tour).

Overnight: Victoria Jenna Cruise or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Yangtze River Cruise - Small Gorges - Qutang Gorge

Transfer to another vessel for an excursion through Shennong Stream small gorges, which are narrower than the Three Gorges, but very impressive. Enter the 45-kilometre-long Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty, forest covered mountains and cliffs so sheer that the sun barely penetrates the precipices. Then sail through Qutang Gorge, the shortest (8 kilometres), narrowest and most dramatic gorge.

Depending on river conditions, an alternate excursion may be substituted to the gorges of Goddess Stream.

An additional optional shore excursion is available in the late afternoon (river conditions permitting) to White Emperor City and "Return to the Three Gorges" Live Show (evening). Not included, paid on tour.

Overnight: Victoria Jenna Cruise or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Yangtze River Cruise - Snow Jade Cave

This morning, after breakfast, experience an adventurous shore excursion to Snow Jade Cave.

The cave's interior is China's only pure-white, jade-like example. It continues to expand due to erosion in the surrounding karst landscape. At 1,644 metres, of which 1,161 metres has been explored, the Snow Jade Cave is spread over three levels. Inside,

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both the 8-metre Stone King's Flag (◇◇◇) and the 4-metre-high Stone King's Shield (◇◇◇) are the largest of their type in the world. There are also numerous examples of corals.

An additional optional shore excursion is available (river conditions permitting) to Fengdu's 'Ghost City', known for its statues of ghosts and devils on Mingshan Hill (not included - paid on tour).

Overnight: Victoria Jenna Cruise or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Disembark Yangtze River Cruise - Chongqing Sightseeing

Today your cruise arrives in Chongqing where you will disembark.

Often nicknamed the 'Mountain City' due to its hilly terrain, this vibrant metropolis is a spectacular blend of hyper-modern innovation and ancient history. The city is famous for its mind-blowing urban landscape and complex, multi-layered topography. It's a place where you can exit a building on the ground floor and find yourself on the 22nd floor of a different street.

First you will enjoy a walk outside the Great Hall of the People, an iconic landmark that ranks in the top 10 of classical Asian architecture of the 20th century and the Classic Chinese Centennial Building of the 20th century. Then head to Liziba Subway Station and experience the Chongqing monorail passing directly through a residential building, an architectural marvel that has become very hot in social media. Last enjoy some free time in Hongya Cave, multi-level shopping and dining known for its traditional stilted architecture.

In the afternoon, you can enjoy free time at leisure or join some optional activites

Optional Activity - Ciqikou Ancient Town Tour (Afternoon)

Your optional afternoon will start in Ciqikou Ancient Town, an old town preserved in sprawling modern Chongqing. It's an old sleepy town built in the Ming and Qing Dynasties. The town's name, Ciqikou, means porcelain harbor, and the community prospered from the porcelain trade. It offers a glimpse of the peaceful laid-back life in Chongqing countryside. Then proceed to Jiefangbei Square. After the founding of the People's Republic of China, the government built a seventh floor six-sided cylindrical at the intersection of the national road, the livelihood road, the civil liberties road and the minister road in downtown Chongqing. It was called "people's liberation monument" and originally surrounded with low buildings. Now Jiefangbei is Chongqing's CBD with all the big shops and department stores, here you can see the most prosperous side of Chongqing. Last stop at Kuixing Pavilion, a place where scholars in ancient times prayed and made wishes. With a history of over 200 years, it has now become a popular city landmark among locals and tourists alike.

Optional Activity - Yangtze Two-rivers Night Cruise (Evening)

Chongqing Two Rivers Night Cruise is one of the name cards of Chongqing. It offers a chance to behold Chongqing's renowned night view, where the city's mountainous skyline, encircled by the Yangtze and Jialing rivers, comes alive with a mesmerizing display of lights. As the cruise glides smoothly, passengers can leisurely take in the sights while passing by major highlights of Chongqing

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downtown, fully immersing in the city's nocturnal charm. Last proceed to a secrete spot where you will have a full night view of this amazing city.

Optional Activity - Chongqing Hot Pot Dinner (Evening)

Enjoy a traditional Chongqing Hot Pot Dinner.

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Chongqing or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Chongqing – Zhangjiajie (High-Speed Train)

Early in the morning, transfer to Chongqing West Railway Station for a high-speed train ride to Zhangjiajie (approximately 3 hours).

Were you impressed by the Hallelujah Mountains in the film Avatar? The real ones are in Zhangjiajie. There are 243 peaks and more than 3,000 pinnacles and spires in the national park. Scenes from the film come to mind when the peaks are caught in the right light, or when the early morning mountain mist rolls in around them. In 1982, Zhangjiajie National Forest Park became China's first National Forest Park.

On arrival in Zhangjiajie, take the Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train (one-way) to see one of the most famous attractions in the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park – Ten-Li natural Gallery. There are dense woods, fragrant flowers and grotesque rocks that make the valley seem like a natural art gallery. Over 200 rocks vividly mimic human and animal profiles on both sides of the walking path, extending deep into the valley. Many natural pictures formed on the precipices seem like paintings hanging on the cliffs. Afterwards, visit Gold Whip Stream, a brook at the foot of the towering mountains. The 400-metre-high cliff by Gold Whip Stream is spectacular. One thing to watch out for is the wild monkeys along the stream.

Finish the day at your hotel in Zhangjiaje for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Wyndham Hotel Zhangjiajie Wulingyuan or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Zhangjiajie - Day at Leisure

Today enjoy the day at leisure, or take the opportunity to join in some optional activities.

Optional Activity - Yuanjiajie Scenic Area Tour (Day)

Travel to the nearby Yuanjiajie Scenic Area and ride the famous Bailong Lift which looks like a giant dragon soaring up to sky. The Guinness World Records confirms it as the highest and fastest elevator with the maximum loading capacity in the world. The machinery might be a bit incompatible with nature, but standing at its feet you will admire the power and wisdom of humankind. It reaches the mountain top in two minutes and everyone will be shocked at the sight of the mountains before their eyes. Paddy fields and houses are visible among the green hillside. The mountain trail invites you to walk around the area and enjoy vistas. Major highlights in Yuanjiajie Scenic Area includes Bailong Lift, Fields and Gardens in the Air, No.1 Natural Bridge under Heaven, Hanging Waterfall, Mihun Bridge and Tujia Village. Not included, paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Acivity - Tianmen Fox Fairy Show (Evening)

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Alarge-scale outdoor musical drama that uses the Tianmen Mountain and its surrounding valley as a stage backdrop. It tells the story of a mythical fox fairy who falls in love with a human woodcutter, based on a local Chinese folktale and features hundreds of performers, local singers and high-tech effects. Not included, paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Wyndham Hotel Zhangjiajie Wulingyuan or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Zhangjiajie – Changsha

Today, enjoy the day at leisure, or take the opportunity to join an optional tour.

Optional Activity: Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge

See the famous Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge, the world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge spanning over two mountains in Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon. Not included, paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

This afternoon drive to Changsha and check into your hotel.

Overnight: Howard Johnson Huachen Plaza Changsha or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Changsha, China – Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, you will transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Australia (or New Zealand).

Please note:

- *Standard check-out time is 12:00 and luggage storage is available at the front desk for those with later fights.*
- *Some travellers may be required to depart a day later and additional accommodation and transfers will be provided free of charge. This will not apply to passengers departing before 02:00 the following day as they will be transferred to the airport the day prior.*

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 18 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note some flights may arrive +1 days.

Meals included: None

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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Beijing, Suzhou, Xi'an and Shanghai

Marvel at the ancient Terracotta Warriors and Horses

Visit Beijing's historic Tiananmen Square

Step back in time at the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City, or the Temple of Heaven (subject to availability)

Tick the Great Wall of China off your bucket list

Visit Suzhou's Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory

View Shanghai's incredible skyline from The Bund

Delve into China's monumental history at the Shanghai History Museum

Cruise the Yangtze River, the longest river in Eurasia

Visit Three Gorges Dam, Three Gorges and Snow Jade Cave during a Yangtze cruise

Visit Chongqing, famous for its mind-blowing urban landscape and complex, multi-layered topography.

See the famous Liziba Subway Station and experience the Chongqing monorail passing directly through a residential building

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply. (Excludes Trip Only Package)

CRUISE

4-night Yangtze River cruise with Victoria Cruise Line in a private Balcony Cabin with ensuite

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights of 5-star hotel accommodation

DINING

19 meals included

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

Airport and cruise port charges plus taxes

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

3 one-way high-speed rail journeys (or one-way domestic flights, subject to availability).

Please note: At least one high-speed rail journey is guaranteed.

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers (Excludes Trip Only Package)

ZHANGJIAJIE EXTENSION PACKAGE

All of the above, plus the following:

4 additional nights in 5-star hotel accommodation

4 additional meals

1 high-speed rail journey from Chongqing to Zhangjiajie

Marvel at the 243 peaks and more than 3,000 pinnacles and spires of Zhangjiajie National Forest

View the amazing rock pillars of the Ten-Li Natural Gallery

Take a one-way ride on the Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent** ; TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique** ; our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible** ; once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package** ; our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable** ; in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us. If your plans change, you can receive a full refund (excluding credit card fees) if you cancel at least 12 months in advance to your scheduled departure date.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy (/refund-policy).

Itinerary Deviation

This travel offer is priced based on full participation in the itinerary by all travellers. Accordingly, as a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary or otherwise leave the group, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services (including accommodation and transfers) if you do. This does not apply to days with specified time at leisure.

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 20 November 2027.
Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 28 per vehicle
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:
Standard Package: $1,780
Zhangjiajie Extension Package: $2,225

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No children permitted
- Valid for adults 18 years old and over.

Flights

Flight information for options excluding Trip Only Package

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, *Perth or *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane: $450 per person
- Adelaide: $500 per person
- Auckland: $615 per person
- Perth: $670 per person

International Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class.

Please note:

Important Information

- *We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*
- *From Sydney or Melbourne, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 20 hours, with up to 1 stop. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and complimentary hotel accommodation will be provided.*
- *From Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth or Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 22 hours, with up to 2 stops. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and complimentary hotel accommodation will be provided.*
- *If complimentary layover accommodation is provided the total journey times stated above will increase*
- *This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.*

Domestic Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy class.

Please note: If travelling from different cities but on the same order, you may travel on a different domestic flight/train to your travel partner due to the way your international airfares are ticketed. You will still be travelling on the same coach group for all other components of the tour.

Group Flights

Please note: Any flights used on this deal may be booked as part of a group ticket and therefore you may not be able to pre-select seats or request upgrades. We suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating or request and upgrade if available.

Baggage Allowance

- 20 kilograms of checked baggage (one piece).
- 7 kilograms of carry-on baggage.

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Not available.

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Premium Economy: Not available.
Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- *Flight upgrades must be purchased at the time of booking; they cannot be added after your flights have been ticketed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Trip Only Package

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only Package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Standard Package

Accommodation Used:

5-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Beijing: Wyndham Beijing North or similar
- Xi'an: Sheraton Xian Hotel or similar
- Suzhou: Renaissance Suzhou Wujiang or similar
- Shanghai: Sheraton Waigaoqiao Shanghai or similar
- Chongqing: Hilton Hotel Chongqing or similar (Extension package only)
- Zhangjiajie: Wyndham Hotel Zhangjiajie Wulingyuan or similar (Extension package only)
- Changsha: Sheraton Howard Johnson Huachen Plaza Changsha or similar (Extension package only)

4-star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Yangtze River Cruise: Victoria Cruise Line

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Accommodation Location

To ensure a comfortable and convenient experience for everyone, we've carefully selected hotels that best suit the size and

specific needs of each group. While this means your accommodation may not be in the city centre, you can rest assured that our hotels are typically located near public transportation and a variety of local restaurants and attractions. Once your tour begins, your friendly driver or tour leader will be happy to help you get your bearings and offer assistance, should you need it.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

- Beijing: Summer Palace and Beijing Zoo with Dinner - 340 RMB per person
- Beijing: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner - 360 RMB per person
- Suzhou: Grand Canal Cruise – 220 RMB per person
- Shanghai: ERA and The Intersection of Time – 390 RMB per person
- Shanghai: Half-Day Shanghai Tour - 300 RMB per person
- Shanghai: Huangpu River Night Cruise - 280 RMB
- Chongqing: Ciqikou Ancient Town Tour - 280 RMB per person (Extension Package Only)
- Chongqing: Yangtze Two-Rivers Night Cruise - 280 RMB per person (Extension Package Only)
- Chongqing: Chongqing Hot Pot dinner - 220 RMB per person (Extension Package Only)
- Zhangjiajie: Yuanjiajie Scenic Area Tour - 500 RMB per person (Extension Package Only)
- Zhangjiajie: Tianmen Fox Fairy Show - 400 RMB per person (Extension Package Only)
- Zhangjiajie: Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge - 400 RMB per person (Extension Package Only)

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.*
- *Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Expected gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only Package.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Tipping is a firm and customary element of the tourism industry and is therefore expected in China.
The expected tipping amount is $12 AUD or 60 RMB per person per day. While tipping is not mandatory, it is a common practice in China and a gesture of appreciation which is shared amongst the local guides, drivers and other staff members who have serviced your tour. The tipping amount can be paid in AUD or RMB to your expert tour guide in each region. As most tour guides in China consider tipping a part of their income, please don't feel intimidated should the tour guides approach you as they bid you farewell.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component. Gratuities are expected on your cruise and will be charged at 150 RMB total (approx. $33 AUD) per person for the entire 4-night cruise component of the tour. If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction

once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Spring (March - May)

Beijing

Spring in Beijing arrives with a rapid rise in temperature but is often accompanied by strong winds and very dry conditions. Temperatures typically range from about 8°C to 22°C. The early part of the season can feel chilly and is occasionally prone to dust storms rolling in from the Gobi Desert. As the season progresses into May, the weather becomes warm and pleasant, offering a popular time to see spring blooms before the summer heat.

Shanghai

Spring in Shanghai is warm and fresh, characterized by blooming flowers and fluctuating weather. Temperatures generally range from about 11°C to 21°C, with early mornings feeling cool and afternoons becoming pleasantly warm. Light rain showers and frequent drizzles are common during this transition period. Overall, it is considered an excellent time for tourism and outdoor activities before the summer humidity arrives.

Chongqing

Spring in Chongqing sees a rapid transition to milder, warmer weather, accompanied by frequent cloud cover and light drizzles. Temperatures generally range from about 13°C to 23°C. As a mountainous city, morning fog is common during this period, giving way to comfortable afternoons. It offers a pleasant window for outdoor exploration before the intense summer conditions set in.

Summer (June - August)

Beijing

Summer in Beijing is hot, humid, and marks the peak rainy season for the region. Temperatures frequently range between 25°C and 35°C, with intense heatwaves occasionally pushing afternoon highs above 38°C. Heavy downpours and sudden thunderstorms are common, especially in July and August, providing brief relief from the stifling urban heat. The high humidity can make midday outdoor excursions challenging.

Shanghai

Summer in Shanghai is notoriously hot and sticky due to its subtropical climate and high humidity. Temperatures typically range from 26 °C to 32°C, but often climb above 35°C during peak periods. The city experiences the plum rain season in early summer, bringing prolonged overcast skies and heavy precipitation, followed by late summer typhoon risks that can bring sudden storms and strong winds.

Chongqing

Known historically as one of China's 'Three Furnaces', summer in Chongqing is sweltering, exceptionally humid and intense. Temperatures typically range from 26°C to 36°C, though prolonged heatwaves regularly push afternoon highs above 40°C. Rainstorms and muggy nights are frequent, making the humidity feel stifling and outdoor daytime sightseeing demanding.

Autumn (September - November)

Beijing

Autumn is widely considered the most comfortable and beautiful season to visit Beijing. The intense summer heat breaks quickly, giving way to crisp, clear skies and very pleasant weather. Temperatures generally range from 10°C to 25°C in early autumn, cooling down sharply by November. The humidity drops significantly, leaving the city dry and sunny, which is perfect for outdoor sightseeing.

Shanghai

Autumn in Shanghai is a highly favored season due to its comfortable and moderate conditions. The sweltering summer heat recedes as temperatures gradually cool down from around 25°C in September to about 15°C by late November. The humidity drops noticeably, and the city enjoys clearer, breezier days with less rainfall compared to the summer months, making it ideal for walking tours.

Chongqing

Autumn brings welcome relief from the fierce summer heat, delivering mild temperatures and misty atmospheres. Temperatures range from around 14°C to 24°C in September, steadily dropping to around 12°C by late November. The season is famous for frequent night drizzles and overcast, foggy days, creating cool and comfortable conditions for sightseeing across the city.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for

yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

CRUISE

Embarkation/Disembarkation

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/ requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

Fitness Level Required:
Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A moderate level of fitness will be required.
This journey requires a moderate level of physical fitness. Participants must be able to move independently for up to 3 hours a day without assistance, which includes stepping on and off various types of transportation, climbing stairs, and handling occasional steep or uneven ground. Due to the itinerary's nature, we cannot accommodate wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or specialized accessibility needs. Other walking aids are welcome, provided you can maintain the group's pace autonomously. Although some assistance may be available, all participants must be responsible for your own luggage. Because this trip involves extensive walking, please share any health or mobility concerns with us during booking so we can help determine if this adventure is right for you.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Wildlife Sighting:

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings on tour. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal movements can impact sightings.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Australian and New Zealand citizens qualify for Visa-free travel to China for stays up to 30 days. The visa exemption is set to expire on the 31st December 2026 and any extension to this exemption will likely be announced towards the end of 2026. Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting,

and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.