

China & Tibet Discovery

Combine the best of China with Mystical Tibet and a Yangtze Cruise

16 days from \$4,990pp
Fully Inclusive from the US

See the most famous sights of China: The Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors and adorable pandas. Explore the mystical land of Tibet to discover fabulous palaces, holy monasteries and sacred temples. And complete your tour with a relaxing cruise on the Yangtze River.

This tour reaches a maximum altitude of 12,000ft in Lhasa.

National Escort Jason Chen's tour highlights



Tibet is my favorite place. On the roof of the world, mysterious and beautiful, it is a once in a lifetime experience."



Days 1-2: US – Beijing

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's capital city.

Day 3: Beijing

Today you will stroll through the famous Tiananmen Square past Chairman Mao's Mausoleum to the treasure-filled Forbidden City. This is the largest and best preserved collection of ancient buildings in China from the Ming and Qing Dynasties and houses over 8,000 rooms. Also visit the unique Temple of Heaven. Our evening meal includes the local delicacy, Peking Duck.

Day 4: Beijing

Walk on the Great Wall to appreciate 2,000 years of historical significance and admire the panoramic views. The Great Wall is China's most

iconic attraction, which stretches over 4,000 miles from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. Also tour the exquisite Summer Palace and enjoy a fascinating Chinese Acrobatic show in the evening.

Day 5: Beijing – Xian

Fly to Xian and visit the Shaanxi Provincial Museum which is home to thousands of priceless relics. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

Day 6: Xian

Visit one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century – the Terracotta Warriors. The figures were created over 2,000 years ago to accompany Emperor Qin Shihuang into the afterlife. We also walk along the Ancient City Wall and stroll through the lively Muslim Quarter to explore the Islamic food markets.

Day 7: Xian – Lhasa

Fly to Lhasa, the spiritual home of Tibet. The afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatize to the altitude.

Day 8: Lhasa

Sightseeing today includes a stroll around the Barkhor circuit where traditional dress, market stalls selling religious trinkets and the sound of chanted prayers create the atmosphere of a medieval carnival. We also visit the 7th century Jokhang Temple, which

"I am very excited about this tour which brings together many of China's true highlights with a visit to Lhasa, the spiritual center of Tibet. Although this itinerary is new for 2012, I have over ten years' experience welcoming guests to each of the destinations featured so you can be sure that your tour will be second to none."

Wendy Wu, July 2011

Potala Palace, Lhasa

is the most sacred in Tibet and the Sera Monastery, which has about 600 monks in residence.

Day 9: Lhasa

Explore the 'crown jewel' of Tibet – the Potala Palace. The palace is an architectural wonder that towers over the city with thousands of rooms filled with treasures such as intricate shrines and beautiful frescoes. We also visit Norbulingka; the former summer palace of the Dalai Lama, containing several palaces and chapels and a local Tibetan carpet factory. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner and dance performance in the evening.

Day 10: Lhasa – Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province where we will take a tour of the city's highlights. Enjoy a delicious Sichuan meal in the evening.

Day 11: Chengdu – Yangtze River Cruise

Visit the famous Panda Reserve to see these adorable animals being reared in wooded surroundings reminiscent of their natural habitat. Travel to Chongqing to board your Yangtze River cruise for the next three nights.

Days 12-13: Yangtze River Cruise

Over the next two days, we will take a side-trip to the striking Shennong Stream in a peapod boat or visit the Lesser Three Gorges. We also enjoy various shore excursions along the way.

Day 14: Yichang – Shanghai

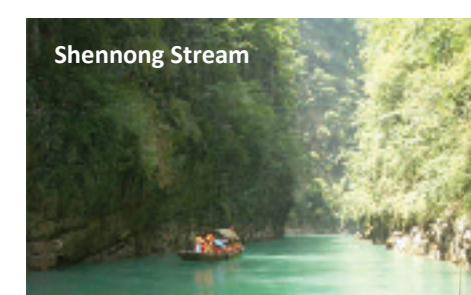
After visiting the site of the Three Gorges Dam you will disembark your cruise in Yichang. Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East' where we will enjoy a dinner of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

Day 15: Shanghai

Sightseeing today includes a stroll through the beautiful Yu Gardens and the Old Town as well as a visit to the Shanghai Museum, which houses over 120,000 pieces of bronze, coins, jade, ceramics, paintings and calligraphy. We also walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture and explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920's style shikumen buildings. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River, where the historic Bund and the futuristic Pudong come face-to-face.

Day 16: Shanghai – US

Fly to the US, arriving home the same day or the following morning depending on flight schedules.



Shennong Stream

Departure Dates & Prices

Depart US	Arrive US	Price
23 May 2012	07 Jun 2012	\$4,990
05 Sep	20 Sep	\$5,490
10 Oct	25 Oct	\$5,290

Tour departs Wednesday and returns Thursday

Prices are fully inclusive from the US (see page 14)
Based on Los Angeles departures
Many other US departure points available

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from \$3,790 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room supplement from \$990 (see page 10)
- Tipping payable locally US\$70 (see page 10)
- Active Paced Tour

Fully Inclusive price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodations
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for US residents

Hong Kong Extension (see page 63)

Day 16: Shanghai – Hong Kong

Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong and transfer to your hotel.

Day 17: Hong Kong

Enjoy a half day island tour visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 18: Hong Kong

Enjoy the day at leisure to further explore Hong Kong. (B)

Day 19: Hong Kong – US

Fly to the US, arriving home the same day or the following morning. (B)

From \$390pp

Land only. The flight from China to Hong Kong may be included in the cost of the international ticket depending on airline.

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