



\$4,199

for a true “best of” 12 day tour to Beijing, Xi’an, Shanghai, the most popular sights including a cruise along the majestic Three Gorges

China Spectacular

Day 01

Arrival/Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the dynamic capital of the People’s Republic of China. Once the imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing today is still extraordinarily rich in historical sites and cultural relics. After clearing airport formalities, meet your CTS guide and transfer to your hotel.

Day 02

Beijing (B/L/D)

Tour the Tian’anmen Square, the biggest public square in the world. You will also be able to have a photo stop at The National Centre for the Performing Arts, formerly known as the National Grand Theatre, and colloquially described as The Egg. Afterwards, visit Forbidden City, the

vast complex of palaces, which was home to successive Emperors for more than 500 years. Included is admission to the living quarters, museum and jewellery sections. Continue to visit the Beihai Park which is an imperial garden to the northwest of the Forbidden City. Stop at a pearl factory before dinner. Tonight you will experience the famous Beijing Duck banquet for your welcome dinner.

Day 03

Beijing (B/L/D)

Morning tour to the Great Wall at Juyongguan section, stretching almost 4,000 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the sands of Central Asia and befittingly crowned one of the ten wonders of the world. Along the way, you will stopover at a jade carving factory where you can

watch artisans at work. After lunch, continue to the Summer Palace, the largest and the best preserved of all imperial palace gardens, which boasts such delights as the famous Marble Boat and the ornately painted ‘Long Corridor’, and take a boat ride on its Lake Kunming if the weather permits. After dinner, you will witness the amazing Beijing Acrobatic Show.

Day 04

Beijing (B/L)

Morning, we enjoy a pedi-cab tour of Hutong – the ‘old city’ neighbourhoods of narrow alleyways and courtyard gardens, experience local life on a family visit. After our special lunch in a local family home, tour to the Temple of Heaven, the 500 year old Temple houses altars on which

sacrifices and offerings were laid to the gods in a glorious setting of gardens, tress and sculptures. Visit a local market if time permits. Evening at leisure

Day 05

Beijing/Xi'an (B/D)

Morning, transfer to the airport for a flight to Xi'an. Upon arrival, visit the Shaanxi History Museum. Today you will sample the Xi'an dumpling dinner. Afterwards, you will see the Tang Dynasty Show. *Notice: The free open time of The Shaanxi History is from every Tuesday to Sunday. It is closed all day on Monday for refurbishment.

Day 06

Xi'an (B/L/D)

Morning tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Included are the Circle Vision Movie and Bronze Chariot. On the way to the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, we visit Xi'an Art Ceramic and Lacquer Ware Factory, which focus on the reproductions of terra-cotta warriors and horses and lacquer ware products. The craftsman in the factory, with professional knowledge, have made the replica of terra-cotta warriors and horses that popularly accepted as souvenirs and gifts by both Chinese and foreign visitors. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively Muslim Quarter and market, visit to the Great Mosque, a best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an.

Day 07

Xi'an/Chongqing (B/D)

Transfer to the airport and fly to Chongqing, which is a port city with the largest municipal area and population in China. Chongqing is situated in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River at the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers in southwest China. We will visit the old town area of Ciqikou (ancient Ciqikou village lures tourists to linger in its streets to buy handicraft souvenirs), before board your cruise (Victoria Cruise) starting your spectacular cruise along the mighty Yangtze River in the evening. (Itineraries and times are subject to change according to river conditions)

Day 08

Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Relax on deck or in the lounge, enjoying the beautiful scenery of the magnificent Three Gorges. Sailing downstream, view the Qutang, Wu and Xiling Gorges, and



enjoy a side trip up Shennong Stream. Shore excursions include Fengdu, the "Ghost City".

Day 09

Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Enjoy your cruise along the river today. Sailing through Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge. Shore excursion to Shennong Stream or Lesser Three Gorges.

Day 10

Maoping/Yichang/Shanghai (B/L)

Disembark at Maoping port and take cruise company shuttle bus to Yichang city. Meet your guide and transfer to airport for your flight to Shanghai. Check in to your hotel.

Day 11

Shanghai (B/L)

In the morning tour we will visit the

Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai. Afterwards, we will visit the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and then to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. Then, visit Silk Spinning Mill. In the late afternoon we will visit Shanghai Xintiandi, which is a unique tourist attraction in downtown Shanghai, featuring the city's unique "Shikumen" houses and a maze of narrow alleys, which have been converted into cafes, restaurants, bars, art retail shops. Dinner will be on your own arrangement.

Day 12

Shanghai/Departure (B)

Today you are free for some last minute shopping before being transferred to the airport for your flight back home.

PRICE

\$4,199 per person base on twin share

TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

- China domestic economy class airfare, airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- 4-star hotel accommodation or similar on twin-share basis
- Victoria cruise
- All transport (modern air-conditioned vehicles) from arrival until departure
- Meals, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- English-speaking local guides

Exclusions

- International flights
 - Personal travel insurance
 - Gratuities
 - Tour extension (available on request)
 - Personal expenses
 - China visa fee
 - Compulsory tipping on the cruise RMB150 per person
- *All prices are based on minimum 2 people travelling together and are subject to the fluctuation of exchange rates, flight availability, airlines fuel surcharges and any other taxes occurred