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Yangtze River Cruise I (upstream)*Shanghai, Yichang, Yangtze River, Chongqing, Beijing (10 days)*

The Yangtze River is China's longest river and the third longest waterway in the world. There are more than 70 passenger ships cruising between Chongqing and Yichang, Wuhan or Shanghai both upstream and downstream. Their outstanding hotel and cruise management expertise give travelers a wonderful vacation option on the Yangtze River.

The Three Gorges, Qutang, Wu and Xiling Gorge, the most spectacular section of the Yangtze River, are filled with breathtaking sceneries. Beginning from Baidicheng in Fengjie, Chongqing and ending in Nanjin Pass in Yichang, they extend for a distance of 192 kilometers.



The Three Gorges Dam, is the world's largest hydroelectric project using the rich water resources of the Three Gorges and the newest attraction on the Yangtze cruise line. After the damming of the open diversion channel on Nov 6, 2002 during the second stage of the Three Gorges Dam's construction, the Yangtze River Cruise resumed from June 16th, 2003 with still magnificent gorge, impressive mountain landscape and some new attractions.

Suggestions for the tour operator: Most passenger ships sail the line between Yichang and Chongqing. In general, upstream is one day longer than downstream.

Day01 Arrive in Shanghai Arrive in Shanghai, the bustling commercial heart of China, known as "Paris of the East". Meet your guide on arrival and be transferred to your comfortable hotel. (D)

Day02 Shanghai Visit **the Bund**, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Jin Mao Tower can be seen on the opposite side. The splendid row of early 20th century Europe buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Visit fascinating **Yuyuan Garden**, a well-restored Suzhou-style garden, and take a walk through the Old



Town filled with antique markets and specialty stores. Then, visit to the marvelous **Shanghai Museum**, a leading attraction of the city since it opened in 1994, containing some priceless collections of paintings, porcelains and bronzes. Enjoy a fabulous **Acrobatic Show** in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day03 Shanghai-Yichang



Visit the **Jade Buddha Temple** where two rare jade statues of Sakyamuni Buddha are treasured. The next religious site you will see is the **St. Ignatius Cathedral** built in 1846. Move on to wander around the former French Concession laid out by the French in 1909, represented by the leafy **Fuxing Park** and the architecture in the area. Take an afternoon flight to Yichang, a river port by the

Three Gorges Dam site. Embark your deluxe Yangtze River Cruise this evening (4-star). (B-L-D)

Day04 Yangtze River Cruise

Depart at 07:00am from Yichang. Around 08:30am-11:30am, visit **Three Gorges Dam**, the world's largest hydroelectric project and the newest attraction on the Yangtze River Cruise line. Around 12:00am-16:00pm, pass through the **Five-Step Ship Locks** of Three Gorges Dam. Then, cruise through **Xiling Gorge**, which is the longest gorge among the three gorges. In the evening, enjoy the **Captain's Welcome Banquet** and **Singing & Dancing Party**. (B-L-D)

Day05 Yangtze River Cruise

After breakfast, the ship will cruise through **Wu Gorge**, which is the most beautiful section of the Yangtze River, flanked by high peaks that are often capped by fog or clouds. Around 09:00am-13:00pm, sight-seeing the **Lesser Three Gorges** – Longmen Gorge, Bawu Gorge and Dicuti Gorge on the Daning River, a tributary of Yangtze River. Clean water, lush trees, pheasants, mallards and ancient hanging coffins are highlights. After lunch, the cruise will enter **Qutang Gorge**, 8km long, which is the last (most up stream) and shortest of the gorges, quite spectacular. Enjoy the **Singing & Dancing Party** in the evening. (B-L-D)



Day06 Yangtze River Cruise

After exercising Chinese Taiji, around 08:00am-11:00am, you will disembark to visit the city of **Fengdu**, popularly known as the “city of ghost”, on the south bank of the river. In the afternoon, enjoy the **performance of Chinese calligraphy and sculpture** on the cruise ship. Enjoy a **Farewell Dinner and Party** in the evening. (B-L-D)

(Attention: The above Yangtze River Cruise itineraries & times are subject to be

changed according to the climate factors, river conditions and restriction by the local authority.)

Day07 Yangtze River Cruise-Chongqing-Beijing Yangtze River Cruise will be ended at 8:00 in Chongqing. Upon disembarking, enjoy a brief city tour of the most famous mountain city in China including the **People's Hall of Chongqing** and **Pipashan (Loquat Hill) Park**. Take an afternoon flight to Beijing. Check in your hotel. (B-L)



Day08 Beijing Begin the day's activity with a visit to **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest urban square in the world. Then, move on to the Imperial Palace, also known as the "**Forbidden City**", the biggest palace complex in the world. In the afternoon, visit the enchanting **Summer Palace**, one of China's largest and best-preserved royal gardens, where you can have a walk along the famous Long Corridor. A **Peking Duck Dinner** concludes your first full day's activities in Beijing. (B-L-D)

Day09 Beijing Today's highlight is the visit of **the Great Wall (Badaling Section)**, one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" and a symbol of Chinese civilization. Just like a gigantic dragon, the Great Wall winds up and down across mountains. Then, move on to visit the **Ming Tombs (Changling Tomb)** area where is for deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. (B-L-D)

Day10 Return from Beijing Be transferred to the airport and board on your homebound flight. (B)



Hotel (or the same standard):

Shanghai: ****Ocean Hotel Shanghai & ***Shanghai Jin Sha Hotel

Yangtze River Cruise: ***** MV. Dragon Sunday-Wednesday

**** MV. Three Kingdom Wednesday-Saturday

Beijing: ****Best Western Premier Hotel & ***Beijing Rainbow Hotel

High Season: Apr., May, Sep., Oct., 1st Nov.-15th Nov.

Shoulder Season: Mar., July, June, Aug., 16th Nov.-30th Nov.

Low Season: Dec., Jan., Feb.