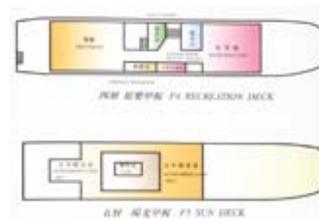
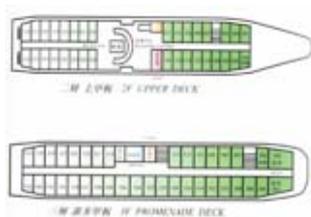


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Yangtze River Cruise II (downstream)*Beijing, Xi'an, Chongqing, Dazu, Yangtze River, Shanghai (12 days)*

Day01 Arrive in Beijing Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. Meet your guide upon arrival and be transferred to your comfortable hotel. (D)

Day02 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 activities in China. (B-L-D)

Day03 Beijing Today's highlight is your visit to **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)



Day04 Beijing-Xi'an Visit the **Temple of Heaven**, the place where the emperors of Ming and Qing dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for good harvest. Check out the nearby **Liulichang**, a traditional street lined with art & crafts shops and antique stores. Explore some of Beijing's old "**Hutongs**", lanes or alleys formed by lines of Siheyuan (a compound with houses around a courtyard). You will have a chance to visit some families who have lived there for generations. Fly to Xi'an, the most famous ancient capital of China. (B-L)



Day05 Xi'an Begin the day's sightseeing with an once-in-a-lifetime viewing of the extraordinary 2,200-year-old **Terracotta Warriors** of China's first feudal Emperor, Qin Shihuang. Three exhibition halls house the continuing excavation of an army of 7,000 terracotta soldiers and horses guarding the emperor's

tomb. On the way back, stop by a local village to see farmers' houses. Upon return to the city, visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** which was built in 652 A.D. It contains a large volume of Buddhist scriptures which were obtained from India by the eminent monk of Xuanzang. Enjoy a characteristic **dumpling dinner** at a local restaurant. (B-L-D)

Day06 Xi'an-Chongqing-Dazu Visit **Forest of Steles Museum** where precious stone carvings and sculptures are kept. Then, visit the **Great Mosque** built primarily in the Ming Dynasty when Chinese architectural elements were synthesized into mosque architecture, and it is the largest and best-preserved one of the early mosques of China. Fly to Chongqing and be transferred by motor coach to the small country town of **Dazu**. (B-L-D)

Day07 Dazu-Chongqing At Dazu, you will explore the fascinating Buddhist carvings from the Song Dynasty (960-1279) on the hilltops of **Baoding Hill**. Enjoy a typical Sichuan cuisine dinner in a local restaurant. Embark your deluxe Yangtze River Cruise this evening in Chongqing. (B-L-D)



Day08 Yangtze River Cruise



Depart at 08:00am from Chongqing. Announcement the itinerary and ship facilities on board at about 09:30am. Then, the shipman will introduce the Yangtze Three Gorge and the Three Gorges Dam Project to you. Around 14:00pm-17:00pm, disembark to visit the city of **Fengdu**, popularly known as the "city of ghost", on the south bank of the river. Enjoy the **Captain's Welcome Banquet** and **Singing & Dancing Party**. (B-L-D)

Day09 Yangtze River Cruise

Around 06:30am-8:30am, visit the **Baidi City of Fengjie** [at your own expense](#). At about 09:00am, cruise through the **Qutang Gorge**, 8km long, which is the last (most upstream) and shortest of the gorges, quite spectacular. Then, cruise through the **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 13:00pm-17:00pm, cruise along the **Shennong Stream** by boat, you will become immersed in the wonders of zigzagging watercourses, the primitive environment and the mysterious culture along the banks. Around 17:30pm-18:30pm, sight-seeing the **Xiling Gorge**, which



is the longest gorge among the three gorges. Enjoy the **Farewell Dinner and Party** in the evening. At about 21:00pm, pass through the **Five-Step Ship Locks** of Three Gorges Dam. (B-L-D)

Day10 Yangtze River Cruise –Yichang-Shanghai

The highlight of today's cruise is to visit the **Three Gorges Dam**, the world's largest hydroelectric project and the newest attraction on the Yangtze cruise line. The whole Yangtze River Cruise will end at about 11:00am in Yichang. Fly to Shanghai in the afternoon. A fabulous **Acrobatic Show** concludes your first day in Shanghai. (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.)



Day11 Shanghai Visit the **Bund**, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and 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 pay a visit to the **Jade Buddha Temple** where two rare jade statues of Sakyamuni Buddha are treasured. You will have some free time in the afternoon to explore the city. (B-L-D)

Day12 Return from Shanghai Be transferred to the airport and board on your homebound flight. (B)

Hotel (or the same standard):

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

Xi'an: ****Hotel Royal Garden Xi'an & ***Wan Nian Hotel Xi'an

Dazu: *** Dazu Hotel

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

***** MV. Three Kingdom Wednesday-Saturday

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