

Hotel (or the same standard):

Shanghai: **** Dorure International Hotel	&	*** Shanghai Harbour Hotel
Yangtze River Cruise: **** MV. Three Kingdom		Wednesday-Saturday
**** MV. Serenity		Thursday-Sunday
Chongqing: **** Hai De Hotel	&	*** Guangchang Hotel
Xi'an: **** Wan Nian Grand Hotel	&	*** Wan Nian Grand Hotel
Beijing: **** Guangxi Hotel	&	*** Ping An Fu Hotel

- High Season: April, May, July 20th-July 31st, Aug., Sep., Oct., Nov.1st-Nov.15th
- Shoulder Season: Mar., June, July 1st-July 19th, Nov.16th-Nov.30th
- Low Season: Dec., Jan., Feb.

[Tour Code: CY-005] Yangtze River Cruise I (upstream)
Shanghai-Yichang-Yangtze River-Chongqing-Xi'an-Beijing (14 Day)

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 upon 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

This morning is free to shop and explore. Take an afternoon flight to Yichang, a river port by the Three Gorges Dam site. Embark your deluxe **Yangtze River Cruise** this evening. (B-L-D)

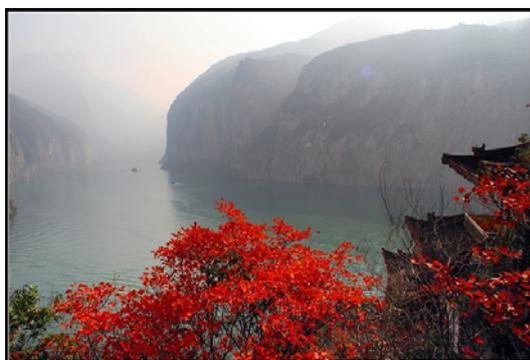
Day04 Yangtze River Cruise



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 Dicui 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



Yangtze River Cruise will be ended at 08:00am in Chongqing. Upon disembarking, enjoy a brief city tour of the most famous mountain city in China, visit the **People's Hall of Chongqing**. Stay overnight in Chongqing. (B-L-D)

Day08 Chongqing

After breakfast, pay a visit to **Chongqing Planning Exhibition Hall** and the **Loquat Hill (Pipashan)** to have a bird's eye view of Chongqing. Residual time is for you to explore this city. (B-L)

Day09 Chongqing-Xi'an

Take morning flight to Xi'an, the great ancient capital and the eastern end of the Silk Road. City tour begins with a visit to the ancient **City Wall** which was built in 1370 A.D. Afternoon visit to **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. Attend a special **Tang Dynasty Dinner and Show** in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day10 Xi'an

Xi'an full day excursion to the unparalleled highlight **Terra-Cotta Warriors** at the Tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor in China. Added highlights are a visit to **Banpo Village** - the remains of a neolithic village dating back 6,000 years. Primitive tools and household utensils are displayed in the Banpo Museum. Time permits, visit factory where copies of Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses are made. With the introduction of the workman there, you may try to use clay and mould to make the copies of Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses yourself. (B-L-D)



Day11 Xi'an-Beijing

Take morning flight to Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China. Meet your guide upon arrival and be transferred to your deluxe hotel. Afternoon tour to the **Temple of Heaven** where the emperors prayed for good harvest. Travel through the Beijing old "**Hutongs**" via pedicabs in the afternoon. (B-L-D)

Day12 Beijing

Beijing morning tour to **Tian'anmen Square**, located in the heart of the capital, and the Imperial Palace, known as the **Forbidden City** - one of the greatest feats of ancient Chinese architecture. Afternoon sightseeing includes **Summer Palace** - a former summer resort area of the royal family. Welcome **Peking Duck Dinner** in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day13 Beijing

Beijing full day excursion to the **Great Wall** - the landmark of China. It is one of the most amazing feats of human labour - the only man-made construction on earth visible from outer space. After lunch, a drive to the **Ming Tombs (Changling Tomb)** along the **Sacred Way** with giant marble figures and animals guarding the tomb area for deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. (B-L-D)

Day14 Depart From Beijing

Be transferred to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. (B)

