

CHINA HIGHLIGHT & YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE – 15 DAYS

Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou, Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Chongqing, Yangtze River, Cruise (Downstream) and Wuhan.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Shanghai: Old Town, Huangpu River Bund, Shanghai Museum, Tower of Eastern Pearl (Asia's Highest TV Broadcasting Station).
- Suzhou: Panmen Scenic Area, Garden of Master Net, silk-weaving factory.
- Wuxi: Turtle Head Isle.
- Hangzhou: West Lake, Lingyin Temple.
- Beijing: The Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, Ming Tombs, Acrobatics or other stage-show.
- Xian: Terra Cotta Warriors, Wild Goose Pagoda, Qing Tomb Park, Ancient City Walls, Stage Show of Tang Dynasty.
- Guilin: Boat Trip on Li River, Yangshuo Township, Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill, Ethnic Singing & Dancing.
- Yangtze River: Fengdu (Wangxian), Qutang Gorge/WuGorge, Xiling Gorge, Small Three Gorges, the Three gorges Grand Dam.
- Wuhan: Yellow Crane Tower.

MEALS:

- 41 Meals: 14 breakfast (B)
14 lunches (L)
13 dinners (D)

SPECIAL DINNER:

- Shanghai: Deluxe Courses.
- Beijing: Roast Duck Banquet, Sampling Imperial Cuisine at Fangshan Restaurant.
- Xian: Dumplings Banquet.
- Hangzhou: Deluxe Local Cuisine.
- Yangtze River: Captain's Dinner Party.

HOTELS:

- Shanghai: Central Hotel (Deluxe) or Jinjiang Tower (Deluxe)
- Suzhou: Suzhou Renjia Hotel (Deluxe)
- Hangzhou: Continental Hotel (Deluxe)
- Beijing: Tianlun Dynasty Hotel (Deluxe) or Diaoyutai Hotel (Deluxe)
- Xian: Shangri-La Hotel (Deluxe) or Sheraton Hotel (Deluxe)
- Guilin: Royal Garden Hotel (Deluxe)
- Yangtze River: Victoria Cruise (Deluxe) or same-level cruiser
- Wuhan: Shangri-La Hotel (Deluxe)

** EURASIA TOUR reserves the right to use other same-level hotels if necessary.*

Day 1: Shanghai

Arrive in Shanghai, the largest metropolis of China with a population of 16 million. The tour guide will meet you at Shanghai International Airport, and then transfer you to the hotel.

Day 2: Shanghai – Suzhou

Shanghai, once a tranquil but busy fishing village, and long known as a paradise for adventurers in the years before 1949, is now the largest commercial and financial center of China. Sightseeing includes the Old Town, a finely designed maze of elegant pavilions and ponds in the old part of this city. Then stroll along the Bund, China's most famous waterfront stretching about one mile along the Huangpu River. Then ascend the Tower of the East Pearl (Asia's highest) in the newly developed Pudong District. Take coach to Suzhou, a city of garden and waterways. Your first stop is [Panmen Scenic Area](#). Dating back to the Spring and Autumn Period (722-481BC), Panmen is Suzhou's highest stone arch bridge spanning the Grand Canal, another wonder of ancient China. Then make a visit to [the elegant Garden of Master Net](#). Built in the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127), it exemplifies the Chinese garden-designing principle of "catching a world of beauty in a highly limited place". Part of this garden is now reproduced in the New York Metropolitan Museum. The next stop is a time-honored silk-weaving factory, where the reeling process for unwinding silk filaments from

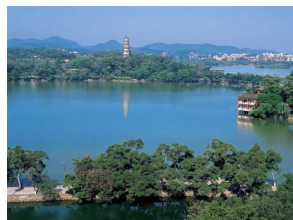


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Day 3: Suzhou – Wuxi - Hangzhou

Continue your bus tour to Wuxi, a compact but beautiful city located by [Lake Tai](#).

Pay a visit to [Turtle Head Isle](#) (Yuan Tou Zhu), a peninsula garden that is shaped like a turtlehead to get a nice view of the majestic beauty of the lake. Then you will go to Hangzhou and visit the centuries-old [Lingyin](#)(Soul's Retreat) [Temple](#), which houses an 82-foot Buddha carved from camphor wood. Stay overnight in



Hangzhou. (B/L/D)

Day 4: Hangzhou – Beijing

Hangzhou is praised along with Suzhou as an “earthly paradise”. The day’s activities feature a boat trip on the beautiful [West Lake](#) with a stop at a typical teahouse—Hangzhou is known for its green tea. Take the evening flight to Beijing. Stay overnight in Beijing. (B/L/D)

Day 5: Beijing

Beijing served as the capital for 5 dynasties over a period of 800 years with each emperor identified as a dragon sent from heaven. Begin your city tour with a visit to [the Summer Palace](#), whose construction was completed in 1750 as a royal recreational resort. Among its famous features are the nearly half-a-mile-long covered corridor with its painted ceiling gallery, the Marble Boat, and several magnificently painted pavilions and pagodas. The next stop is [the Palace Museum](#), more commonly known as the Forbidden City. It used to be open only to the emperor’s family. This complex, the largest imperial palace ever built in the world, features more than 800 buildings with over 9,000 rooms, all with golden-glazed roofs, red lacquered pillars, and vermilion walls. See the high-walled “Inner City” with its government buildings. Sightseeing continues at the Temple of Heaven where the Ming and Qing emperors conducted the annual ceremony to pray the Heaven for a good harvest. This evening you will enjoy a [special imperial cuisine](#) served at Fangshan Restaurant.(B/L/D)



Day 6: Beijing

Here is your chance to climb [the Great Wall](#) of China! This wonder of the world, built more than 2,000 years ago, was one of the two man-made structures seen by the naked eye of US astronaut Neil Armstrong from outer space. Then visit [the Ming Tombs](#), the burial place of thirteen emperors of the Ming Dynasty. Yearlong excavations have uncovered many rare treasures such as gold crowns and silk robes. Tonight’s special dinner gives you a real tasted of Peking Duck. After dinner, you will enjoy [an acrobatic performance](#). (B/L/D)

Day 7: Beijing-Xian

In the morning, take a stroll around Tiananmen Square (the Gate of Heavenly Peace), the largest square in the world and also known for many historical and contemporary events in China. Then fly to Xian. Visit the Wild Goose Pagoda and the Ancient City Walls. In the evening, you will see a wonderful [stage show of the Tang Dynasty](#). (B/L/D)

Day 8: Xian



Xian was the capital of China for 73 emperors in 11 dynasties extending over 1,100 years. Following a visit to the [Qing Tombs Park](#), you will visit another wonder of the ancient China—the [Terra Cotta Warriors](#). Concealed under earth, the thousands of life-size clay warriors, horses and chariots, were part of the tomb of Emperor Qinshihuang, the first emperor of China who initiated the Great Wall. They were accidentally discovered by a farmer in 1974 while he was digging a well. You might chance upon some archaeologists still working on site to uncover the rest of the vast tomb complex. For dinner, feast on [numerous varieties of dumplings](#). (B/L/D)

Day 9: Xian – Guilin



Take a morning flight to Guilin, a southwest city famous for its fabulous natural scenery. The [Reed Flute Cave](#) features fantastic natural stalactite and stalagmite formations which are now artfully illuminated by multicolored lights. Another magnificent view is Elephant Trunk Hill which stands along Li River. This evening you will watch an [ethnic song and dance performance](#). (B/L/D)



Day 10: Guilin – Chongqing – Yangtze River Cruise

[Cruising down the Li River](#), you will be fascinated by a living gallery. Cormorant fishing the Li River, limestone spires rising out of the flat ground the distance, with some peaks rounds and others sharply pointed, with often perpendicular cliffs and trees sprouting from the cracks to bend skyward—definitely a surreal landscape you never see anywhere else in the world. Disembark at Yangshuo to experience a colorful local market. In the afternoon, return to



Guilin and then fly to Mountain City, Chongqing, where you will board the luxurious [Victoria Cruise](#) to start your Yangtze River journey. Stay overnight in Victoria cruise. (B/L/D)



Day 11: Cruising along the Yangtze River

Start for spectacular three-day cruise going down the mighty Yangtze River. Relax on the deck or in the lounge while you enjoy the beautiful scenery of China's mid-region. Disembark at Fengdu, the City of Ghosts. When strolling around the magnificent temples, don't feel uneasy with those lifelike statues of ghosts. According to the local legend and superstition, the dead come to Fengdu where the devils go to hell. (Or you will stop over in Wanxian) (B/L/D)

Day 12: Cruising along the Yangtze River

Today the Cruise will sail through Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge. The misty canyons peaked with magnificent pagodas have long been a favorite motif of traditional Chinese painting. Each gorge is different in nature, and each bend of the river reveals a new view, more perilous than the previous. When arriving at Wushan, you will disembark and board a motor-boat to see the Small Three Gorges. This evening Cruiser will serve a Captain's dinner party. (B/L/D)

Day 13: Cruising along the Yangtze River

This morning you will arrive at Yang Jia Wang, visit the Three Gorges Grand Dam Site. Continue your cruise to Yichang, a thriving city and "gateway to Southwest China". Take by travel bus to Wuhan. During the way you will pass Jingzhou, which is one of the important cities in Central China. Stay over night in Wuhan. (B/L/D)

- Day 11 to Day 14 Yangtze River Cruise is operated by cruises line, Itinerary arrangement may change due to the well-know Three Gorges Dam Project, river's flood season and condition, and/or any temporary sailing arrangement announced by the Three Gorges Dam Authority. Eurasiantour has no rights to overrule those schedule changes.



Day 14: Wuhan – Shanghai

Today you will take time to visit the famous [Yellow Crane Tower](#) for a commanding view of the mighty Yangtze River. Fly back to Shanghai. Enjoy your night in Shanghai. (B/L/D)

Day 15: Shanghai – Departure

You will visit [Shanghai Museum](#), one of the best museums in China. It's time to pack the mementos and memories. Take the Maglev, a fast speed train to the airport and fly homeward or wing on to your next destination. (B/L)

Note:

- 5* Hotels(including western breakfast) is included as in program.
- Clients will share with the double room.
- Your language speaking escort guide and local guide.
- Transport: deluxe bus
- Entrance fees mentioned in the program.
- Some special dinners in different cities.
- Insurance fee in China

- All flights in China.
- Acrobatic performance ;Stage show of the Tang Dynasty ;An ethnic song and dance performance.
- Tips is not included(usually 1 dollar for driver / per person per day; 2 dollars for local guide/per person per day)