

Places you visit



Shanghai, Yuyuan Gardens

Day 1: Shanghai

Welcome to Shanghai, China's largest city, with a fascinating and diverse history. After your hotel check-in you have free time to explore or relax.

Day 2: Shanghai & Chongqing

After breakfast, enjoy some free time in Shanghai before your flight to Chongqing. On arrival in Chongqing you have a panoramic city tour of China's third largest city, before arriving at the banks of the Yangtze River to be welcomed aboard your ship.

Day 3: Fengdu

This afternoon, sail into Fengdu, a city dating back to the Han dynasty. From here, embark on a tour of the Snow Jade Cave, an underground labyrinth of caverns featuring dramatic karst limestone formations.

Day 4: Shibaozhai

After a morning of scenic cruising along the Yangtze, tour the 12-story Shibaozhai Temple. Built in the Qing dynasty in 1650, the wooden pagoda is perched on the banks of the Yangtze River.

Day 5: Three Gorges & Lesser Three Gorges

This morning, begin cruising past the spectacular limestone cliffs known as the Three Gorges. During your 240-kms journey, first pass Qutang Gorge, the shortest and narrowest of the three larger gorges. Then board smaller boats to the Lesser Three Gorges. Sail through canyons flanked by towering mountains, where you will see the hanging coffins of the Ba people and the ancient plank road carved into the cliffside. Return to your ship for lunch and spend the

afternoon sailing through Wu (Witches) Gorge. This evening you pass through the five-stage locks of the Three Gorges Dam.

Day 6: Three Gorges Dam & Three Gorges

First thing this morning, disembark for a tour of the Three Gorges Dam, an immense hydroelectric engineering project completed in 2008. You will learn of the impact it has had on the people of China and the majestic Yangtze River. After your tour, return aboard and cruise through Xiling Gorge, the longest of the Three Gorges.

Day 7: Jingzhou

This morning, visit a rural town where Viking River Cruises has sponsored a much-needed elementary school. You will be warmly greeted by the local children. Return to your ship for afternoon cruising.

Day 8: Dongting Lake

After breakfast, cross Dongting Lake, China's second largest freshwater lake. Stop to visit the Yueyang Tower, which was built during the Qing Dynasty without a single nail.

Day 9: Wuhan

This morning, stop in Wuhan, the capital of the Hubei Province. Visit the Hubei Provincial Museum filled with archaeological treasures, including a collection of intricate bronze bells, which will be played for your entertainment.

Day 10: Jingdezhen

Jingdezhen is known as "the porcelain Capital" due to its 1,700-year history of making pottery. Today you visit the Ceramic History Museum and learn how ceramics were produced during ancient times and their significance to each dynasty.

Day 11: Mt. Jiu Hua

Today you enjoy the serenity of Mt. Jiu Hua, one of only four sacred Buddhist mountains. Visit one of the area's Buddhist temples before returning to your ship for dinner.

Day 12: Nanjing, Suzhou & Shanghai

After breakfast in Nanjing, disembark and enjoy a scenic journey to Suzhou, a city of sensuous silk, lush gardens and elegant canals. Tour a silk factory and visit Fishermen's Garden, then lunch in a local restaurant, before continuing on to Shanghai. Check in to your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Day 13: Shanghai

Your tour ends after breakfast.



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