

# 15D/14N Splendors of China & The Grand Yangtze

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Watch China unfold during this incredible adventure, which ranges from the imperial splendor of Beijing to the dynamism of Shanghai and from the archaeological wonders of Xi'an to the majesty of the Three Gorges. You'll also cruise through the heart of China on the Yangtze River and see the cloud-enshrouded peaks of Wu Gorge. Beautiful gardens, cuddly Giant Pandas, and Shanghai acrobats - China's memorable and unique delights await you on this expertly-crafted itinerary.

### Sightseeing Highlights

**Beijing:** Visit the Forbidden City. Tour the hutongs in a traditional rickshaw. Travel the Sacred Way, home to the remnants of the Ming Tombs. Enjoy an evening at the Peking Opera. Spend time at the Summer Palace. Walk through Tiananmen Square.

**Great Wall:** Walk this wonder of the ancient world.

**Xi'an:** Explore the excavations of the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses. Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

**Chongqing:** Visit the city of hills, fog and spicy food.

**Yangtze River Cruise:** See Shibaozai, a gem of Chinese architecture. Alternative visits may be made to Wanzhou or Fengdu, depending on water levels. Explore the Lesser Three Gorges. Visit the construction site of the Three Gorges Dam. Cruise through Xiling Gorge.

**Shanghai:** Stroll the famed Bund waterfront promenade. Walk the winding alleyways of Old Town. Enjoy the peaceful Yu Yuan Garden. Visit the Oriental TV Tower. See the Shanghai Acrobats.

PRICE PER PERSON SGD (Tour Code: <b>CYE</b> )	SINGLE	TWIN	CHD S/T (8-11yrs)
<b>14N Splendors of China &amp; The Grand Yangtze</b>			
05Jun'07, 03Jul'07, 31Jul'07, 14Aug'07 & 06Nov'07	7188	<b>5008</b>	4828
28Aug'07, 11Sep'07, 25Sep'07, 09Oct'07 & 23Oct'07	7418	5238	5058

### Tour Price Includes :

- ✈ Return economy airfare Singapore/Beijing x Shanghai/Singapore on Singapore Airlines ( GV2, booking class : 'Q' ).
- ✈ All domestic flights within China.
- ✈ 6-night Yangtze River cruise in outside stateroom with private balcony onboard Victoria Prince.
- ✈ 8 nights in deluxe hotels.
- ✈ Fully-escorted tours with English-speaking guides.
- ✈ Services of an experienced Trafalgar Tour Director.
- ✈ Trafalgar bags & wallets with comprehensive travel documents.

### Important Notes :

- 📅 Valid for travel to be completed by 31 March 2008.
- 📅 Above package is subjected to following conditions:
  - Minimum 2 persons to travel together both ways
  - Tickets to be issued latest by 30 September 2007 or as per TTL, whichever is earlier.
- 💰 Payment may be made in Singapore dollars by cash, NETS, cheques and credit cards.
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## Itinerary:

### Day 1 Arrive Beijing

Arrive in Beijing and meet your Trafalgar Tour Director at the airport before transferring to the Kempinsky Hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure.

### Day 2 Beijing

Beijing is home to many sights that make China a must-see destination. Tour the Forbidden City, a 250-acre complex of palaces, pavilions, courtyards and gardens. Then on to historic Tiananmen Square. Next, you'll ride in a rickshaw for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Hutongs (ancient lanes and alleyways), located in the old residential area of Beijing. And, at the end of the day, indulge in a succulent Peking Duck dinner. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 3 Beijing

With over 2,000 years of history, the Great Wall is one of the man-made marvels of the world. Each step you take along the wall is like retracing history. Next explore the Ming Tombs, home to the lavish burial chambers of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty. End your day with refreshments and a traditional Beijing Opera performance. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 4 Beijing – Xi'an

In the morning, admire the Summer Palace, one of China's largest and best-preserved imperial gardens. Later in the day, fly to Xi'an. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 5 Xi'an

Xi'an the capital of Shaanxi Province, is the site of one of the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century – the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses. After your exploration of these fabulous sculptures, visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists. Savor a delicious dumpling lunch, and in the evening, delight in a Tang Dynasty dinner and cultural show. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 6 Xi'an - Chongqing

Fly from Xi'an to Chongqing. A hilly downtown and propensity for fog are why many often compare Chongqing to San Francisco. In the afternoon, there's a zoo visit for a glimpse of a Giant Panda. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 7 Chongqing – Yangtze River Cruise

Board your cruise ship and sail along the Yangtze with its enchanting rushing waters and vertical limestone cliffs. Down river, visit the "Ghost City," Fengdu and tour the temples on Mingshan Hill. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 8 Yangtze River Cruise – Lesser Three Gorges

Sail through Qutang Gorge, the grandest gorge of them all and Wu Gorge, with its majestic 12 mountain peaks. Then board a riverboat and embark on a voyage down the Lesser Three Gorges, depending on water levels. It's an enchanting and tranquil journey that will take you through "Dragon Gate," "Misty Gorge" and "Emerald Gorge." (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 9 Yangtze River Cruising

Admire the dramatic shoals and verdant cliffs as you cruise through Xiling Gorge on the way to the site of the controversial Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric power project dam. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise – Wuhan Tour

Wuhan, the capital of Hubei Province and a fusion of three cities that span both banks of the Yangtze. Explore the Hubei Provincial Museum. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 11 Yangtze River Cruise – Huangshan

Disembark at Guichi for a full-day tour to Huangshan depending on weather and/or road conditions, and discover why countless painters and poets have been lured to this landscape. China's Yellow Mountain is famous for rocky, mist-enshrouded peaks and artistically shaped pine trees. Pass by quaint villages and bright green rice paddies on your journey. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 12 Yangtze River Cruise – Nanjing

Set in the foothills of the Zijin Mountains on the southern bank of the Yangtze, Nanjing holds a prominent place in Chinese history. In the Old Town, you'll visit the Mausoleum of Sun Yat-sen. You'll also have time to browse the Qing Dynasty-style bazaar and explore the Confucian Temple. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 13 Yangtze River Cruise – Shanghai

Disembark and enjoy the many splendors of Shanghai. Today, you'll stroll through Old Town then along the Bund, Shanghai's famed waterfront promenade. Also enjoy the peaceful Yu Yuan Gardens and visit the Oriental Pearl TV Tower with its distinctive artistic spheres, revolving teahouse and sightseeing platform. Tonight, prepare to be dazzled as the amazing Shanghai Acrobats entertain you. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 14 Shanghai – Tongli – Shanghai

A charming town, Tongli is the China of picture books, complete with narrow streets, simple and elegant homes, teahouses and intriguing shops. Visit the Children's Palace, where youngsters receive advanced training in music and art. Recall your favorite memories of this fabulous tour at tonight's farewell dinner. (Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 15 Shanghai-Home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (Buffet Breakfast)

**Note:** Substitute visits to other sights along the Yangtze River may occur depending on water levels.