

**TOUR
EAST
HOLIDAYS**

GROUP TRAVEL - 17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA & HONG KONG WITH YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Experts in travel to China for the past 40 years! Travel to China on this group journey of her key sites staying in good value accommodation with English speaking guides. From the Great Wall and Forbidden City in Beijing to the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xian to the city of Suzhou, once called the Venice of the East, where you can explore classical gardens and gain insight into the silk trade before continuing on to the picturesque town of Wuxi. Head onward to Hangzhou to discover this cultural gem and city of lore before traveling to Shanghai for a city tour. Take a cruise down the mighty Yangtze River before heading on to Hong Kong. Complete with English speaking guides, many meals, and more!

DATES & PRICES (2019)

| DEPARTURE DATE | TWIN SHARING |
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| March 14..... | \$3,195 |
| April 11..... | \$3,195 |
| May 09..... | \$3,395 |
| June 06..... | \$3,195 |
| July 04..... | \$3,195 |
| August 01..... | \$3,195 |
| September 12..... | \$3,395 |
| October 10..... | \$3,395 |
| November 07..... | \$3,195 |



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Guaranteed departures with minimum 2 guests
- Climb the Great Wall
- Visit Terra Cotta Warriors Museum
- See classical gardens & canal homes in Suzhou
- Daily breakfast, 11 lunches, 7 dinners
- High speed train ticket from Beijing to Xian
- Air ticket from Xian to Shanghai, Shanghai to Yichang & Chongqing to Hong Kong
- Stay in well-appointed accommodation
- English speaking guides
- Airport transportation
- Admissions, sightseeing, leisure time, and more!



TO BOOK CONTACT

1.877.578.8888 or contact your travel agent. For more details, visit www.toureast.com, email tour@toureast.com, or call us at **1.877.578.8888**.

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BEIJING

Upon your arrival in Beijing, you will be met for your transportation to the hotel. Receive assistance with check-in and have the remainder of the day at your leisure. Stay three nights in Beijing at the Novotel Xin Qiao Hotel, or similar (4-star).

DAY 2 | BEIJING (B/L)

Begin your city tour visiting Tiananmen Square and then head to the Forbidden City, the largest and the best-preserved imperial palace complex in the world, for a guided tour. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then stop by the Tongrentang Chinese Medicine Institute, which was designated to provide medicine for the royal pharmacy of the imperial palace of the Qing Dynasty. You'll return to the hotel for the rest of the day free at your leisure.

DAY 3 | BEIJING (B/L/D)

Looking like a gigantic dragon across deserts, grasslands and mountains, the Great Wall of China is one of the 'Eight Wonders of the World'. We tour the Juyongguan portion of the Great Wall in the morning and stop by a Jade Workshop where we will gain insight about precious jade. Afterwards, return to the city and drive by the Olympic Village and have a photo stop at the Bird's Nest & Water Cube Stadiums.

DAY 4 | BEIJING – XIAN (B/D)

After breakfast, take the high speed train to the city of Xian, the ancient capital for 11 dynasties, and which is famed for the Terra Cotta Warriors. Visit the impressive Shaanxi History Museum and then head to the ancient City Wall for a photo stop before having the evening free at your leisure. Stay two nights in Xian at the Wyndham Hotel, or similar (5-star).

DAY 5 | XIAN (B/L)

Enjoy an in-depth visit to the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum and then return to the city for a visit to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda before having the evening free at your leisure.

DAY 6 | XIAN – SHANGHAI – SUZHOU (B/L)

After breakfast, take a flight to the city of Shanghai, China's most popular metropolis, and then transfer to the city of Suzhou, often referred to as the "Venice of the East". Upon arrival, visit Suzhou's Bird Nest Stadium, an impressive structure, and then have the evening free at your leisure. Stay one night in Suzhou at the Pan Pacific Hotel, or similar (4-star).

DAY 7 | SUZHOU – WUXI (B/L/D)

Visit Suzhou's Lotus Garden, also named the Couple's Garden, a cultural heritage site, and then stop by the silk embroidery factory for a demonstration on the silk-making process. Head onward to your next destination, Wuxi, and stop at the Tea-Pot Center, and then visit Li Garden, beautifully located on the banks of Tai Lake. Stay one night in Wuxi at the Swiss-Belhotel Liyuan Hotel, or similar (4-star).

DAY 8 | WUXI – HANGZHOU (B/L/D)

Head to Hangzhou, en route stopping at a Pearl Breeding Center for a short visit. On arrival in Hangzhou, take a boat ride on West Lake and then check-in to your hotel for the evening free at your leisure. Stay one night in Hangzhou at the Jinma Palace Hotel, or similar (4-star).

DAY 9 | HANGZHOU – SHANGHAI (B/L)

Visit the Dragon Well Tea Plantation to have a taste of the famous Dragon Well green tea, and then transfer to Shanghai and visit the historic Bund waterfront, the City God Temple Plaza, and pedestrian-friendly Nanjing Road. Stay two nights at the Grand Mercure Hongqiao Hotel, or similar (4-star).

DAY 10 | SHANGHAI (B)

This morning, visit the Jade Buddha Temple, stop by a Jewel Store, and then discover the hip and historic Xintiandi neighbourhood before returning to the hotel for the afternoon free at your leisure.

DAY 11 | SHANGHAI – YICHANG – YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to the city of Yichang. Upon arrival enjoy lunch at a local restaurant following by the city tour of Yichang before embarking on your 4 night cruise along China's mother river, the Yangtze. Stay 4 nights on the MS Yangtze No. 2 (outside balcony), or similar (4-star).

DAY 12 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

Take the included shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Project site after breakfast in the morning. Ship departs from Maoping pier and sail into the west part of the Xiling Gorge. This evening, a welcome dinner is included on board. An optional excursion on own account will be offered by the cruiseline.

DAY 13 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

We arrive at Badong and disembark for the Shennong Stream excursion and see hanging coffins, natural scenery and hear Tuja Songs. Enter Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty, forest-covered mountains and cliffs. Then sail through Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most dramatic of all the gorges. An optional excursion will be offered, on own account, to the White Emperor City.

DAY 14 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

The appeal of the Yangtze lies not only in the river's great natural beauty, but also its cultural and historical ties, which link nearby communities with the life-giving waters. An excursion to Shibao Pagoda is included today. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner on board.

DAY 15 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE – CHONGQING – HONG KONG (B)

Disembark the cruise ship in the city of Chongqing and then meet and transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong. Upon arrival, take the shuttle bus to your hotel, and enjoy the rest of the evening free at your leisure. Stay two nights at The Cityview Hotel, or similar (4-star).

DAY 16 | HONG KONG (B)

This morning, enjoy a half-day tour of Hong Kong Island. Start with a ride up to Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the surrounding islands, and then pass by picturesque Repulse Bay. Proceed next to the colorful fishing village of Aberdeen following by a visit to Stanley Market and a prestigious jewelry factory. After your tour, you will be returned back to your pick-up location.

DAY 17 | HONG KONG – DEPARTURE (B)

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel, and take the shuttle bus to the airport for your departure flight.

» Prices shown are per person in Canadian dollars based on a party of at least 2 adults traveling together and sharing a room. The Single Room Supplement cost is in addition to the twin sharing cost for those who would like a single room.

» Tour price includes: Group travel, all taxes, accommodations as mentioned or similar with daily breakfast, lunches and dinners as indicated, touring with English speaking expert local guides, activities & admissions as per the itinerary, admissions, transportation, Yangtze River Cruise, 1 on-tour high speed train ticket, 3 on-tour flights and airport transfers. International flights are not included, please enquire for preferred rates & schedules, or opt to book your own flights.

» International Airfare is not included, please enquire for exclusive fares and preferred schedules.

» An entry visa is required for travel to China and must be obtained directly by each guest in advance. For more information on application procedures, forms and fees, please visit the official China Visa Application Service Center website at www.visa-forchina.org.



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