

Tour B – China Highlights with Tibet plus Yangtze River Cruise (19 Days) Beijing, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chongqing, Yangtze River Cruise, Yichang, Suzhou and Shanghai

Complimentary Luxury Cruise Amenity Package on Victoria Anna

Tour Inclusions

- * Airfare from airports indicated in the tour prices (including all fees & taxes)
- * Ground transfers for all included tour programs
- * Deluxe hotels and cruise ship (superior first class hotel in Tibet)
- * Comprehensive guided group sightseeing and shore excursions
- * Fully escorted by a professional bilingual tour director
- * Locally guided by well-selected guide in each city
- * 36 meals (daily full Western buffet breakfast, most lunches & dinners)
- * Peking Duck Dinner
- * Xi'an Tang Dynasty Dinner Show
- * Shanghai acrobatic show
- * Group baggage handling (one suitcase per person)

Tour Highlights

- Beijing:** Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Hutong tour with home visit, and Peking Duck Dinner.
- Xi'an:** Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses, Circle Vision Movie, Bronze Chariot, Museum of History, Ancient City Wall, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Tang Dynasty Dinner Show.
- Lhasa:** Potala Palace, Sera Monastery, Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Street and Tibetan villages.
- Chongqing:** City Center, Farmers' Market and General Stilwell Museum.
- Yangtze River:** Shibaozhai, Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, Goddess Stream, Xiling Gorge and Three Gorges Dam.
- Suzhou:** Master of Fishnet Garden, Silk Spinning Factory and boat ride on ancient Grand Canal.
- Shanghai:** Shanghai Museum, The Old Town of Shanghai, The Bund and Acrobatic Show.

Hotel & Cruise Accommodations

- Beijing** Beijing International Hotel (5 star)
Xi'an Hilton Xi'an High-Tech Zone (5 star)
Lhasa Xin Ding Hotel (4 star)
Chongqing Hilton Chongqing Hotel (5 star)
Yangtze River Victoria Anna (5 star)
Shanghai Hongqiao Jinjiang Hotel (5 star, formerly Sheraton)

Year	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return
2017	03/30	04/17	04/06	04/24	05/11	05/29
	06/01	06/19	09/07	09/25	10/12	10/30
2018	03/29	04/16	04/05	04/23	05/10	05/28
	05/31	06/18	09/06	09/24	10/11	11/29
2019	03/28	04/15	04/04	04/22	05/09	05/27
	05/30	06/17	09/05	09/23	10/10	10/28

Prices for 2017 (add \$100 for 2018):	3	4	5,6,9,10
Land-only	\$4,318	\$4,418	\$4,518
From LAX, SFO	\$5,318	\$5,418	\$5,518
From BOS, DFW, JFK, ORD, STL	\$5,518	\$5,618	\$5,718
From DSM, DTW, MSP, OMA, RAP	\$5,568	\$5,668	\$5,768

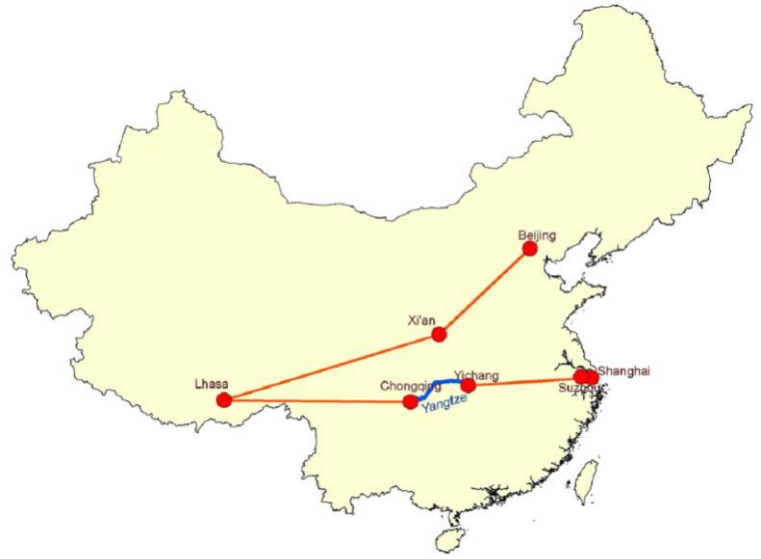
3 – March

4 – April

5, 6, 9, 10 – May, June, September, October

The tour prices are per person double occupancy based on minimum of 10 people traveling together. Single supplement: 2017: \$1,540; 2018: \$1,570.

If your departure airport is not listed above, please contact ChinaPlus. We arrange airline tickets for departures from any airports where connecting flights are served by ChinaPlus designated airlines (mostly AA, UA and DL).



Day 1 & 2: USA/Beijing, China

Depart for Beijing, capital of China. Arrive Beijing on the next day. Stay in your deluxe hotel located in the heart of the city.

Day 3: Beijing (B/L/SD)

Today's group tour starts with the **Tiananmen Square** and followed by the **Forbidden City** (UNESCO Heritage Site), in which 24 emperors lived from 1421 to 1911AD. **Welcome dinner – Roast Peking Duck.**

Day 4: Beijing (B/L)

Today's highlight is the **Great Wall** (UNESCO Heritage Site), the greatest project in ancient China.

Day 5: Beijing (B/L)

Start with the **Temple of Heaven** (UNESCO Heritage Site), a landmark of China built in 1420 AD for emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties to worship heaven and pray for abundant harvest. Here you will also see many local people doing various morning exercises. Then we will proceed to the famous **Summer Palace** (UNESCO Heritage Site) – China's largest and best preserved imperial garden (a short boat ride may be available if weather permits).

Day 6: Beijing/Xi'an (B/L)

flight

Enjoy the **Hutong Tour** by rickshaw, which will bring you to the old residential quarters, where you will visit **houses** of traditional architecture. **Home cooked lunch in a local resident's home at Hutongs**. Depart for Xi'an - ancient capital of China. Transfer to your beautiful deluxe hotel.

Day 7: Xi'an (B/L/SD)

Today's highlights are the **Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses** (UNESCO Heritage Site) including **Bronze Chariot** and **Circle Vision Movie**. **Hand noodle-making demonstrations** at lunch. Enjoy the **Tang Dynasty Show with local dumpling dinner**.

Day 8: Xi'an (B/L)

Today's tour starts with the ancient **City Wall** built in Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644 AD). Then we'll visit the **Museum of History**, one of the finest museums in China. Then the **Small Wild Goose Pagoda** built in Tang Dynasty (618 – 907 AD).

Day 9: Xi'an / Lhasa (B/D)

flight

Morning flight to Lhasa, capital of Tibet. En route to the hotel, enjoy the unique scenery of Tibet. Stay in your superior first class hotel with great location. Have a good rest in the remainder of the day and get used to the high altitude.

Day 10: Lhasa (B/L)

Today's highlight is the **Potala Palace** (UNESCO Heritage Site), the former Winter Palace of Dalai Lama, which is famed as a "bright pearl" on the "Roof of the World". Then the **Sera Monastery**, where you will meet many Tibetan monks practicing debating.

Day 11: Lhasa (B/L)

Visit the **Jokhang Temple**, one of Buddhism's holiest shrines. Here you will see Tibetan prayers from various areas. It is a memorable experience to take a stroll in the famous **Barkhor Street** (around the Jokhang Temple) where there are crowds of Tibetan pilgrims. This afternoon, we will also visit a Tibetan village.

Day 12: Lhasa/Chongqing (B)

flight

Fly to Chongqing, an important Yangtze River port city. Transfer to your centrally located deluxe hotel. Free at leisure in the rest of the afternoon for you to enjoy the comfortable hotel facilities and services.

Day 13: Chongqing/Yangtze River Cruise (B/D)

City tour including **City Square, Farmers' Market** and **Stilwell Museum**. Board your deluxe cruise ship after dinner.

Day 14: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/SD)

Shore excursion to **Shibaozhai**, literally means Stone Treasure Fortress. It is a famous historic and cultural site built in Qing Dynasty in 1750. **Captain's welcome banquet** followed by **Chinese cultural show**.

Day 15: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/SD)

Sail through **Qutang Gorge** and **Wu Gorge**. Today's excursion is to take a rowboat through the beautiful **Goddess Stream**, one of the tributaries of the Yangtze River. **Captain's farewell dinner**.

**Day 16: Yichang/Shanghai (B/L)**

flight

Sail through **Xiling Gorge**. Visit the **Three Gorges Dam**. Disembark in Yichang and fly to Shanghai. Stay in your deluxe hotel.

Day 17: Shanghai (B/L)

Start the tour with the renowned **Shanghai Museum** with priceless collections of jade, bronzes, ceramics, calligraphy and Chinese furniture. Then the **Old Town of Shanghai** followed by the **Bund**, from where you can enjoy the view of both traditional and modern Shanghai. Fantastic **Acrobatic Show** in the evening.

Day 18: Shanghai/Suzhou/Shanghai (B/L)

coach

Enjoy a day-tour to Suzhou, which is well-known as "Venice in the East", "City of Gardens" and "Capital of Silk". The tour in Suzhou includes the **Garden of Master Fishnet** (UNESCO Heritage Site), **Silk Spinning Factory** and **boat trip on ancient man-made Grand Canal**. Return to Shanghai in late afternoon.

Day 19: Shanghai/Home (B)

Depart Shanghai and arrive home the same day.

End of tour with happy memories

*Abbreviations in the itinerary:

B – Full Western buffet breakfast; L – Chinese lunch

D – Chinese dinner; SD - Special Chinese dinner

*Some meals are not included due to time conflict with flight schedules (in-flight meals are served on some flights) or for the convenience of your own choice. For excluded meals, your guides will provide you with sufficient information and convenience for dining in your hotel or in local restaurants where various cuisines are available.

*The tour itinerary and hotel/cruise arrangements are subject to change under certain circumstances. Hotel/cruise of the same (or similar) class will be used in case of such change.

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