

Tour B – China Highlights with Tibet plus Yangtze River Cruise (18 Days) Beijing, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chongqing, Yangtze River Cruise, Yichang, Suzhou and Shanghai

Complimentary Luxury Cruise Amenity Package on Victoria Cruise Ship

Tour Inclusions

- * Airfare from airports indicated in the tour prices (including all fees & taxes)
- * Tibet Special Permit
- * 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 Chris or Ping Lee (or a professional bilingual tour director)
- * Locally guided by well-selected guide in each city
- * 34 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:** Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Hutong tour with home visit, and Peking Duck Dinner.
- Xi'an:** Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses, Bronze Chariot, Ancient City Wall, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Xi'an Museum and Tang Dynasty Dinner Show.
- Lhasa:** Potala Palace, Sera Monastery, Jokhang Temple and Barkhor Street.
- Chongqing:** Pandas, Stilwell Museum, City Square and Downtown.
- 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	International Hotel (5 star)
Xi'an	Hilton Xi'an High-Tech Zone (5 star)
Lhasa	Thangka Hotel (4 star)
Chongqing	Hilton Chongqing Hotel (5 star)
Yangtze River	Victoria Cruise Ship (5 star)
Shanghai	Hongqiao Jinjiang Hotel (5 star, formerly Sheraton)

Year	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return	Depart-Return
2019	03/28 04/14	04/04 04/21	05/09 05/26			
	05/30 06/16	09/05 09/22	10/10 10/27			
2020	03/26 04/12	04/02 04/19	05/07 05/24			
	05/28 06/14	09/03 09/20	10/08 10/25			
2021	03/25 04/11	04/08 04/25	05/06 05/23			
	05/27 06/13	09/02 09/19	10/07 10/24			

Prices for 2019 & 2020:	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5,6,9,10</u>
From LAX, SFO	\$5,418	\$5,518	\$5,618
From BOS, DFW, JFK, ORD, STL	\$5,618	\$5,718	\$5,818
From DSM, DTW, MSP, TPA, RAP	\$5,718	\$5,818	\$5,918

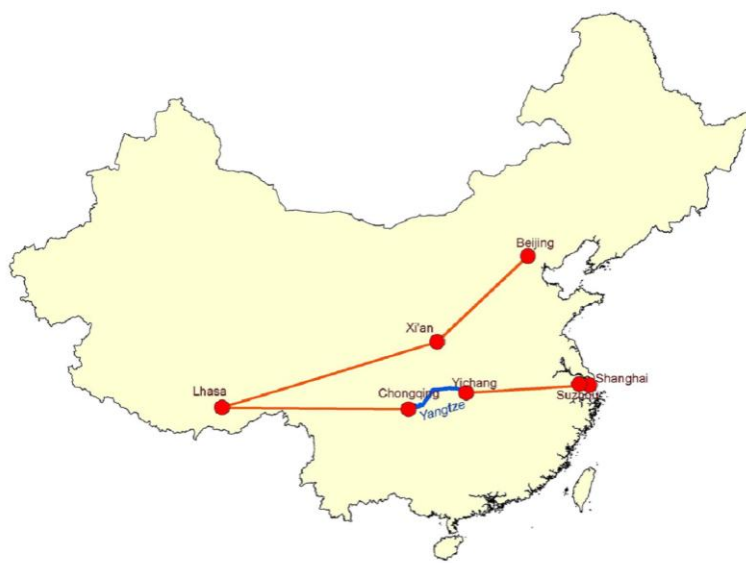
3 – March

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: \$1,570.

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



Day 1: USA/Beijing, China

Depart for Beijing, capital of China.

Day 2: Arriva in Beijing

Arrive in Beijing. Stay in your centrally located deluxe hotel.

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 / Xi'an (B/L)

Start with the **Temple of Heaven** (UNESCO Heritage Site), a landmark of China built in 1420 AD. This was the site that emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshiped heaven and pray for abundant harvest. Now it is open to the public where you will also see many local people doing various morning exercises. Then we will enjoy the flight

Hutong Tour by rickshaw, which will bring you to the old residential quarters, where you will visit **houses** of traditional architecture. Lunch in a local restaurant. Depart for Xi'an - ancient capital of China. Transfer to your deluxe hotel.

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

flight

Today's tour starts with the ancient **City Wall** built in Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644 AD). Then we'll visit the **Small Wild Goose Pagoda** built in Tang Dynasty (618 – 907 AD) and **Xi'an Museum**. Enjoy the fantastic **Tang Dynasty dinner Show**.

Day 7: Xi'an (B/L)

Today's highlights are the **Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses** (UNESCO Heritage Site) including **Bronze Chariot**. At lunch you will see the demonstration of **local hand-made noodles**.

Day 8: Xi'an / Lhasa (B/D)

flight

Flight to Lhasa, capital of Tibet. En route to the hotel, enjoy the unique scenery of Tibet. Stay in your superior first class hotel located in the center of Lhasa. Have a good rest in the remainder of the day and get used to the high altitude.

Day 9: 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 10: 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.

Day 11: 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 12: Chongqing/Yangtze River Cruise (B/D)

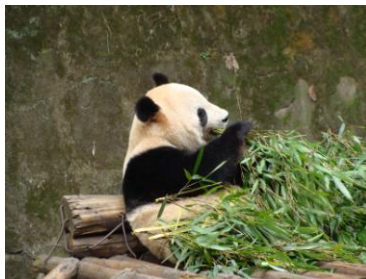
City tour including **Pandas, Stilwell Museum, City Square and Downtown** (where varieties of fast food available for your choice). Optional foot massage. Board your deluxe cruise ship after dinner.

Day 13: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/SD)

Shore excursion to **Shibaozhai**, literally meaning 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 14: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/SD)

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



Day 15: 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 16: 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. Exciting **Acrobatic Show** in the evening.

Day 17: 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 18: 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. Hotel/cruise of the same (or similar) class may be used.

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