

# 14 Day 5-Star China & Yangtze

BEIJING – XIAN – YANGTZE RIVER – SHANGHAI

October 11, 2011

From only \$3629/person\*\*

Full package with air, land, hotel & meals



## OCT 11 HOME CITY – BEIJING

Your journey begins with your transpacific flight to Beijing. Adjust your watch accordingly as you cross the International Dateline.

## OCT 12 BEIJING

Arrive in Beijing, the capital and cultural centre of the world's most populous nation. Meet with your friendly guide and transfer to a **5-star Hotel New Otani Chang Fu Gong**. (No meal)

## OCT 13 BEIJING

Embark on a full day city tour. Visit **Tian An Men Square**, the largest public plaza in the world, and the **Forbidden City** where two dozen emperors once resided during the 15th and early 20th century and now houses numerous priceless treasures. After, explore the ancient residential area of old Beijing on a **Hutong tour** as you are escorted along its narrow alleys aboard a traditional Pedit cab. (B/L/D)

## OCT 14 BEIJING

Begin this day's tour with a two-hour excursion to the mighty **Great Wall in Badaling**. Enjoy lunch at the **Badaling Foreign Guest Restaurant**. Then visit the **Jade Stone Carving Factory**. Stop at the iconic **Beijing Olympic Village** including the Bird's Nest Stadium and Water Cube Aquatic Center for photo stops before transferring back to your hotel. (B/L)

## OCT 15 BEIJING

In the morning, pay a visit to the **Temple of Heaven** and observe the local residents practice morning exercises such as Taiji. Tour the **Pearl Factory** before visiting the adorable **Pandas at the Beijing Zoo**. Finally, explore the beautiful **Summer Palace** and its classical-style architecture, imperial gardens and man-made **Kunming Lake**. In the evening, a **Peking Duck Dinner** is served. (B/L/D)

## OCT 16 BEIJING – XIAN by flight

Take a morning flight to Xian and transfer to **5-star Shangri-la Golden Flower Hotel**. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** and the **Provincial History Museum** to gain insight to the ancient history of China. (B/L)

## OCT 17 XIAN

Take on a full day excursion to the **Terra Cotta Warriors & Bronze Chariots** site to marvel at the ancient sculptures and witness the ongoing excavation of the buried army. Then view a Circle-Vision movie of the exhibit before visiting the mausoleum of Emperor Qin. En route back to the city, stop at the **Ceramics & Pottery Center** to learn how they are made and purchase souvenirs. Enjoy a **Dumpling Dinner** and **Tang Dynasty Show** at night. (B/L/D)

## OCT 18 XIAN – CHONGQING by flight

In the morning, fly to Chongqing and tour the **Three Gorges Museum** and **city square**. Relish a locally flavored **Hot Pot Lunch**. Then board the deluxe **5-star MS Yangtze 2**. (B/L/D)

## OCT 19 YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Begin sailing a distance of 430 miles in all the great gorges and deep mountain valleys. Arrive at the **ghost city of Fengdu** by afternoon and embark on a shore excursion to see the temples and legendary ghost statues such as **Shibaozhai Pagoda**, situated on the cliff, which local people use for luck praying. Have a glimpse at the **new settlement town** by the relocation of the new dam construction before returning to the ship and continue sailing. (B/L/D)

## OCT 20 YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Sail into the first two of the magnificent Three Gorges, the **Qutang Gorge** followed by **Wu Gorge** and admire the breathtaking sight of the narrow cliff walls and dramatic vistas. After lunch, embark on a shore excursion to the scenic **Shennong Stream**, a natural habitat of mandarin ducks and golden hair monkeys. Hanging Coffins can also be spotted on the high surrounding cliffs. In the late afternoon, pass through the **Xiling Gorge** and the **Three Gorges Dam 5-stage Shiplocks** as the ship is lowered 412 feet. (B/L/D)

## OCT 21 YICHANG – SHANGHAI by flight

Disembark in Yichang and board a domestic flight to Shanghai. Transfer to the **5-star Jin Jiang Hotel** once arrived. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure in this legendary seaport and most populous city of the world. (B/L)

## OCT 22 SHANGHAI

Explore **Yu Garden** and **Chenghuangmiao area**. Then visit **Shanghai Museum** and wonder at the ancient Chinese paintings and furniture it holds. Attend the famous **Shanghai Acrobatic Show** in the evening. (B/L/D)

## OCT 23 SHANGHAI

Take a tour excursion to a well-preserved historical site, the ancient water-town of **Zhujiajiao**, to see another unchanged face of Shanghai where EPEC leaders visited. Then stroll along the **Bund** and **Xintiandi Area**, a well known district full of entertainment and shopping boutiques. At night, a **farewell dinner** will be followed with a **Huangpu River Cruise**. (B/L/D)

## OCT 24 SHANGHAI - HOME CITY

Use free time in the morning to finish your last minute shopping. Say goodbye to Shanghai as you board your transpacific flight home. (B)

	OCT 11, 2011
Vancouver	3629
Toronto	3779
Charlottetown	3975
Full Single Supplement	1170
Land Only	2809

\*\* Departures available from any Air Canada gateway in Canada, rates available upon request.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Yangtze River
- Great Wall of China
- Forbidden City
- Terra Cotta Warriors
- Zhujiajiao Water Village
- Local Cuisines and Shows

### Package price includes:

- Air Canada roundtrip economy air
- China domestic airfare
- 5-star hotels & cruise
- Sightseeing, admissions & meals
- Ground transportation
- Baggage handling
- English speaking guides
- National guide
- Escort from Canada

### Package does not include:

- Airport/fuel taxes
- China Visa \$80 + \$25 courier fee
- China Domestic taxes \$36
- Int'l air taxes from YVR \$329 (YVR – PEK // PVG – YVR)
- Int'l air taxes from YYZ \$340
- Int'l air taxes from YYG \$422 (via YYZ)
- Tipping, optional shows & other personal expenses

\* Minimum of 20 persons

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