



PACIFIC DELIGHT WORLD TOURS®

SAMPLE 16 DAY HISTORIC CHINA & YANGTZE ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Arrive Beijing D

Check-in to your luxury hotel.

DAY 2 • Beijing - AB, L D

This morning, see the vast Tiananmen Square and the Ming Dynasty Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City, including the jewelry section. After lunch, tour Beijing's old Hutong ("narrow lanes") area by old-fashioned pedicab. Climb up the Drum Tower, see a traditional drum performance. Visit a local family living in a courtyard-style home known as Siheyuans. Stop at a Hutong kindergarten (if school is open) and a vegetable market. Tonight, attend a Beijing Duck welcome dinner party to begin your vacation.

DAY 3 • Beijing - AB, L, D

Experience a highlight of your trip to China as you walk along the ramparts of the ancient Great Wall. Later, stroll along the statue-lined Sacred Way to the Ming Tombs and Chang Ling Exhibition Hall. After lunch, visit a cloisonné factory and observe the skilled artisans at work. A stop will be made (if traffic allows) for you to take pictures of the Beijing National Stadium, known as the Bird's Nest, which hosted the major events of the 2008 Summer Olympics.

DAY 4 • Beijing/Xi'an - AB, D

Fly to historic Xi'an this morning and check in to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy dinner and an entertaining show at the Tang Dynasty Theatre.

MEALS: American Breakfast, Dinner Show

DAY 5 • Xian - AB, L, D

See the extraordinary terra-cotta legion of warriors and Bronze Chariot, buried with the emperor for over 2,200 years. View the Circle Vision Movie. Then enjoy a dumpling lunch at the Defachang Restaurant. After lunch, you will visit the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, one of Xian's most relished landmarks. Finally, your remarkable day will end with a leisurely visit to the Xian History Museum.

DAY 6 • Xian/Guilin - AB, D

Today, you will fly to Guilin, critically acclaimed as China's most scenic city. Upon arriving in Guilin, you will visit the Reed Flute Cave and Fubo Hill. The illuminations within Reed Flute Cave makes it one of the biggest highlights of your trip.

DAY 7 • Guilin/Chongqing - AB, L, D

The journey continues today with a deluxe river cruise down the Li River, inspiration to some of China's greatest painters and artists. Enjoy lunch on the cruise while you gaze at the mist-wrapped peaks provides an inspiring look into the heartland and depth of China's beauty. You will reach the town of Yangshuo, a popular village for backpackers and travellers. After Yangshuo, take a quick flight to Chongqing to board Victoria Cruises, the pre-eminent leader in luxury travel on the Yangtze River where a private dinner reception awaits you.

DAY 8 • Yangtze Cruise: Fengdu - AB, L, D

At Fengdu, a shore excursion shows the new resettlement town on the Yangtze's south bank, a farmer's home and a local market.

**Alternate shore excursion may visit Wanzhou.*

DAY 9 • Yangtze Cruise: Qutang Gorge/Small Gorges Excursion/ Wu Gorge/Xiling Gorge - AB, L, D

Cruise through the first of the fabled Three Gorges: Qutang Gorge hemmed by mossy cliffs. At Wushan, a cruiser excursion takes you up the Daning River to view the splendid Small Gorges. Continue by sampan to the picturesque mini-gorges of the Ma Du River with its clear, swift running water, unusual rock

formations, and monkeys and goats along the banks. Alternatively, your excursion may be on Shennong Stream with its famed small gorges. Sail on through Wu Gorge, celebrated for its Twelve Peaks. Next sail through Xiling Gorge, the most scenic of all the gorges. Finally, sail through the Three Gorges ship locks.

DAY 10 • Yangtze Cruise: Xiling Gorge/San Dou Ping/Yichang to Shanghai - AB, L, D

This morning, stop at San Dou Ping for a shore excursion to see construction at the massive Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric project. Board the ship and pass through the lock at Gezhou Dam. Cruise on to Yichang, where you disembark. Fly to Shanghai, the cosmopolitan business center of China, and check in to your Five-Star accommodations.

**If direct flight is not available, travel by motorcoach to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai.*

DAY 11 • Shanghai - AB, L, D

Visit Shanghai's highlights, including the Shanghai Museum, with an audio tour describing the special features of the museum's permanent collections, Nanjing Road / Huai Hai Road shopping streets, the Jade Buddha Temple, the city's colonial European past at The Bund, and a renowned Shanghai carpet factory. After dinner, enjoy an astonishing performance put on by the renowned Shanghai acrobats.

DAY 12 • Shanghai - AB, L

Full day at leisure to shop and explore on your own, or enjoy an optional tour. At night, a spectacular dinner awaits for you and your mates.

DAY 13 • Shanghai/Hong Kong - AB

After breakfast, fly over to Hong Kong, the most spectacular destination bridging East and Western culture. You will be transferred to your FiveStarPlus Hotel and enjoy a leisure afternoon on your own time.

DAY 14 • Hong Kong - AB

A drive around Hong Kong Island includes Stanley Market and fashionable Repulse Bay; then a sampan ride of the floating community at Aberdeen. Drive up Victoria Peak for wonderful panoramic views.

DAY 15 • Hong Kong - AB

Day at leisure. Consider an optional excursion to Lantau Island with its beaches and fishing villages. Or enjoy an afternoon to do final shopping for friends and relatives before heading home.

DAY 16 • Tour Concludes - AB

Your tour concludes this morning.