

China Epic & Yangtze River 15 Days/13 Nights

Shanghai - Suzhou - Wuxi - Hangzhou - Yichang - Yangtze River - Chongqing - Beijing

Midearthh Travel is pleasant to offer a once in a life time deal - China Epic & Yangtze River 15 Day Tour is now 2 FOR 1, this sensational deal allows you to discover the dramatic gorges, mountain villages, historic relics and breathtaking scenery as you cruise along the mighty Yangtze River. You will also discover the ancient cities of Beijing and experience modern day China in the vibrant city of Shanghai. Limited Time Offer! Limited Spots Available! Don't miss this amazing deal!



Day1 Canada - Shanghai Fly overnight to Shanghai.

Day2 Shanghai

Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by the tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Day3 Shanghai (AB,L)

Shanghai is the vibrant metropolis and commercial center of China. Today we will visit the Shanghai Museum and indulge in ancient Chinese art, furniture, and jade. Then we will visit Shanghai Old City God Temple area, a busy shopping centre where you may find souvenirs and delicious local food. Enjoy some free time here. In the afternoon you will walk along the

famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. At night, you may enjoy an optional "Huangpu River Night Cruise" and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai at your own expense (\$50/RMB250).

Day4 Shanghai - Suzhou (AB, L)

After breakfast, travel by coach to Suzhou. Suzhou is also known as the "Garden City" due to its many classical gardens, renowned for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction. Upon arrival, visit the Lingering Garden which is among the finest gardens in Chi-



Hotel Standard

- Shanghai: Wyndham Bund East Hotel Shanghai 5*
- Suzhou: Pan Pacific Hotel 5*
- Wuxi: Swiss bell hotel Liyuan 5*
- Hangzhou: Grand Metropark Hotel Hangzhou 5*
- Yangtze River: President No. 7or Chinese Goddess 2 5*
- Beijing: Ramada Beijing North 5*

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na. As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams, Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East". You may take a cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday (\$30/RMB160). Then, visit a Silk Spinning Mill, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth.

Day5 Suzhou - Wuxi (AB, L)

This morning, travel by coach to Wuxi, one of the oldest cities in China with more than 3,000 years history. Upon arrival, visit one of the largest Fresh Water Pearl Farms in the country, followed by the Lingshan Grand Buddha. Later, stroll along Nanchang Street, a charming and fashionable pedestrian street composed of both ancient and modern architectural styles.

Day6 Wuxi - Hangzhou (AB, L)

This morning, travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Experience an oriental tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. Then, take a boat ride on the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. This evening, you can enjoy an optional performance, "Impression West Lake", which brings the culture and the soul of West Lake lively in front of you (\$90/RMB450).

Day7 Hangzhou - Shanghai - Yichang (AB, L)

After breakfast, travel by coach bus to Shanghai, and then fly to Yichang, the starting point of your Yangtze River Cruise. After dinner, we board the luxury Yangtze Cruise and receive an introduction on cruise events and on board activities.

Day8 Yangtze River Cruise (AB, L, D)

Your highly anticipated grand Yangtze River adventure starts this morning. The cruise ship's first stop is at Taipingxi (or Sandouping). Disembark to visit the massive Three Gorges Dam Project, the world's largest dam, measuring 606 feet high and 6,500 feet long. Re-embark the ship and sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest of the Three Gorges at 41 miles long and also its highest (4000 feet).

Day9 Yangtze River Cruise (AB, L, D)

Disembark at Wushan where you"ll board small riverboat for a leisurely ride through Shennong Stream or Wushan small three gorges, picturesque rock formations, and even see the playful monkeys and goat along the river banks. Re-embark the cruise ship as it sails through Wu Gorge, which is famous for its quiet beauty and the Qutang Gorge, the shortest and most dramatic of the Three Gorges.

Day10 Yangtze River Cruise (AB, L, D)

Today's shore excursion will occur at Shibaozhai. The Shibaozhai Pagoda is 12-story, 18th century temple built in Zhongxian county on the northern bank of Yangtze River. It represents one of the gems of Chinese Architecture, an architectural delight.

Day11 Chongqing - Beijing (AB, L)

Disembark from the cruise in the port of Chongging this morning and visit Cigikou Old Town. The history of Ciqikou can be traced back more than 1700 years. After that, you can choose to attend an optional tour to visit Panda House(\$40/ RMB220) at Chongqing Zoo before flying to Beijing, the historical city of China.

Day12 Beijing (AB, L)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, and the Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Tour the exquisite Summer Palace, the largest preserved ancient imperial garden in China, and a former summer resort for Emperors. Then, visit a Chinese Herbal Institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional tour with dinner, a large scale dramatic musical-"The Golden Mask Dynasty" (\$65/RMB340).

Day13 Beijing (AB, L, D)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia enroute. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a Cloisonné Factory. Then we will pass by modern exteriors of the Olympic Bird's Nest and Water Cube, Your Farewell banquet includes the local delicacy, Peking Roast Duck.

Day14 Beijing (AB)

Enjoy the morning at your leisure, or join an optional Temple of Heaven and Hutong Tour (including lunch) for \$79/RMB420. Temple of Heaven, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest. Then take a famous rickshaw Hutong Tour & Local Family Visit, this package also includes a traditional Beijing Zhajiangmian ("Fried Sauce noodles") as lunch. Hutongs are traditional alley ways that form an integral part of Beijing's old city neighbourhood communities. Take a traditional rickshaw ride for an immersive tour to get a wonderful glimpse into yesterday's world, the old way of life, and traditional Beijing culture. See the dramatic changes the city has undergone, and continue to visit a local family and local market in the Hutongs afterwards. Enjoy the free time this afternoon.

Day15 Beijing - Canada (AB)

Board your homeward flight or extend your trip in China.

| Depart Canada | 2017 | Arrive Canada | Package Price |
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| Mar 16 | | Mar 30 | \$4,099 for 2 |
| Mar 26 | | Apr 09 | \$4,199 for 2 |
| Apr 09 | | Apr 23 | \$4,399 for 2 |
| Apr 16 | | Apr 30 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| May 07 | | May 21 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| May 14 | | May 28 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| Jul 16 | | Jul 30 | \$5,399 for 2 |
| Sep 03 | | Sep 17 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| Sep 14 | | Sep 28 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| Sep 17 | | Oct 01 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| Oct 08 | | Oct 22 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| Oct 15 | | Oct 29 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| Oct 22 | | Nov 05 | \$4,499 for 2 |
| Nov 02 | | Nov 16 | \$4,199 for 2 |
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| Apr 12 | | Apr 26 | \$4,399 for 2 |
| Apr 22 | | May 06 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| May 06 | | May 20 | \$4,599 for 2 |
| May 10 | | May 24 | \$4,599 for 2 |

Price Guide

- · Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation
- · Departing Vancouver or Toronto with Air China, China Eastern airline or Hainan Airline
- Air Canada flight can be arranged based on request.
- Add on airfare from other cities:
- Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria \$300, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John \$400,
- Ottawa, Montreal, Ouebec city \$300
- · No child discount
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the latest information
- Single supplement \$899/pp
- 2 FOR 1 deal only applies to package price.

Price Includes

- Return international economy airfares from Toronto/Vancouver
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges. (\$580/pp)
- Arrival/departure transfers 4-5 Star hotel accommodation
- · Daily meals as listed on the itinerary
- All transportation: coach, internalights, cruise.
- · Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- English-speaking tour guide(s)

Price Does Not Include

- · China visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Tipping: \$190 for 15 days.
- · Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

Optional Programs

Day 3 Shanghai "Huangpu River Night Cruise" (\$50/RMB250) Day 4 Suzhou "Grand Canal Cruise" (\$30/RMB160) Day 6 Hangzhou "Impression West Lake" (\$90/RMB450) Day 7-11 Yangze River "Onboard VIP Package" (\$100/RMB550) Day 11 Chongqing "Panda House" (\$40/RMB220) Day 12 Beijing "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (\$65/RMB340) Day 14 Beijing "Hutong Life Tour with Junch" (\$79/RMB420)

Tour Extensions

Hong Kong 3Days 2Nights/4Days 3Nights from \$650/pp Xi'an Terra Cotta Warriors 3Days 2Nights from \$590/pp