

18 days

Signature China Tour

BEIJING • XI'AN • CHONGQING •
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE • YICHANG •
HANGZHOU • SUZHOU • SHANGHAI

Travel Dates

September 4-22, 2026

Journey Overview

Step into a China that bridges imperial history, poetic landscapes, and futuristic skylines. Over 18 days, you'll explore legendary sites like the Great Wall and the Terracotta Warriors, sail through the dramatic Three Gorges on a 5-star Yangtze River cruise, wander classical gardens in Suzhou, and feel the pulse of Shanghai's modern waterfront.

This itinerary is designed for comfort, depth, and peace of mind—ideal for travelers who want a well paced, culturally rich experience with **5-star accommodations** and curated experiences throughout. Your Yangtze River cruise includes a **Superior Deluxe Balcony Cabin with VIP dining room access**, already included as part of this tour.

Tour Highlights

Beijing Icons

Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall, plus the 2008 Olympic venues (Bird's Nest and Water Cube, viewed from the coach).

Ancient Capital Xi'an

The Terracotta Warriors, Huaqing Palace, the Xi'an City Wall, Muslim Quarter, and Big Wild Goose Pagoda Plaza.

Chongqing & Yangtze River

Hongya Cave, Ciqikou Old Town, a visit to giant pandas at Chongqing Zoo, and a 3-night 5-star Yangtze River cruise through the Three Gorges.

Three Gorges Region

Fengdu Ghost City, Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, and Shennv Stream—classic highlights of the Yangtze.

Eastern China Elegance

West Lake and Lingyin Temple in Hangzhou, tea farm visit with hands-on tea picking, Suzhou's Linger Garden and canals, and Shanghai's skyline from Shanghai Tower and The Bund.

Comfort & Logistics

5-star hotels (or similar), a 5-star Yangtze River cruise with **Superior Deluxe Balcony Cabin and VIP dining access**, high speed trains between major cities, and a domestic flight to optimize travel time.



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Day-by-day Itinerary

Meal Legend: (B)reakfast • (L)unch • (D)inner

Day 1 – Arrival in Beijing (D)

Arrive in China's bustling capital, meet your local guide, and transfer to the hotel for check in. Take the evening to relax and prepare for your exciting journey ahead.

Free time: Evening at leisure.

Day 2 – Beijing (B)/(L)

Begin the day with a visit to Tiananmen Square, the second-largest public square in the world. Next, explore the Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest, best preserved imperial palace complexes in existence.



For lunch, savour the iconic flavours of Peking Roast Duck, a dish that beautifully combines tradition and innovation.

This afternoon, you may opt for the **Temple of Heaven & Hutong Life Tour with Dinner (optional, extra cost, subject to minimum participants)**. Visit the UNESCO-listed Temple of Heaven, a symbol of ancient Chinese culture, before exploring Beijing's historic Hutongs on a traditional rickshaw. This immersive experience includes a visit to a local family home. After the tour, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

Free time: If you do not join the optional tour, the afternoon and evening are free at leisure.

Day 3 – Beijing (B)/(D)

Travel to the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. Stroll along this ancient wonder as it winds over mountain ridges, offering breathtaking panoramic views. On the return journey, drive past the Bird's Nest and Water Cube, two architectural marvels built for the 2008 Beijing Olympics and symbols of modern China.

Day 4 – Beijing to Xi'an (Bullet Train: 5-6 hours) (B)/(Late Lunch)

Enjoy a leisurely morning before boarding a high-speed train to Xi'an, a

city that has served as the capital for several Chinese dynasties.

Upon arrival, start a city tour in Xi'an. Visit Bell and Drum Tower Square, then continue to the Grand Tang Everbright City, a 2,100-meter-long pedestrian mall inspired by the Tang Dynasty. Lined with lights, sculptures, and performances, it offers a lively atmosphere, especially in the evening.

Stroll around the area with a **Chinese traditional costume experience (optional, extra cost)**.

Free time: Morning at leisure before boarding the train.

Day 5 – Xi'an (B)/(L)/(D)

Marvel at the world-famous Terracotta Warriors, an army of life-sized statues built over 2,000 years ago. Learn about the history, excavation, and restoration of this extraordinary archaeological site.

Later, visit the elegant Huaqing Palace, once a Tang Dynasty royal retreat, known for its hot springs and romantic legends.



Day 6 – Xi'an (B)/(L)

Enjoy a free morning to explore at your own pace—relax at the hotel, visit a museum, or stroll through local streets.

In the afternoon, walk or cycle atop the well preserved Xi'an City Wall, one of the oldest and best preserved city wall in China, offering panoramic views of the city. Then, taste local snacks at the lively Muslim Quarter and visit Big Wild Goose Pagoda Plaza, an important cultural and religious landmark area.

Free time: Morning free at leisure.

Day 7 – Xi'an to Chongqing (Bullet Train: 5-6 hours) (B)/(D)

Board a high-speed train to Chongqing, a major metropolis in southwest China. Visit the photogenic Hongya Cave, a cliffside complex filled with shops, eateries, and dazzling night views.

Day 8 – Chongqing (B)/(L)/(D)

Stroll the charming streets of Ciqikou Old Town, lined with teahouses and traditional shops. Experience the Liziba Monorail, famous for passing directly through residential buildings—an iconic image of Chongqing's vertical urban landscape.

Tonight, you may join the **Chongqing night cruise (optional, extra cost)**. Prepare to be captivated by the dazzling city lights dancing on the Yangtze River as the cruise departs. Chongqing's skyline dazzles after sunset, offering stunning views of colorful skyscrapers.

A drone light show takes place every Saturday evening. This portion of the experience is self-guided; the tour guide will simply suggest an appropriate viewing area.

Free time: Evening at leisure if not joining the optional cruise.

Day 9 – Chongqing to Yangtze River Cruise (B)/(L)/(D)

Today, travel to Chongqing Zoo and visit the Panda House to see the adorable giant pandas. Spend time observing these cuddly creatures as they munch on bamboo and play in their habitats. Then tour Kui Xing Building before boarding your Yangtze River cruise.

Later, transition to the port and embark on the Century Glory (or similar) for your Yangtze River cruise. You will enjoy a Superior Deluxe Balcony Cabin with VIP dining room access—this upgraded cabin category and VIP dining access are included as part of this tour. Once on board, you can explore onboard events and activities.

Free time: Free time onboard after embarkation.

Day 10 – Yangtze River Cruise (B)/(L)/(D)

Shore Excursion to Fengdu Ghost City (Included)

This 1,900-year-old site is interesting and meaningful for understanding Chinese culture, telling the traditional belief that pure spirits are rewarded and sinful ones are subject to severe punishments. Many statues and scenes in traditional architecture illustrate these stories.

After the excursion, relax on deck as the ship sails through picturesque stretches of the Yangtze River. Enjoy the scenic beauty and onboard amenities.

Free time: Afternoon and evening at leisure onboard.



Day 11 – Three Gorges Region (B)/(L)/(D)

Sail Through Qutang Gorge (Included)

Qutang Gorge is the shortest, most dramatic, and most magnificent gorge among the Three Gorges. Here you can admire the view of Kuimen Gate, which is printed on the 10 RMB Chinese banknote.

Sail Through Wu Gorge (Included)

Wu Gorge is deep and pretty, with rising peaks, peculiar rocks, and rolling cliffs making a picturesque winding gallery boasting abundant natural wonders.

Shore Excursion to Shennv Stream (Included)

Shennv Stream is a painting-like natural wonderland where you can appreciate the primitive waterscape with strange rocks, verdant peaks, and winding water in a serene valley, accompanied by birdsong and tranquil views.

Free time: Evening at leisure onboard.

Day 12 – Yichang to Hangzhou (B)/(D)

Today, disembark from the cruise at Yichang. Visit the massive Three Gorges Dam Project, the world's largest dam. Learn about its construction and its role in navigation and flood control.

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hangzhou. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 13 – Hangzhou (B)/(L)

Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as “the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world”, is renowned for its natural and cultural charm.

Today, visit Lingyin Temple, one of China's oldest and most revered Buddhist temples. Then, visit the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature

of Hangzhou, famous for its scenic beauty and rich historical sites.

Free time: Late afternoon or evening at leisure after the day's visits.

Day 14 – Hangzhou to Suzhou (B)/(L)/(D)

Enjoy a visit to a local tea farm, where you'll experience the tradition of tea picking. The farmer will roast your freshly picked leaves, and you'll bring home your very own hand-picked tea as a unique souvenir.

In the afternoon, transfer to Suzhou, often called the “Venice of the East” for its network of canals and classical gardens. Dinner in Suzhou.



Day 15 – Suzhou (B)/(L)/(D)

Stroll through the UNESCO-listed Lingering Garden, a masterpiece of classical Chinese garden design. Admire Suzhou's delicate silk-making traditions at the Silk Museum, and enjoy a boat ride along the ancient canals accompanied by local storytelling that brings the city's history to life.



Day 16 – Suzhou to Shanghai (B)/(L)/(D)

Head to Shanghai to visit the soaring Shanghai Tower and enjoy panoramic views from above. Then take a scenic walk along The Bund's historic waterfront, where colonial era buildings face the futuristic skyline of Pudong.

Tonight, you may join the **Huangpu River Night Cruise (optional, extra cost, subject to minimum participants)**

and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai.

Free time: Evening at leisure if not joining the optional cruise.

Day 17 – Shanghai (B)/(L)

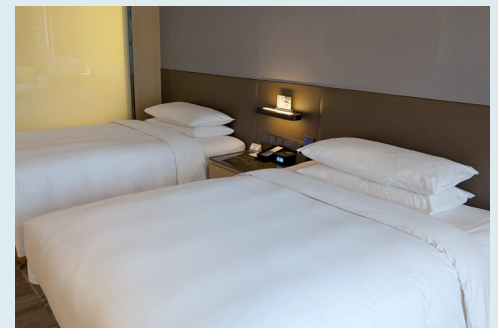
Discover the classical beauty of Yu Garden, shop along bustling Nanjing Road, and explore the traditional charm of the City God Temple area. Experience the Shanghai Metro system and visit one of its most beautiful stations—Yuyuan Station.

Free time: Afternoon and evening at leisure for last-minute shopping or personal exploration.

Day 18 – Departure From Shanghai (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight, taking with you memorable memories of China.

Free time: Depending on flight time, some free time before the airport transfer in the afternoon.



5-Star Prestige Accommodations

Enjoy superior comfort with our hotel partners, hand-picked for their excellence: Crowne Plaza Beijing (Downtown), Delta by Marriott Xi'an, Radisson Blu Chongqing, Wyndham Hangzhou, DoubleTree by Hilton Suzhou, and Radisson Collection Shanghai (or similar high-calibre establishments subject to availability).

Yangtze River Cruise:

3 nights on a 5-star Century Glory Yangtze River Cruise (or similar) in a **Superior Deluxe Balcony Cabin with VIP dining room access.**

This upgraded cabin category and VIP dining access are **included** for this tour.

A similar 5-star ship may be used if required by schedule or operations; in such cases, an equivalent cabin and service level will be provided.

Final hotel and ship details will be confirmed in your travel documents

and may vary depending on operational considerations.

Inclusions

Transportation

- International flights from Montreal (Air Canada)
- High-speed train from Beijing to Xi'an
- High-speed train from Xi'an to Chongqing
- Domestic flight from Yichang to Hangzhou
- All transfers and transportation in destination by modern air-conditioned coach, as per itinerary

Accommodation

- 5-star hotel stays as listed or similar
- 3 nights on a 5-star Yangtze River cruise in a Superior Deluxe Balcony Cabin with VIP dining room access

Sightseeing & Activities

- Entrance fees to scenic attractions mentioned in the itinerary, unless clearly marked as optional
- Shore excursions listed as "included" during the Yangtze River cruise (e.g., Fengdu Ghost City, Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, Shennv Stream)

Guiding

- Dedicated escort services from your departure in Montreal until your safe return to Montreal
- Services of local French-speaking guides in each city

Meals

- Meals as indicated by **(B)** for breakfast, **(L)** for lunch and **(D)** for dinner in the daily itinerary

Exact inclusions for your departure will be detailed on your final travel documents.

Exclusions

Visa & Formalities

Any required visas or entry formalities for China, if applicable at the time of travel.

Optional Excursions

Experiences clearly marked as optional (e.g., Temple of Heaven & Hutong tour with dinner, Chongqing night cruise, Huangpu River night cruise in Shanghai) and any other optional activities not explicitly listed as included.

Travel Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance (medical, trip cancellation/

interruption, baggage, etc.) is strongly recommended but not included.

Gratuities

Prepaid gratuities of USD \$230 per person apply (covering guides, drivers, cruise staff, and related personnel). *Gratuities for the tour escort are not included and may be offered in person, based on your discretion.*

Personal Expenses

Items of a personal nature such as laundry, beverages not included with meals, room service, minibar, souvenirs, and telephone calls.

Booking & Payment

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of CAD \$450 per person is required at the time of booking to secure your reservation.

Final Payment

Due 120 days prior to departure.

Once full payment is received, the confirmed departure date and price for your booking are guaranteed, subject to the terms and conditions provided at the time of reservation.

Cancellation Policy

We understand that travel plans may change. Because this tour includes a 5-star cruise and international flights, the following cancellation fees apply **per person**:

- 120+ days prior to departure: Loss of deposit plus administrative fees.
- 119 to 61 days before departure: 50% of the total tour cost plus administrative fees.
- 60 to 37 days before departure: 75% of the total tour cost plus administrative fees.
- 36 days or less before departure: 100% of the total tour cost plus administrative fees.

Administrative fees include: visa fees, airline cancellation fees, insurance premiums, and any applicable amendment fees.

The full, binding terms and conditions will be provided at the time of booking and on your confirmation documents. In case of any discrepancy, the terms on your travel documents prevail.

Use of Photos, Videos & Testimonials

During the tour, our team or local partners may take photos or short video clips of the group and activities. These

images may be used on our website, social media, or other promotional materials to showcase the travel experience.

We may also use guest feedback or reviews as testimonials (for example, first name and city, or similar non sensitive identifiers).

If you prefer not to appear in any photos or videos, or do not wish your comments to be used as testimonials, simply inform your tour escort at the beginning of the trip, and we will respect your preference.