

# Golden Yangtze Discovery 15 Days

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UPSTREAM

Dep.	Day	Itinerary	Accommod.
25. May	Day 01	<b>USA - Beijing</b> We set out on an exciting adventure to China aboard a transpacific flight. Our destination is Beijing, the capital city of China.	<b>Onboard</b>
26. May	Day 02	<b>Arrive Beijing</b> Our flight lands at Beijing in the evening. We are transferred to luxuriously appointed hotel for some well deserved rest.	<b>New Otani</b> 26 Jianguomenwai Beijing 100022 Tel: 10-6512-5555
27. May	Day 03	<b>Beijing (AB, L, DP)</b> After enjoying breakfast we visit Tiananmen Square ("Gate of Heavenly Peace"), the vast 100 acres reportedly the largest square in the world. Proceed to the palatial Forbidden City for full immersion in the resplendent imperial heritage and to the Summer Palace at Kunming lake, proceeding afterwards to the Temple of Heaven. For dinner we enjoy famous Peking Duck.	<b>New Otani</b>
28. May	Day 04	<b>Beijing (AB, L, DH)</b> Today we marvel at the incredible magnitude of the Great Wall. Walk along wall and be inspired by the commanding view and stark beauty of the timeless frontier. Our next stop is the Ming Tomb Museum. Tonight we are entertained by a Chinese Acrobatics Show.	<b>New Otani</b>
29. May	Day 05	<b>Beijing (AB)</b> A full day is free for us to explore the city of Beijing on our own.	<b>New Otani</b>
30. May	Day 06	<b>Beijing - Wuhan - Yangtze Cruise (AB, L, D)</b> After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board our flight to Wuhan. Brief sightseeing tour is either to the Wuhan Provincial Museum or Yellow Crane Tower. In the evening we transfer to the docks to board our Victoria Cruise Ship. In the still of the night, our cruiser weighs anchor and sets sail up the mighty Yangtze.	<b>VICTORIA</b>
31. May	Day 07	<b>Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)</b> Our ship steams into the port of Yueyang. We go onshore to browse through local marketplaces, reboarding later in the afternoon.	<b>VICTORIA</b>
01. Jun	Day 08	<b>Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)</b> The day begins with a morning excursion to the enormous and controversial Three Gorges Dam. Its completion in 2009 will create new sights and sceneries while submerging others. Re-board in the afternoon and sail through the breathtakingly beautiful Xiling Gorge and Wu Gorge.	<b>VICTORIA</b>

02. Jun	Day 09	Yangtze River Cruise (S, L, D)	VICTORIA
		At Wushan, we disembark our ship and board small, motorized sampans to navigate either Daning River or Shengnong Stream. Only the sampans afford us access to the tributary of the Yangtze. In the afternoon, we reboard and pass through the soaring peaks of Qutang Gorge.	
03. Jun	Day 10	Yangtze River Cruise (S, L, D)	VICTORIA
		Today's shore excursion leads us to the fabled "City of Ghosts" Fengdu or to Wanxian, which is now a part of Chongqing municipality.	
04. Jun	Day 11	Yangtze Cruise - Chongqing - Xian (S, L, DF)	Hyatt Regency
		Our Yangtze River Cruise ends upon our arrival at Chongqing this morning. Head into town for a brief city tour of this "Mountain City" celebrated for its spicy Sichuan Cuisine. We board a flight to Xian afterwards. Tonight, enjoy Imperial Dumpling Banquet for dinner.	158 Dongda Jie Xian 710001 Tel: 29-723-1234
05. Jun	Day 12	Xian (AB, L, DS)	Hyatt Regency
		The highlight of our sightseeing today is the world-famous life-sized Terra Cotta Army, one of the greatest archeological discoveries, unearthed 2200 years after being buried with Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Afterwards, we visit the massive City Wall and the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Tonight we watch the captivating Stage Opera of Tang Dynasty.	
06. Jun	Day 13	Xian - Shanghai (AB, L, D)	JC Mandarin
		After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport to board our flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, we take a tour of China's largest and most vibrant city. Experience the modern sophistication and historical charm modern of Shanghai as we visit Yu Garden, Nanjing Road, and popular waterfront "the Bund."	1225 Nanjing Xilu Shanghai 200040 Tel: 21-8279-1888
07. Jun	Day 14	Shanghai (AB)	JC Mandarin
		A full day is free for leisure activities. Spend it resting, shopping or Sightseeing. To those who wish, an optional tour to the Garden City of Suzhou is available.	
08. Jun	Day 15	Shanghai - USA (AB)	Onboard
		The morning is free until we board our homebound international flight, bidding a fond farewell to China. *** Home Sweet Home ***	
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		<i>Please note that domestic China air tickets may be given to you upon your arrival to China.</i>	
		<b>Hotels and Itinerary are subject to change</b>	