

DAY 1: Thursday

May 30, 2002

The Captain, his officers and the entire staff and crew extend a warm welcome to all of our passengers. It will be our sincere pleasure to serve you during your CRUISE aboard *Victoria I*.

CAPTAIN: *Deng Li Yang*

CRUISE DIRECTOR: Gerda Scholtz & Kit Woodrick
RIVER GUIDE: *Sunshine Peng*

Doctor: Dr. Fan
SUPERVISORS:

OPERATIONS MANAGER: Merry Wang

FRONT DESK: *Michael Chen* ** BAR: *Karl Mei* DINING ROOM: *Suzantha Teng* *

WUHAN - YUEYANG

- 6:00 PM Boarding begins for passengers joining *Victoria I* in Wuhan.
7:00 PM *Victoria I* sets sail for Yueyang in Hunan Province.
8:30 PM *Victoria I*'s Cruise Director, gives a brief talk to introduce you to our ship, the staff, and your Yangtze River cruise. This briefing includes important safety procedures and we ask that all passengers please attend. **YANGTZE CLUB (Deck 4)**

☺ After the briefing → Welcome to the Yangtze Club, meet Kent and the rest of the bar staff and try one of our special *Victoria* concoctions **CLOVER CLUB, TEQUILA SUNRISE, WHISKEY SOUR**

Evening films on your cabin TV: 9:15 PM *The 3 Gorges* 11:15 PM *The Joy Luck Club*

HELPFUL REMINDERS

ELECTRICITY: 220V

Wattage may not be compatible with your hair dryer. Hair dryers available from cabin attendants or the front desk.

PLEASE DO NOT DRINK TAP WATER

DRINKABLE WATER:

- Hot water in thermos
- Bottled water
- All water & ice in Yangtze Club and Dining Room.

TELEPHONES:

Front Desk: 8000 & 8001
Cabins: Dial 8 plus cabin #

FRONT DESK

Money Exchange & Safety Deposit
Check in - Check out
Morning Wake up Calls
Appointment for Massage - Beauty Salon
International Telephone Calls

SAFETY- *Victoria I* is specifically designed for Yangtze River sailing with a double steel hull and draw of 2.6 meters. **Two life jackets** are located in each cabin closet. The gathering/ mustering station on board is the Yangtze Club. (Deck 4)



Mahjong,
Cards & Games
always available in
the Yangtze club

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking Areas:

- * Back area of the Yangtze Club
- * Main Lobby
- * Outside Decks

NO SMOKING in the Dining Room, Cabins, or Reading room.

CHIT METHOD ABOARD SHIP: There is no cash flow aboard *Victoria I*. For any purchases, you simply sign a chit. It will be added to your bill. This bill will be presented the final night on board. Payment may be made in any form of currency, including RMB. All major credit cards & traveler's checks are also accepted.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

- * **24 Hour laundry service**
- * (No laundry on last day of voyage.)
- * **PLEASE:** Only clothing you can put in a washer or dryer. Shirts, pants, etc. will be ironed. **PRESSING** is available.

SORRY, NO DRY CLEANING.

All arrival and departure times are subject to change due to weather and permission given by the navigational authorities. Due to high water levels on the Yangtze a daytime shore excursion to Fengdu may not be possible. Wuxian City will be the alternative stop.

IN-HOUSE BROADCASTING— DUE TO SAFETY PRECAUTIONS OUR IN-HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN NOT BE TURNED OFF IN THE CABINS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME FOR OUR IN-HOUSE MUSIC CAN BE CONTROLLED OR TURNED OFF AT YOUR BEDSIDE CONSOLE.

VICTORIA'S TIPPING POLICY: (Tipping is *voluntary*) Recommendation: **US\$6 (50 RMB)** per day, per passenger. If you are satisfied with the service and enjoyed the performances by our crew, please put tips in the tip box at the front desk. Tips are collected and distributed to the 107 Chinese crewmembers. **The River Guides are not included in this category, and may be tipped directly.** **INDIVIDUAL TIPS** may also be given directly to any crewmembers you feel have given you good personal service. **THANK YOU.**

SENDING OFF MENG HAORAN AT YELLOW CRANE TOWER

*At Yellow Crane Tower I say farewell to Meng Haoran
and watch his boat's sail go further, ever further
until vanishing in the clear blue sky,
but my heart runs with the Yangtze waters flowing, ever flowing... -Li Bai*

DAY 2: Wednesday

May 24, 2002

YUEYANG 岳阳 - **YICHANG** 宜昌

(Yue-yang)

Today's journey: 387 km / 197 miles

(I-chong)

- 6:00 AM** Early morning *coffee and tea* in the Yangtze Club, Deck 4.
- 6:30 AM** Breakfast is served in the Dining Room on Deck 1.
- 7:30 AM** Estimated time of arrival to Yueyang. Passengers disembark for a shore excursion to the Song dynasty-style **Yueyang Tower** on Dongting Lake.
- 9:40 AM** Passengers return to the ship. **VICTORIA I** sails for the **Gezhouba Dam**.
- 11:00 AM** Learn *Tai Ji Quan* (Chinese shadow-boxing) with Dr. Fan in the Yangtze Club.
- 11:45 AM** Learn about the unique **Art of Chinese Snuffbottle Painting** with Robert Li in the Yangtze Club, deck 4.

*****BLOODY MARY TIME.** Enjoy 30% off this fabulous cocktail anytime before lunch!***

YANGTZE DOLPHINS and FINLESS PORPOISES

As we sail from Dongting Lake to the Gezhouba Dam for the rest of today and early tomorrow, we will pass through the nationally protected area of the Yangtze River Dolphin and finless porpoise, two endangered species indigenous to the Yangtze River. The light grey dolphin is called a "River Goddess" in Chinese, while the darker porpoise is dubbed "River Pig." Seeing either animal is considered good luck. About 150 finless porpoises and less than 100 dolphins remain in the wild.

- 12:30 PM** Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 2:30 PM** "**Changjiang: The Long River**" An informative discussion about the Yangtze River and the Three Gorges. (Yangtze Club, Deck 4)
- 4:30 PM** Introduction to the Tradition of **Chinese Kites** at the **Yangtze Club** on the 4. Deck

TRY OUR SPECIAL DRINKS FOR TODAY

Mud Slides, The Great Wall Banger, Orange Blossom

- 6:15 PM** **Captain's Welcome Reception.** Captain Deng invites all passengers for Chinese champagne and appetizers. (Yangtze Club, Deck 4)
- 7:00 PM** Dinner is served in the Dining Room.

IN-HOUSE FILMS (can be viewed on your cabin TV):

8:30PM The Yellow Earth 10:00PM The Lesser 3 Gorges

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VICTORIA CREW FASHION SHOW

☉☉☉An excerpt from "Leaving Baidicheng"☉☉☉

*How dangerous, how high! It would be easier to climb to heaven,
than walk the Sichuan Road...sky ladders and hanging bridges*

DAY 3: SATURDAY

JUNE 1, 2002

宜昌 YICHANG - WUSHAN 巫山

[Today's journey: approx. 170 km / 107 miles]

HIGHLIGHTS: GEZHOUBA DAM * 3 GORGES DAM SITE * XILING GORGE * WU GORGE

6:00 AM Early morning coffee and tea in the Yangtze Club.

7:00 AM BREAKFAST is served in the Dining Room.

BLOODY MARY TIME * 30% OFF * ANY TIME BEFORE LUNCH * YANGTZE CLUB

7:30 AM Estimated time **Victoria 1** approaches the ship lock at Gezhouba Dam.

- 8:30 AM We enter the lock. The **BACK GATES** close behind us. The shiplock fills with water. When the water level *inside the lock is the same as the water level outside*, the **FRONT GATES** open.

\$\$\$ WIN MONEY \$\$\$ BUY A DAM LOTTERY TICKET!!! \$\$\$ WIN MONEY \$\$\$

***Guess the Hour * Minute * Second that the FRONT GATES CRACK OPEN.**



Whoever guesses closest **WINS ONE HALF OF THE POT OF GOLD**

10 YUAN for each ticket or **12 tickets for 100 YUAN**

(PROCEEDS FROM OUR DAM LOTTERY GO TO THE CHINESE CREW'S EMERGENCY FUND.)

Tickets can be purchased at **BREAKFAST** or at the **BAR** *before we enter the ship lock.*

All tickets must be handed in at the **Bar** before we enter the lock.

Winner will be announced at the Captain's Banquet.



✧ *Right after we leave the lock at Gezhouba, Victoria 1 enters the Xiling Gorge, the longest, and historically the most dangerous (made safe in the 1950's). It is also the site of the new THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT.*

10:00 AM Arrive at Sandouping. Passengers disembark for a visit to the **Three Gorges Dam site**, the largest hydroelectric project in the world!

12:00 PM Passengers return to the ship, and we continue sailing through the Xiling Gorge.

12:45 PM Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

2:00 PM Victoria 1 passes the Fragrant Stream marking the end of the Xiling Gorge.

3:30 PM Learn about **Traditional Chinese Medicine and Moxibustion** with Dr Fan (Yangtze Club).

4:30 PM Complimentary coffee, tea and cookies are served in the Yangtze Club.

5:00 PM Victoria 1 enters the second gorge the Wu Gorge.

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ☺☺☺ **Happy Hours** ☺☺☺

Try today's special drinks: Margarita, Yangtze Rapids and Vodka Collins

Enjoy 30% off your favorite drink in the Yangtze Club.

7:30 PM Dinner is served in the Dining Room.

Victoria 1 arrives in Wushan and docks for the night.



FILMS:

10:00 PM

To LIVE

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Still to come is the western river's wall of stone
Cutting through the mists and rain of Witches Gorge
And raising calm lakes in steep ravines

If the goddess were still alive
She'd be amazed at a world so changed. ..Mao Zedong

DAY 4: SUNDAY

June 2, 2002

WUSHAN - WANZHOU

[Today's journey: approx. 300 km / 190 miles]

HIGHLIGHTS: DANING RIVER, QUTANG GORGE, and THE CREW CABARET

- 6:00 AM** Breakfast is served in Dynasty Dining Room.
- 6:45 AM** Passengers disembark the ship and board motorized sampans to sail up the Daning River, through the **Lesser Gorges**.

>> **Please note:** Sampans have restroom facilities (at the stern). They are not great but serviceable.
• **Suggestions:** Bring bottled water, camera, extra film, comfortable walking shoes.
☺☺ Be prepared for all kinds of weather! ☺☺
Depending on water level conditions, the sampans will sail only as far as they are able.

- 11:45 AM** Passengers return to ship. **Victoria 1** sets sail.
- 12:00 PM** Lunch is served in the Dynasty Dining Room.
- 2:00 PM** **Victoria 1** enters the **Qutang Gorge**, the shortest of the Three Gorges. Passage through this 8-km (5 miles) long gorge takes about 30 minutes. (As we enter the gorge, we pass Daxi Village, site of some 5000 - 6000 year old archeological finds. At the end of the Qutang gorge we pass by Baidi Cheng, White Emperor City, dating back to 25 AD.)
- 3:00 PM** Introduction to **Freshwater Pearls and Oysters** with our Expert Rose at the Yangtze Club
- 4:00 PM** Complimentary coffee, tea and snacks in the Yangtze Club
- 4:30 pm** Practice **Tai Chi**, with Dr. Fan at the Yangtze Club

TRY OUR SPECIAL DRINKS FOR TODAY
GOLDEN DREAM, TOM COLLINS, MEXICOLA

5:30 PM ☺ **HAPPY HOUR** ☺ in the Yangtze Club, all drinks 30% discount.
Don't forget to try **TONIGHTS 25 YUAN SPECIALS!**

7:00 PM Dinner is served in the Dynasty Dining Room.

After Dinner

IT'S SHOWTIME!

Victoria 1 proudly presents the **Crew Cabaret**.
If you can sing, dance or simply want to show a leg we welcome you to participate in our cabaret!
Please contact the Cruise Director or your River Guide.
This is your chance to be a ☆ **star** ☆ on the Yangtze!

After the Show - Disco, Karaoke & Carryin' On in the Yangtze Club.

IN-HOUSE FILMS: - 8:30 PM *Optim War* -- 11:00 PM *Farewell my concubine*

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*In the morning leaving White King City,
It was as if we went on clouds
From there to Jiangling is one thousand li,
But in one day the racing waters brought us down. -Li Bai*

DAY 5 : Monday

June 3, 2002

WANZHOU 万州

HIGHLIGHTS: * WANZHOU * CAPTAIN'S FAREWELL BANQUET *

- 6:00 AM Early morning coffee and tea in the Yangtze Club.
6:30 AM Breakfast in the Dynasty Dining Room
7:30 AM Passengers leave VICTORIA 1 for a shore excursion around the town of WANZHOU, 'the Gateway to Sichuan'.

WANZHOU (Wan-hsien)

Long known as 'the Gateway to Sichuan', prosperous Wanxian is said to have perfect Fengshui. Facing south and situated between a mountain and a river, Wanxian is the traditional ship-building center for all junks plying the treacherous gorges. Wanxian is best known for its world-famous Mandarin orange orchards, thriving silk-weaving industry, wide stairway depicted in John Hershey's book, *A Single Pebble*, and an infamous clash between British gunboats and local warlords known as the *Wanzhou Incident of 1927*. That incident effectively ended 'gunboat diplomacy' on the Yangtze River. About 120,000 of Wanxian's 400,000 people will be displaced after the TGP.

- 10:00 AM Passengers return to ship. VICTORIA 1 sets sail for Chongqing!
10:45 AM Introduction to Freshwater Pearls with our Expert Rose at the Yangtze Club
11:30 AM Practice Tai Chi with Dr. Fan at the Yangtze Club

BLOODY MARY TIME" * 30% OFF * ANY TIME BEFORE LUNCH * YANGTZE CLUB

- 12:30 PM Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
2:30PM Chinese Traditional Painting . Our Ship's Painter, Mr. Zhen will give a demonstration in the Yangtze Club
4:00 PM Complimentary coffee, tea and cookies served in Yangtze Club.

TRY OUR SPECIAL DRINKS FOR TODAY
FUZZY NAVAL, ANGEL'S TIP, CHONGQING SUNRISE

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Happy Hour in the Yangtze Club! All drinks 30% discount.

- 7:00 PM *Captain's Farewell Banquet* in the Dining Room.

HOUSE FILMS: 9:00 PM Song Sisters

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CHECK-OUT -- You can settle your account after dinner with the front desk.

The lake embraces distant hills and devours the ~~the~~ mighty waves rolling endlessly
From morning glow to evening night, the view ~~changes~~ thousand, ten thousand times.
On top of the tower the mind relaxes, the heart delights. All honours and disgrace are forgotten.
What pleasure, what joy to sit here and drink in the breeze. -Fan Zhongyan



Welcome to Victoria Cruises' Home Port

DAY 6: Tuesday

June 4, 2002

CHONGQING 重庆

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CHECKED OUT, PLEASE SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNTS AT THE FRONT DESK AT LEAST ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE DISEMBARKING. YOU MAY USE CASH (VARIOUS CURRENCIES, INCLUDING RMB), TRAVELER'S CHECKS, AND ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS. THANK YOU.

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LUGGAGE SHOULD BE PLACED OUTSIDE YOUR CABIN BY 7:30 AM. KEEP ALL VALUABLES AND BREAKABLES WITH YOUR HAND LUGGAGE INSIDE YOUR CABIN.

6:00 AM Early morning **coffee and tea** available in the Yangtze Club.

7:00 AM Last chance to practice Tai Chi with Dr. Fan at the Yangtze Club

PLEASE PLACE YOUR LUGGAGE OUTSIDE YOUR CABIN BY 7:30 AM

7:30 AM **Breakfast** is served in the Dynasty Dining Room.

9:00 AM (LTA) **Victoria I** arrives in **CHONGQING**, 841 miles upriver from Wuhan.

Passengers disembark

DISEMBARKATION:

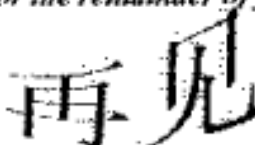
- ◆ ALL PASSENGERS PLEASE GATHER IN THE MAIN LOBBY
- ◆ WHEN YOUR LOCAL TOUR GUIDE ARRIVES, YOU MAY PROCEED ASHORE.
- ◆ **PLEASE TURN IN YOUR ROOM KEYS AT THE FRONT DESK BEFORE YOU LEAVE US**
There will be a fee of 100 yuan for not returned keys

Chongqing is known as the "Mountain City." There may be many steps to climb.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT AND DROP OFF THE COMMENT CARDS AT THE FRONT DESK. YOUR REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THIS WILL HELP US IMPROVE OUR SERVICES ON THE SHIP TO KEEP VICTORIA THE BEST CRUISE LINE ON THE YANGTZE.
THANK YOU.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE RETURNED ALL READING MATERIALS TO THE READING ROOM. IF YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS OR MAGAZINES THAT YOU WOULD CARE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR READING ROOM, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THEM. PLEASE LEAVE THEM AT THE FRONT DESK.
THANK YOU!

On behalf of Victoria Cruises, the Captain, officers, staff and crew hope you have had an enjoyable cruise. Our best wishes go with you for the remainder of your tour and a safe journey home.



VICTORIA CRUISES MANAGEMENT

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Sun, and Moon on the Yangtze

For smiles, rain, a clear autumn night.