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Chongqing
Yangtze Cruise
Zhangjiajie

Start this tour with a Chongqing Yangtze River cruise, where you will view the natural beauty along both banks. Followed by an adventure in Zhangjiajie, which is famous for the splendid peaks. Much more awaits in this amazing journey.

Type
Private
Duration
7 days
Theme
Natural scenery, Yangtze cruise
Trip code
YCT-02
Price
From £ 616 per person

Itinerary

Embark on an unforgettable journey through China's breathtaking landscapes on this 7-day tour, featuring a 4-day downstream Yangtze River Cruise from Chongqing to Yichang by sailing through Yangtze River Three Gorges and a 3-day visit to the majestic Avatar Mountains in Zhangjiajie National Park. Discover the beauty and cultural heritage along the Yangtze River and immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring natural wonders of China.

Day 01 :

Arrive Chongqing

Your memorable Yangtze River tour starts as you arrive in Chongqing, a flourishing mountain city which is located in the upstream Yangtze basin of Western China. Upon arrival, have some free time to explore the city on your own. Afterward, the local guide will assist you to the pier to board on the ship in the late afternoon.

Day 02 :

Yangtze River Cruise with Shore Excursions to Mountain Shuanggui or Shibaozhai Wooden Pagoda (B, L, D)

Taking a Yangtze River Cruise might be the best way to explore the breathtaking natural landscapes and cultural heritage along the Yangtze River.

Morning take a shore excursion to **Mountain Shuanggui** near Fengdu. Depending on river conditions, an alternate excursion may be substituted to **Shibaozhai**, with its impressive wooden pagoda. Continue the cruise on Yangtze River. Dinner and Supper are offered on board.

Optional shore excursions today (fee on your own):

Depending on the river conditions, there is an optional shore excursion to **Fengdu ghost city**, Fengdu is an ancient town where you can experience the world of the afterlife in Chinese ghost folktales. Wreathed with numerous statues and interspersed by temples, the whole scenic area is a treasure house of art that combines the culture of Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism.

Day 03 :

Yangtze River Cruise - Enter the Three Gorges with Small Gorges of Goddess Stream (B,L,D)
Enjoy the endless scenery of the **Three Gorges** today!

Enter the Three Gorges/“Small Gorges” – Enter the Three Gorges, one of nature’s most extraordinary sculptures. Today you will pass through the first two—Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge. Qutang Gorge is the shortest (5 miles), narrowest (500 feet), and most dramatic. The 25-mile long Wu Gorge is known for its quiet beauty, forest-covered mountains, and cliffs so sheer that the sun barely penetrates the precipices. Transfer to another vessel for a relaxing excursion through the attractive gorges of **Goddess Stream**. Depending on river conditions, an alternate excursion may be substituted to the gorges of **Shennong Stream**. Enter Xiling Gorge, the longest (41 miles), and deepest of the Three Gorges.

Optional shore excursions today (fee on your own):

(Available in the morning, river conditions permitting) to **White Emperor City** an ancient city overlooking the western end of Qutang Gorge.

Day 04 :

Yangtze River Cruise - Visit Three Gorges Dam - Train to Zhangjiajie (B)

Disembark this morning and take a tour of the **Three Gorges Dam**, the grandest hydroelectric project in the world, which spans the Yangtze River at Sandouping in Xiling Gorge. The dam is designed to provide a huge source of hydropower for China and control the flood. After morning sightseeing, You will be provided a motor coach transfer to nearby Yichang by Cruise company. Upon arrival at Yichang, our Yichang local guide or driver will greeted and assisted you to the train station. In the afternoon, take a soft train to your next destination, Zhangjiajie.

Optional shore excursions today (fee on your own):

An additional optional shore excursion is also available (preceding the Three Gorges Dam tour) through the recently-completed **unique ship lock with a ship lift**, the world’s largest.

Day 05 :

Zhangjiajie National Forest Park - Yuanjiajie, Tianzi Mountain & Ten mile Natural Gallery (B)

Spend the whole day to visit Zhangjiajie national park, it features the unique Karst mountains and picturesque forests. Morning head to the **Yuanjiajie**, which is situated in the north of Zhangjiajie National Park. Your adventure begins with a thrilling ride on the highest and fastest open elevator - *Bailong elevator* in the world, which will take you to Yuanjiajie, often referred to as the "Backyard Garden" of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park. This nature reserve is a core scenic spot of the Wu Lingyuan Nature Reserve, boasting unparalleled scenic splendors of magnificent mountains and peculiar peaks. With a total area of 1,200 hectares and an altitude of 1,074 meters, Yuanjiajie is home to the famous First Bridge. This natural stone bridge spans 20 meters across thin air between two peaks, forming a stunning arch. As you explore this area, you will be immersed in majestic views of steaming valleys, evaporating moisture, swaying pines, and whistling winds.

Next up with a visit to **Tianzi Mountain**, where you can have a stunning view of the peaks rising one after another. Atop the mountain, it offers a full extent of the whole scenic area, which is magnificent and spectacular. There are four wonders in Tianzi Mountain: the Sea of Clouds, the Radiance of the Moonlight, Rays of Sunshine and the Snow in winter. Finally take the cable car down and enjoy a relaxing walk along the Ten mile Natural Gallery (mini train is optional). You will be transferred back to your hotel after today's tour.

Day 06 :

Zhangjiajie National Park Tour - Huangshizhai & Golden Whip Creek (B)

Continue your journey to Zhangjiajie National Park today. **Huangshizhai** is the first sightseeing today. This scenic area is regarded as the essence of Zhangjiajie as it possesses quite concentrated attractions and well worth visiting. Afterward, head to the east side of Zhangjiajie to get to the **Golden Whip Creek**, an extraordinary breathtaking and tranquil place where you can see the meandering streams, the crystal-clear waterfalls, exotic plants, and rare animals. The creek is also called "the most beautiful valley in the world" and "the most poetic stream" by travelers.

In the afternoon, end today's trip with a visit to the Four Creeks Gate, then return to your hotel and prepare for the next day.

Day 07 :

Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge & Tianmen Mountain - Departure from Zhangjiajie (B)

Morning drive to Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon, where you will challenge the world's highest, longest glass bridge. When walking on the bridge you can see all the way down to the bottom of the canyon through the glass bridge. Then head to Tianmen Mountain National Park, which is known as Heaven Gate Mountain by the longest cable car in the world (7500 metres) and marvel at the stunning 99 hairpin road against the high cliffs. You'll reach the base platform and a long flight of stairs leading up towards the Tianmen Cave – a natural water-eroded cave with the highest elevation in the world! This is known as the 'Heaven Reaching Ladder'. Arrived at the top of Mountain, you can walk further to skywalk. In the late afternoon or evening, drive to the airport for the departure. Wish you have a pleasant journey home.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

The hotel accommodation is based on two persons sharing one standard twin room with private facilities in all relevant locations. If a single client requests a twin room alone, the single room supplement will be charged.

Yangtze river cruise class is a Standard cabin located on the main deck.

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Yangtze river cruise services include all onboard meals and shore excursions to the Little Three Gorges, Shennong Stream and others.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

All domestic flight and train tickets. Economy-class for flights and soft sleeper / seat for train tickets.

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

Meals as remarked in the itinerary. (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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