

CLASSIC CHINA ODYSSEY

10 Days & 9 Nights, Private Journey
Beijing, Yangtze River Cruise & Hong Kong

Day 1. Arrive Beijing

You'll get your first real taste of China on the transfer from Beijing International Airport. Your guide will accompany you to your luxurious accommodations.

Day 2. Beijing (AB, L, SD)

Today you'll begin your China sightseeing tour. The first stop is Tiananmen Square in the center of Beijing. Then head for the magnificent Forbidden City, which stood as the imperial palace for China from the Ming Dynasty until the end of the Qing Dynasty, a period of 500 years. Next you will visit the exquisite 15th century Temple of Heaven - to see the Imperial Ceiling of Heaven with its Echo Wall and the Nine-Dragon Cypress, more than 500 years old. In the evening, you will enjoy an authentic Peking Duck Banquet.

Day 3. Beijing (AB, L)

Today you'll see and perhaps climb the Great Wall of China, one of the country's most famous tourist attractions and one of the greatest man-made wonders of the world. It runs about 5,500 miles through 150 different counties. You will then have a Seminar on Chinese Jade Culture at a local Jade Museum. After lunch, visit the Changling Exhibition Hall of the Ming Tombs, where thirteen of the sixteen Ming dynasty emperors are buried. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (at your own expense - \$50)

Day 4. Beijing / Chongqing/Yangtze Cruise(AB)

Today fly to Chongqing, the picturesque "Mountain City". The day ends by boarding the cruise to begin the highly anticipated Yangtze River cruise adventure.

Day 5. Cruise on Yangtze River (AB, L, D)

As the moves on, you could see the lofty peaks, precipitous cliffs and towering trees on both sides of the gorges. The optional shore excursion at the Fengdu Ghost City is offered. In the evening, join the Captain's Welcome Dinner Party.

Day 6. Cruise on Yangtze River (AB, L, D)

Today, the will firstly sail through Qutang Gorge, the shortest and most dramatic one among the Three Gorges. Then sail though the breathtaking Wu Gorge, where you could indulge yourself in the beautiful scenery along freely. Later, disembark at Wushan and boat on Shennong Stream. Shennong Stream is endowed with crystal clean water, picturesque stones and crisp fresh air. Boating along the stream would never fail to be an terrific experience. Later, the ship will pass through the ship lock of the Three Gorges Dam.

Day 7. Yangtze River - Yichang /Guangzhou - Hong Kong (AB)

In the morning, disembark to visit the mighty Three Gorges Dam project, the largest dam project in the world, 606-feet in height and 6,500-feet in length. Then the ship will sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest one among the Three Gorges. Later, disembark at Yichang, the terminus of your memorable Yangtze River Cruise. Our guide will pick you up and transfer you to board the flight to Guangzhou. Upon arrival, transfer to Hong Kong by train.

Day 8. Hong Kong (AB)

Today, you'll enjoy a half day sightseeing tour. Firstly, visit the Stanley Market, a typical example of a traditional old open air market in Hong Kong. Then tour the Aberdeen Fishing Village (An optional sampan ride is also available at your own expense). Next, enjoy the picturesque scenery at the crescent shaped Repulse Bay. You'll finish your tour of Hong Kong Island with panoramic ride that brings you to the Victoria Peak, where the harbor and the city sprawl in front of you. The afternoon is free for you.

Day 9. Hong Kong and Macau (L)

In the early morning, leave hotel to Ferry Terminal and take high speed ferry from Hong Kong to Macau. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by local guide and starts tour of the city by visiting Statues of Goddess Kum Ian, A Ma Temple, Barrier Gate as well as Guia Circuit and Ruins of St Paul Cathedral, Senado Square, Souvenirs shop and casino. Please note that travelers under 18 years old or wearing shorts / slippers will be declined entry to casino. Buffet lunch will be served. Finally you'll be transferred to Macau Ferry Terminal and takes the high speed ferry back to Hong Kong.

Day 10. Depart from Hong Kong

Today you'll board your homeward flight. The China tour ends.

TRIP INFORMATION:

- Hotels in each city as shown on the itinerary based on double occupancy
- Meals as mentioned on the itinerary
- Entrance fees as mentioned on the itinerary
- China domestic ground and air transportation as shown on the itinerary
- English-speaking tour guide in each city