China Panorama & Yangtze River
17 Days/15 Nights

Shanghai - Zhujiajiao - Suzhou - Wuxi - Hangzhou - Yichang - Yangtze River - Chongqing - Chengdu - Xi’an - Beijing

Enjoy a 17 day adventure from Shanghai to Beijing. If you want to visit the essential historical and culture sites of China while enjoying some magnificent natural landscape of China, this is the trip. You will start your trip from the vibrant city of Shanghai and then visit the beautiful surrounding garden cities, Suzhou and Hangzhou. Later, take a relaxing Yangtze River Cruise to Chongqing, which is the best way to sweep away the exhaustion of the trip. In Chengdu, you will get close to the adorable giant pandas and then take the bullet train to Xi’an to witness the man-mode wonder - the Terracotta warrior. In ancient capital of Beijing, you will uncover the best collections of historical sites, such as the Forbidden City, Great Wall etc., this sensational deal is now 2 FOR 1. Only limited spots available, and don’t miss this amazing deal.

Day 1 Canada - Shanghai
Fly overnight to Shanghai.

Day 2 Arrive in Shanghai
Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by the tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Day 3 Shanghai (B/L)
Shanghai is the vibrant and commercial Centre of China. Today we will visit Shanghai Old Street area, a busy shopping center where you may find souvenirs and delicious local food. Enjoy some free time here. In the afternoon, you will walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. At night, you may enjoy the “Huangpu River Night Cruise” and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai ($50/RMB250).

Day 4 Shanghai - Zhujiajiao - Suzhou (B/L/D)
After breakfast, we will visit Zhujiajiao Ancient Water Town, which has almost 1,700 years of history. Walking on the zigzag stone pathway, you would feel like walking in an elegant and fresh painting. Small rivers shaded by willow trees, bridges over the river, houses dated back to the Ming and Qing Dynasties, lovely local people, all of these are the charm of the small water town. Then travel by coach to Suzhou. Su

Hotel Standard
Shanghai: Wyndham Bund East Hotel Shanghai 5*
Suzhou: Pan Pacific Hotel 5*
Wuxi: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wuxi 5*
Hangzhou: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Hangzhou East 5*
Yangtze River: President No. 7/8 5*
Chengdu: Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center 5*
Beijing: Wyndham Beijing North 5*
Xi’an: Titan Times Hotel 5*

*Nexus Holidays reserve the right to substitute hotels in similar standard if the hotels listed in the flyer are not available.

*Leading price is based on specific departure dates, please see page 17 for more details.
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formance, “Enduring Memories of Hangzhou”,
a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the
Day 13 Xi’an (B/L)
After breakfast, you will visit the Terra Cotta
Warriors and Horses Museum and see the at-
tached life-sized defending army for the first
emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is
regarded as “the eighth wonder of the world”
and is among the top archaeological excava-
tions of the 20th century. Visit an Art Ceramics
Factory before visiting Ancient City Wall. It is not
only the most complete city wall that has sur-
vived in China, but also one of the largest and
most complete ancient military defense systems
in the world. This evening, enjoy the “special lo-
cal Imperial Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the
traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing
Show” ($70/RMB360).
Day 9 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)
Disembark at Wushan, where you’ll board small
riverboats for a leisurely ride through Shennong
Stream’s picturesque rock formations, and even
see the playful monkeys and goats along the
river banks. Re-embark the cruise as it sails
through Wu Gorge, which is famous for its tran-
quility, and the Qutang Gorge, the shortest
and most dramatic part of the Three Gorges.
Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)
Today’s shore excursion will occur at Shi-
baozhai. The Shibaozhai Pagoda is a 12-storey,
18th-century temple built in Zhongxian County
on the northern bank of the Yangtze River. It
represents one of the gems of Chinese Archi-
tecture.
Day 11 Chongqing - Chengdu (B/L)
Disembark from the cruise at the port of
Chongqing this morning. Then take the bullet
train to Chengdu. After arrival, explore the dy-
namic folk custom street, Jin Li, and experience
the lifestyle of Old Chengdu. This evening, you
can watch a fascinating show featuring ‘face
changing’ ($55/RMB300), the Chinese tradi-
tional dramatic art that is the pride of Sichuan
opera.
Day 12 Chengdu - Xi’an (B/L/D)
Today’s highlight is a visit to Chengdu Research
Base of Giant Panda Breeding. This is the best
place to see Chengdu’s most famous residents
being reared in surroundings resembling their
natural habitat. Here you may get a chance to
see the new-born baby pandas. This afternoon,
take the bullet train from Chengdu to Xi’an.
Xi’an was the first Chinese city to open its doors
to the world during the Tang Dynasty. Over a
period for more than 2000 years, Xi’an was the
capital of eleven dynasties.
Day 14 Xi’an - Beijing (B/SD)
This morning, fly to Beijing. Beijing has served
as the capital of five dynasties over a period of
800 years. Today, visit Tiananmen Square, the
second largest public square in the world, and
the Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace
from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Your banquet
includes the local delicacy, Peking Roast Duck.
Day 15 Beijing (B/L)
Today’s highlight is an excursion to the majestic
Great Wall, the most famous image of China,
and you can get a chance to climb a portion of
this 3,700-mile marvel. Visit one of the larg-
est Jade Exhibitions in Asia en-route before the
Great Wall. After lunch, see skilled artisans at
work in a Cloisonné Factory. Then we will drive
pass by modern exteriors of the Bird’s Nest and
Water Cube. Tonight, you can choose to attend
an optional large scale dramatic musical, “The
Golden Mask Dynasty” ($65/RMB340).
Day 16 Beijing (B/L)
Start your tour from the exquisite Summer Pal-
ace, the largest preserved ancient imperial gar-
den in China, and a former summer resort for
Emperors. Then, visit a Chinese Herbal Institute
to learn about traditional Chinese medicine,
which has existed for thousands of years. En-
joy the day at leisure or join an optional Tem-
ple of Heaven & Hutong Life tour with dinner
($79/RMB420). Temple of Heaven, inscribed as
a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was visited
by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynas-
ties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven
for good harvest. Then take a famous rickshaw
Hutong Tour & Local Family Visit. This package
also includes a traditional Homemade Dumpl-
ings as dinner. You may get a chance to make
dumpings yourself. Hutongs are traditional alley
ways that made up Beijing’s old city layout, take
a special rickshaw ride for an immersive tour
to get a wonderful glimpse into yesterday’s world,
the old way of life and traditional Beijing culture,
and see the dramatic changes the city has un-
dergone, continue to visit a local family.
Day 17 Beijing - Canada (B)
Board your homeward flight, or extend your trip
in China.
**Ship Overview**

**M/V President 7/8**

*Rating: ★★★★★*

- **Maiden Voyage:** April, 2013
- **Length:** 141.8m, **Beam:** 20.2m, **Draft:** 2.6m
- **Crew:** 200, **Capacity:** 460, **Deck:** 7
- **Cabin Size:** 296 sq ft
- **Cabin Floor:** 2-6 Floor
- **VIP Package Upgrade:** Guarantee 4-6 Floor

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**Luxury 5 Star**

**President No.7 and No.8**

**Deluxe Cabin with Private Balcony**

- Deluxe Cruisers, launching in April 2013.
- Most competitive and deluxe fleet on the Yangtze river.
- View Stand with 360 degree field of view on the top floor of the cruise.
- Two-story hollowed-out dining-hall with an extraordinary style.
- 230 deluxe suites with private sight-seeing balcony.
- Presidential suite and supergiant open deck at the bow create fantastic feeling of private cruise.
- Free access to every corner of the cruise.
- Perfect conference facilities with built-in multi-functional simultaneous interpretation system.
- Full coverage of 3G mobile network.
- Largest thermostatic swimming pool with surfing function on inland-river cruise.
- Largest SPA on inland-river cruise

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**Deck Overview**

- **6/F Sun Deck**
- **5/F Recreation Deck**
- **4/F Bridge Deck**
- **3/F Promenade Deck**
- **2/F Upper Deck**
- **1/F Main Deck**
- **-1/F Deck**

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**Floor Plans**

- **2 Presidential Suites**
- **13 Executive Cabins**
- **215 Standard Cabins**
Optional Programs

### VIP Day 7-11 Yangtze Cruise VIP Package

- Free Upgrade to Higher Floor (4-6 Floor)
- Free coffee, tea and snacks at happy hours in afternoon
- Enjoy all meals at VIP restaurant
- Free drinks before dinner
- Unlimited wine, beer and soft drink for lunch and dinner.
- Room turn-down service
- Welcome fruit plate in cabin
- VIP area reserved for evening entertainments
- 2 Hour FREE internet for each sailing

### Other Optional Programs

- **Day 3 Shanghai “Huangpu River Night Cruise” ($50/RMB250)**
- **Day 4 Suzhou “Grand Canal Cruise” ($30/RMB160)**
- **Day 6 Hangzhou “Enduring memories of Hangzhou” ($90/RMB540)**
- **Day 7-11 Yangtze River “Onboard VIP Package” ($100/RMB550)**
- **Day 11 Chengdu “Face Changing Show” ($55/RMB300)**
- **Day 13 Xi’an “Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show” ($70/RMB360)**
- **Day 14 Beijing “Hutong Life Tour with Dinner” ($79/RMB420)**
- **Day 15 Beijing “The Golden Mask Dynasty” ($65/RMB340)**

### Price Guide

- **Prices are based on twin share accommodation**
- **Departing from Vancouver or Toronto with Air China, China Eastern airline or Hainan Airline.**
- **Prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the latest information**
- **Single supplement $1,199/pp**
- **2 FOR 1 deal only applies to package price**

### Price Includes

- **International round-trip flights from Toronto/ Vancouver, China economy class**
- **Airline and port taxes & fuel surcharges ($580/pp)**
- **All intra-flights: Shanghai-Yichang and Xi’an-Beijing**
- **High-speedTrain: Chongqing-Chengdu Chengdu-Xi’an**
- **5 Star Deluxe hotel accommodations**
- **4 nights 5 star cruise upstream on the Yangtze River (accommodation in outside cabin with balcony and private bathroom facilities)**
- **All transfers included**

### Price Does Not Include

- **Meals as indicated in the itinerary**
- **Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach**
- **Service of English-speaking tour manager throughout**
- **Service of local tour guides in major cities**
- **Entrance fees per itenary**

### Price Does Not Include

- **China visa fees**
- **Insurance of any kind**
- **Prepaid Tipping: $210 for 17 days**
- **Personal expenditures such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls**

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### Tour Extensions: Hong Kong

#### 3 Days 2 Nights/4 Days 3 Nights from $650/pp

Once a sleepy fishing village, Hong Kong has developed into one of the premier financial powerhouses of the Far East. It is a city which boldly blends modernity with Chinese heritage and British colonial influence. A safe, well organised, fast paced shopping paradise, it also offers some unmatched cuisine experiences. Dine on some of the best yum cha and wonton noodle soup in the world, or have a taste of more unusual culinary delights such grass jelly or shredded jellyfish.

**Price Includes:** Flight from Beijing to Hong Kong, 2 Nights/3 Nights 3-4 Star hotel, Half day Hong Kong Tour.

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- **Depart Canada**
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