

# 12 Days Beijing, Xian, Yangtze River Cruise & Shanghai

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**Departure : Mar 24, 2011**

**Itinerary:**

**Day 01 San Francisco—Beijing**

Start your journey by taking the trans-Pacific flight to Beijing.

From  
**\$2,999\***  
Per person

**Day 02 Beijing arrival (L,D)**

Upon arrival, meet by our professional local guide and transfer to hotel. Visit [Temple of Heaven](#) in the afternoon -here ancient emperors prayed for good harvest..



**The Temple of Heaven:** The Temple of Heaven is a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design which simply and graphically illustrates a cosmogony of great importance for the evolution of one of the world's great civilizations.

**Day 03 Beijing (B,L,D)**

Full day city excursion to [Tiananmen Square](#)-the largest square in the world, [Forbidden City](#)-imperial palace of Ming and Qing Dynasty, and [Summer Palace](#) – which is by far the best-preserved imperial garden in China..



**Tian An Men Square:** TianAnMen Square, the symbolical heart of China and gathering place for the masses. It is the biggest public square in the world, which can hold one million people. Having a free walk there, imagining the great historic events of the 20th century took place there.

**Forbidden City:** The Forbidden City (Imperial Palace) in the heart of Beijing is the largest and most complete imperial palace and ancient building complex in China, and the world at large. Its construction began in 1406 and was completed 14 years later, having a history so far of some 580 years. Twenty-four emperor.....



**Summer Palace:** The Summer Palace was constructed from 1749 to 1764, covers roughly 290 hectares, its major sightseeing includes Buddha's Fragrance Pavilion, 17-hole Bridge, Long Corridor, Stone Painted Boat, Garden of Harmonious Delights, Deheyuan Theatre, Suzhou Street and so on. And it is bordered by Kunming Lake in the south and Longevity Hill in the north. This expanse of elaborate Qing Dynasty style buildings, bridges, walkways and gardens represents the beauty and essence of Imperial Chinese garden architecture and is the grandest imperial playground in ancient China.

**Day 04 Beijing (B,L,D)**

After breakfast, depart for [Great Wall Ju Yong Guan](#), the [Ming Tomb Chang Ling](#) and the [Sacred Way](#). Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner with Peking Roasted Duck.



**The Great Wall—Ju Yong Guan Section**

This section of the Great Wall that was opened to the public, has been extensively restored and is closest to Beijing city. It climbs across superb mountain scenery. The battlements and watchtowers are high and steep in places, and provide wonderful views across the hills. Wear good walking shoes, and protection from the weather.

**Changling tomb:** Changling is the tomb of emperor Yongle (reigned 1403-1424), the third emperor of the Ming Dynasty whose personal name was Zhu Di, and of his empress. Built in 1413, the mausoleum extends over an area of 100,000 square meters and is the principal and best preserved mausoleum among thirteen mausoleums. There are color paintings on the ceiling and golden brick paved earth, which all added magnificent atmosphere to the palace. Here you can see the brocade exhibition



### Day 05 Beijing—Xian (B,L,D)

Visit [Hutong](#) area by rickshaw in the morning – where you could experience the real life of local people, lunch will be served at local people's home. Then transfer to airport for flight to Xian. Upon arrival meet and transfer to your hotel. Visit [Grand Mosque](#) and free time at the local market near by.



#### Hutong Tours in Rickshaw

A maze of historic alleyways and old single storey traditional courtyard houses, now fast disappearing. Dotted around the hutong are the Drum and Bell Towers, Tea House, and local people's houses. Your tour includes a visit with a local family.

**The Great Mosque:** It is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China.

### Day 06 Xi'an (B,L,D)

Full day excursion to world famous [Terracotta Warriors and Horses](#) with circle movie show. Then visit [Shanxi Historical Museum](#) before visiting the [Big Wild Goose Pagoda](#) Lunch at good local restaurant. [Tang Dynasty dinner Show](#) is arranged in the evening.

**The Terracotta Warriors and Horses:** The most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century, the army of terra-cotta warriors and the bronze chariots entombed in vast underground vaults at emperor Qin's tomb.



**The Provincial Museum:** One of the best Museum in China and where you can learn a lot about the 5,000 year brilliant history of China.



**The Big wild Goose Pagoda:** It is one of the city's most distinctive and outstanding landmarks, possibly the most beautiful building left in Xi'an today. In AD 652, the Big Goose Pagoda was built to store the sutras and the figurines of Buddha, which were brought from India by a famous Buddhist translator and traveler Tang Sanzang, also known by his Buddhist name as Xuanzang.

### Day 07 Xi'an—Chongqing—Yangtze River Cruise (B,L,D)

Visit [Xi'an Ancient City Wall](#), lunch at local restaurant. Transfer to airport for your flight to Chongqing and board your deluxe cruise ship for the Three Gorges river journey.

#### Ancient city wall

At the heart of Xian, the walls were built on the foundations of the walls of the Tang Imperial palace during early Ming Dynasty, the best-preserved and largest one in China. The defense project includes moat, drawbridge, watch towers.



**Day 08 Yangtze Cruise (B,L,D)**

Cruise down the Yangtze River. Shore excursion at Fengdu.

**Fengdu:** Known as the "Ghost City" and is a place for punishing the devil and awarding the good.

**Day 09 Yangtze Cruise (B,L,D)**

Pass through the magnificent [Qutang Gorge](#) and beautiful [Wu Gorge](#). Transfer to a small sampan to cruise the [Shennong Stream](#).

**Qutang Gorge:** The first of the three gorges of the Yangtze River, and the one that is famous for its sheer and spectacular precipices.

**Wu Gorge:** The most beautiful section of the Yangtze River, The gorge was also known to be as dangerous as it is beautiful.

**Shennong Stream:** A tributary of the Yangtze River, a sampan tour in Shennong Stream will allow you to experience an adventure.

**Day 10 Yangtze Cruise—Yichang—Shanghai (B,L,D)**

Visit the [Three Gorges Dam](#). Arrive in Yichang at about 12:00. You will be transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to hotel.

**Three Gorges Dam:** The largest water conservancy project ever under taken by human being is now being built at Sandouping in the middle of Xiling Gorge.

**Day 11 Shanghai (B,L,D)**

A trip to [Jade Buddha temple](#), the [Yu Garden](#) and the old city. Lunch at local restaurant followed by visiting [the Bund](#).

**Yu Garden:** A place of peace and comfort in the heart of bustling Shanghai, dates back to the fabled Ming Dynasty.

**The Jade Buddha Temple:** The most famous Buddhist temple in Shanghai.

**The Bund:** Known as a miniature museum of international architecture with dozens of high buildings standing along the shore.

**Day 12 Shanghai—San Francisco (B)**

Transfer to airport after breakfast for your flight back home.

**Price include:**

- Roundtrip economy class air ticket from San Francisco to Shanghai.
- Inclusive of all airport taxes.
- Sightseeing tours & admission tickets to attractions as specified in the itinerary.
- Economy class flights Beijing-Xian, Xian-Chongqing, Yichang-Shanghai.
- 4\* hotel accommodations.
- 4\* downstream Yangtze Cruise with daily meals.
- Tips for your guide and drive approximately US\$55.

**Price NOT include:**

- China visa fee.
- Personal expenses
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal Travel Insurance

**Note:** Above price is based on double occupancy, single supplement please add US\$515.  
Price is non-commission, based on 16 persons per group (15+1 Foc) travelling in March 2011.

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Tel: 0086-10-67190666

Web: [www.tiantanhotel.com](http://www.tiantanhotel.com)

**Xi'an:New World Hotel Xian \*\*\*\* 西安古都新世界大酒店 or similar**

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