

Grand Tour

CHINA

17 days

& The Yangtze River Cruise

17 October – 02 November 2025

Beijing, Great Wall, Xi'an, Guilin, Zhouzhuang, Li River, Yangshuo, Shanghai....

Fri 17 Oct Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport at 12:30 to check in for our flight by Emirates Airlines EK 0110 departs at 15:35 and arrive Dubai 01:05

Sat 18 Oct 03:50 we fly by EK306 to Beijing - Arrive in Beijing at 15:30 (Local Time) transfer to our 4 Star 'Novotel Xinqiao Hotel' Located in the historic Dong Jiaomin Xiang district. Dinner and overnight

Sun 19 Oct **Beijing:** After Breakfast Full day to explore the city of Beijing. First we start visiting **Tian' Anmen Square** with its plenitude of monuments testifying to the communist, and more specifically, Mao's influence on China's modern history, and then driving to the **Forbidden City**, the largest and best-preserved palatial complex still existing, also known as the Palace Museum. Then proceed to the **Temple of Heaven**, the place where the Emperors prayed for peace and harvest. In the evening **dinner**, followed by an **Acrobatic show** in a local theatre



Mon 20 Oct **Beijing:** Today we drive to **Mutianyu Great Wall of China** which is known for its beautiful surroundings - dense woods and rich pastures changing colors with the seasons of a year. Return by cable car and proceed to visit the sacred road, Lunch and proceed to **Jade Carving** and the **Olympic Stadium** for a photo shot.

Tue 21 Oct **Beijing:** After breakfast depart to visit the **Summer Palace** with a boat ride on the famous **Kunming Lake**. Continue. Then we continue to the airport to fly to **Xi'an**. Check in at the **4 Star 'Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel'** located in central Xian one of the ancient capitals in China. Dinner & overnight

Wed 22 Oct **Xi'an:** Today we visit the World famous 6'000 life size **Terracotta Warriors and Horses**, buried with the first Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang. On our way back we visit the '**Huagig Hot Springs**' the site of a famous imperial bathing pool and various palace complexes over its 3,000 year history. In the Evening Dumpling Dinner followed by Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show.

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Thu 23 Oct **Xi'an:** Breakfast. Visit the **Great Mosque** in Xian which is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China and its location is northwest of the Drum Tower on Huajue Lane. It is really worth to see the Great Mosque, not only for its centuries-old history but also for its particular design of mixed architecture - traditional Muslim and Chinese styles. Continue our visit to the **Ancient City Wall** which is the best-preserved Wall in China. After proceeding to visit the **Wild Goose Pagoda** which is a very well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists. Back to the hotel and free time

Fri 24 Oct **Xi'an / Guilin.** Breakfast. Transfer to airport for our domestic flight to **Guilin** one of China's most scenic areas. Upon arrival visit of the '**Reed Flute Cave**' Guilin's largest and most impressive cave. This cave is 790 feet deep. As we will walk for some 400 meters through a zigzagging way of stalactites and stalagmites in dazzling colors. Check in at the **4 stars 'Lijiang Waterfall Hotel** located in city centre and surrounded by some of the most popular shopping areas.



Sat 25 Oct **Guilin:** After breakfast transfer to Lijiang pier to embark for a **cruise on Li River** to Yangshou. Li River is one of the most popular and picturesque scenic spots in China, it was also listed as one of the World's Top Ten Watery Wonders by America's National Geographic Magazine. And in recognition for its beauty, the image of the Li River is featured on the current 20 Yuan banknote. Lunch box on board. Disembark at **Yangshuo** and take a stroll over the west street. Drive back to Guilin by private coach.

Sun 26 Oct **Guilin / *Yangtze River Cruise:** After breakfast we take the bullet train to **Chongqing, Kunch,** then we drive to Chaotianmen Dock to board the Ship for a 3 nights cruise along the Yangtze River on Board Victoria Ship-Katarina. Make sure to be on the observation deck when we set to sail at 20:00hrs for not to miss the Spectacular view of Chongqing.

Mon 27 Oct ***Yangtze River Cruise** - today we have a shore excursion to Mount Shuanggui in Fengdu. Mount Shuanggui has over 20 cultural old pagodas, towers, pavilions and temples on the verdant mountain with stunning views and pleasant chirps to feel the rich literal culture in China. Buffet lunch and tonight we have the Captain's Banquet

Tue 28 Oct ***Yangtze River Cruise** - After breakfast we sail through the Three Gorges, one of nature's most extraordinary sculptures. We 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. Then we change to another vessel for a relaxing excursion through the attractive gorges of Goddess Stream. Buffet lunch & Dinner included.

Wed 29 Oct ***Yangtze River Cruise / Shanghai.** Disembark in Yichang and Transfer to Airport to fly to Shanghai. Check in at the 4 Star Hotel Jinjiang Shanghai which is located near Huaihai Road, also known as the "Champs-Élysées" of Shanghai.

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Itineraries and timings are subject to change according to river conditions

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Thu 30 Oct **Shanghai:** Today we have a full day to visit 'Best of Shanghai'. We start the tour by **People Square** surrounded by great buildings on all sides, Shanghai **Museum** with its permanent collection and hosts various exhibitions with over 120,000 pieces including bronze ware, ceramics, paintings, calligraphy, sculpture, ancient Chinese coins, Jade carving, ancient furniture, and western art, which shows you 5000 years history of China, Bund and Xin Tian Di .

Fri 31 Oct **Shanghai:** After breakfast we leave to visit the **Jade Buddha Temple** with its priceless collection of Jade statues from Burma then we visit the **Yu Yuan Garden** with their shaded alcoves, glittering pools churning with carp, pavilions, pines sprouting wistfully from rockeries, these gardens are one of Shanghai's premier sights. Then we visit the Shanghai Old Street, historically called Miaoqian Dajie, and is an old business street that has a combination of tourist attractions, shops, entertainment and cultural exhibits. It owes its special social attractions and rich commercial background to the fact that the earliest bank, gold shop, jeweler's store, wine shop and tea house

Sat 01 Nov **Shanghai:** After breakfast free time for the last-minute shopping from and personal sightseeing. We can keep the rooms till 18:00hrs. Transfer to Shanghai Airport for our flight EK303 to Dubai departs at 23:00

Sun 02 Nov 05:15 Arrive Dubai and fly back to Malta by EK1019 departs 07:45 and arrive in Malta at 13:25

Price per person:

**Half Board, All Excursions, Entrance Fees & Tax included*



Discounted
Price

Triple room	3'530
Double room	3'550
Single room	4'200

Cruise Gratuities obligatory €20pp
Tips for Local guides and drivers €45pp

VISA required

Price includes:

- * Flights with Emirates Airlines
Malta - Beijing - Shanghai - Malta
- * Internal Flights:
Beijing > Xian > Guilin > Chongqing Shanghai
- * 4 Star Hotels as per program
- * 3-night Yangtze River cruise
- * Daily Buffet Breakfast
- * Meals* as per program serve in Chinese restaurants.
- * Tang Dynasty Music & Dancing Show
- * Acrobatic Show
- * All Transfers & Excursions
- * All entrance fees
- * Local Guide during all Excursions
- * Experienced Tour Leader



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