

D Yangtze + Minority Discovery

Affordable 5 Star Deluxe Tours



Beijing, Xi'an, Yichang, Yangtze Cruise (5 Star Victoria Cruises — Queen), Chongqing, Guilin, Kunming, Lijiang, Shanghai 21-Day Tour

(Tour No: YMD)



Day 1 Hometown / Beijing

Your adventure will begin with a flight from your hometown to Beijing by Japan Airlines or Air Canada. Your Canadian tour escort will accompany you from Vancouver to Beijing.

Day 2 Arriving Beijing

When you arrive in Beijing, the capital city of China, you'll be greeted by your local guide and transferred to your 5-Star hotel. Relax or explore Beijing at your leisure.

Hotel: **Chang An Grand Hotel (5 Star)**

Day 3 Beijing

After breakfast you'll explore the very heart of Beijing. The trip starts from renowned **Tian'anmen Square** – the largest public square in the world. The square and its surrounding areas are home to some of China's most historic monuments and government edifices. Then take a tour to the amazing **Forbidden City**, the largest existing ancient architectural complex in China. In the afternoon, you'll visit the **Summer Palace** - an enchanting panorama of lake, landscape, pagodas and pavilions. This evening, a special **Peking Duck Dinner** has been planned. (B/L/SD)

Day 4 Beijing

An inspiring day tour has been arranged to the remarkable and world-famous **Great Wall (Juyong Pass)**, which winds dragon-like across northern China. Enjoy time to walk its ramparts and absorb breathtaking views. After lunch you'll visit the tomb of Emperor Yongle (Zhu Di) **Changling** - one of the **Ming Tombs** at the burial site of thirteen Ming Dynasty Emperors. You'll also have a close look at the **2008 Beijing Olympic Stadium (The Bird's Nest & The Water Cube)**. Evening entertainment is a dazzling **Beijing Acrobatic Show**. (B/L/D)

Day 5 Beijing

Begin the day with a visit to the beautiful **Temple of Heaven**. Then take a novel **Rickshaw Tour** through the ancient alleyways of Beijing's **Hutong** - one of Beijing's 700-year-old traditional cottage neighbourhoods. A personal visit to a family in one of the "**Quadrangles**" has been arranged, and you'll be treated to a delightful **Family Lunch** at the home of one of local families! After this unusual lunch, you'll make a visit to the busiest shopping area - **Wangfujing**. You'll enjoy a bus tour to experience **Beijing by Night (Donghua Gate Food Fair)**. (B/L/D)

Day 6 Beijing / Xi'an

Today you'll take a flight to Xi'an - one of China's ancient capitals. Visit **Shanxi Provincial Museum**. A change-of-pace **Western Dinner** and a **Xi'an Night Tour** to a fascinating **Muslim Quarter Market** will be arranged. (B/L/WD)

Hotel: **Empark Grand Hotel (5 Star)**

Day 7 Xi'an

You'll take an unforgettable full day tour to visit the remarkable Museum that houses the most exciting archaeological discovery of the 20th Century - the excavation of more than 6,000 **Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses**. On the way you'll stop at a Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses reproduction factory. This evening, you'll enjoy a well-known **Xi'an Special Dumpling Banquet** while you are being entertained by the colourful **Tang Dynasty Show**. (B/L/SD)

Day 8 Xi'an / Yichang / Yangtze River Cruise

Visit the historic **Ming Dynasty City Wall** before taking a flight to Yichang. After dinner, you'll board the deluxe cruise ship **Victoria Cruises – Queen**. Explore your stateroom and the ship before starting to revel in every splendid and amazing moment on the Yangtze River. (B/L/D) **Yangtze Cruise Ship: Victoria Cruises – Queen (5 Star Deluxe American Managed Cruise Ship - Outside Cabin with Balcony)**

Day 9 Yangtze River Cruise

After a brief introduction to the Cruise, a shore excursion at **Sandouping** takes you to the "**Three Gorges Dam**", the biggest hydro-electric dam in the world. This afternoon, you'll pass through the first gorge - **Xiling Gorge**, the longest and historically the most hazardous of the famous "Three Gorges". Tonight, you'll have an enthusiastic Crew **Cabaret Show**. (B/L/D)

Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise

Begin your day with an excursion to **Daning River**. Then take an exciting sampan ride to see the **Small Gorges**. Don't forget your camera while you feast on the spectacular scenery. Return to the cruise ship and set sail through the second gorge – **Wu Gorge**, known for its odd, misty rock formations and its backdrop of soaring mountains. Later in the afternoon, you'll pass through the third gorge - **Qutang Gorge**, the shortest but most dramatic of the Three Gorges, with ancient relics scattered along its steep cliffs. Tonight, you'll have a spirited **Crew Cabaret Show**. (B/L/D)

Day 11 Yangtze River Cruise

After arriving in **Fengdu**, enjoy a shore excursion to visit **Ghost City**, known for its statues of ghosts and devils on Mingshan Hill. The carved facades are truly fascinating. Tonight's entertainment is **Captain's Farewell Banquet**. (B/L/SD)

Day 12 Chongqing / Guilin

Disembark at Chongqing, a famous mountain city in China. You'll visit **Chongqing Zoo** to enjoy the lovely and charming Pandas. After that, you'll take a flight to Guilin and have a trip to **Fubo Hill** and the spectacular **Reed Flute Cave**. And you'll enjoy a **Guilin Cultural Show** at night. (B/L/D)

Hotel: **Royal Garden Hotel (5 Star)**



Day 13 Guilin ~ Yangshuo ~ Guilin

This morning, you'll delight in a **Cruise** on the picturesque **Li River**. Then disembark at **Yangshuo** checking out the colourful and lively local market. On the way back to Guilin by coach, you can enjoy the beautiful **Rice Paddies and Country Landscapes**. Chinese dinner will be served in your hotel. A **Guilin Night Tour** to **Pedestrian Market** will be arranged. (B/L/D)

Day 14 Guilin / Kunming

Today you'll take a flight to Kunming and have a trip to the lofty **Grand Dragon Gate** in the **Western Hills**. (B/L/D)

Hotel: Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel (5 Star)

Day 15 Kunming ~ Stone Forest ~ Kunming

In the morning you'll visit the amazing **Stone Forest** - a remarkable region of limestone cliffs and peaks. You'll marvel at the natural stone "trees" which were created by wind and water erosion over millions of years. Tonight there is a **Yunnan Cuisine Dinner** and an exciting **Yunnan Minorities Culture Dancing Show**. (B/L/SD)

Day 16 Kunming / Lijiang

Take a flight to Lijiang, the home of the **Naxi Minority**, whose way of life has changed very little over centuries. You'll visit the **Ancient Town of Dayan** - a U.N. designated Cultural Heritage site. The town, which has an 800-year history, is criss-crossed by rivulets and colorful stones that pave the streets. Then visit the **Black Dragon Pool Park** to take a leisurely stroll through its photogenic surroundings. (B/L/D)

Hotel: Guanfang Hotel (5 Star)

Day 17 Lijiang

Today you'll have a coach trip to the famous **Tiger Leaping Gorge** on the upper stream of Yangtze River.

Later on, visit the **Baisha Fresco** and the **Dongba Minority Museum**. Evening entertainment is a fascinating **Dongba Music Show**. (B/L/D)

Day 18 Lijiang / Shanghai (via Kunming)

You'll take a flight (via Kunming) to Shanghai, China's largest city and seaport. Tonight you'll enjoy a fabulous and colourful **Huangpu River Night Cruise**. (B/L/D)

Hotel: Howard Johnson Caida Hotel (5 Star Designed Hotel)



Day 19 Shanghai

Today you'll visit the **Shanghai Museum**, **People's Square** and take a walk along the famous "**Bund**". You'll be amazed at the beauty of historical architecture. Then visit **Yu Yuan Garden**. Tour the ultra-modern **Pudong Development Zone** and get a closer look at the famous **Oriental Pearl TV Tower**. (B/L/D)

Day 20 Shanghai (Free Day)

This morning you relax or travel to **Nanjing Road**, Shanghai downtown area, for you to explore and shop on your own. You can also have an optional tour to visit **2010 Shanghai World Expo** today. Lunch will be by your own arrangement. A **China Farewell Dinner** will be arranged in the hotel. (B/SD)

Day 21 Shanghai / Hometown

After breakfast, bid farewell to China and depart for Canada and arrive home on the same day. (B)



Bon Voyage!

*B-Buffer Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner WD-Western Dinner SD-Special Dinner

We are back in Canada after a wonderful tour of China. We could say it was awesome, we could say it was fabulous - we could say a lot of things and all would be accurate. To say we enjoyed our tour is an understatement. --- Everything was beyond our expectations. --- We are "selling" your tour to our family and friends so that hopefully they will take the leap and visit China as well to see what an extraordinary place it is.

Bruce and Glenda (YYA-HK-1106 2009)

Departure Date	Tour No	JAL Vancouver	JAL Victoria/Nanaimo/Kelowna/Kamloops	JAL Prince George/Terrace/	JAL Edmonton/Calgary	AIR CANADA Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg	AIR CANADA Toronto	AIR CANADA Ottawa/Montreal	AIR CANADA Halifax/Windsor/London/Quebec	Single Supplement	Land Only
1-Apr-2010	YMD-0401	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,790	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,290	\$ 1,290	\$ 3,890
6-May-2010	YMD-0506	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,790	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,290	\$ 1,290	\$ 3,890
20-May-2010	YMD-0520	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,790	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,290	\$ 1,290	\$ 3,890
10-Jun-2010	YMD-0610	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,790	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,290	\$ 1,290	\$ 3,890
22-Jul-2010	YMD-0722	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,790	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,290	\$ 1,290	\$ 3,890
26-Aug-2010	YMD-0826	\$ 4,590	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,790	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,290	\$ 1,290	\$ 3,890
16-Sep-2010	YMD-0916	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,890	\$ 4,890	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,390	\$ 1,350	\$ 3,990
14-Oct-2010	YMD-1014	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,890	\$ 4,890	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,390	\$ 1,350	\$ 3,990
Canada Airport Improvement Fee and Air Fuel Surcharge		\$ 270	\$ 340	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 430	\$ 350	\$ 440	\$ 430	N/A	N/A

The above prices do not include:

- China Domestic Airport Improvement Fee and Fuel Surcharge: C\$120.00.
- China Visa application fee for Canadian Citizens Passport: C\$70.00.
- Personal Insurance (Purchase of personal travel and trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended).

The following local fees are to be paid in China at the start of the tour:

- Gratuities to China Escort, Local Guides, porters, and drivers: US\$152.00 for the whole trip.

- Gratuities to Yangtze Cruise ship crew: US\$20.00 per person paid on the ship.
- Optional tour to **2010 Shanghai World Expo** (May 01 to October 31, 2010)

Remarks:

- Child (under 12 yrs) rate: 75% of adult fare, sharing room with 2 adults, no extra bed
- If booking Air Canada, air tickets should be issued before deadline (set by Air Canada) once seats confirmed.
- Air Fuel Surcharge of all airlines is subject to change without prior notice.