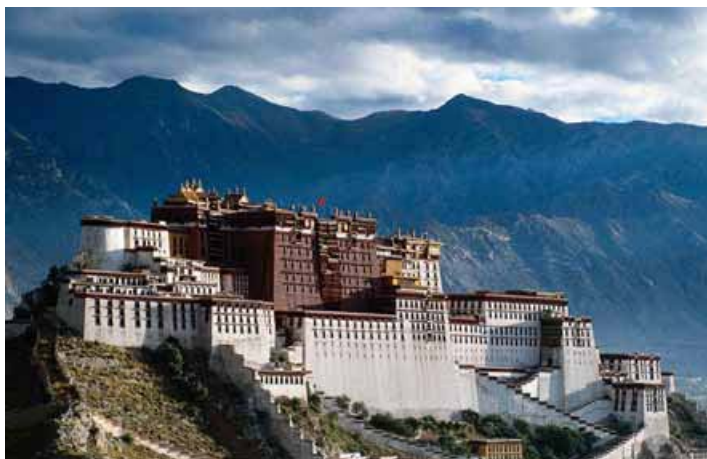


# Tibet Adventure + Yangtze + Panda Breeding Research Center

Beijing, Xi'an, Yichang, Yangtze Cruise (5 Star Victoria Cruises — Queen), Chongqing, Lhasa, Gyantse, Xigaze, Chengdu, Shanghai 20 -Day Tour

(Tour No: YTE)



## 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 famous **Three Gorges Dam**, the biggest hydroelectric 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, there is 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 / Lhasa

Disembark at Chongqing and take a flight to Lhasa; you'll be treated to spectacular views of 22,000-foot high Himalayan peaks. After arriving in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa, have a relaxing evening to let your body adjust to being 12,000 feet above sea level. (B/L/D)

**Hotel: Lhasa Brahmputra Grand Hotel (5 Star)**

## Day 13 Lhasa

You'll visit **Jokhang Temple**, located in the city core. The Temple is Tibet's oldest and most holy spiritual centre. Finish today's tour with a stroll around the ethereal pavilions and gardens of the **Summer Palace**, built in the 1950's by the Dalai Lama shortly before his escape to India, you can view his garden throne. You'll explore **Bakor Street** on your own. A **Tibetan Style Dinner and Show** will be arranged. (B/L/SD)

## 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)



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## Day 14 Lhasa ~ Gyantse ~ Xigaze

A spectacular drive along an old caravan trade route takes you through stunning glacial landscapes and high mountain passes to Gyantse via **Yamdrotso Lake**. You'll visit the **Phalkor Monastery** in Gyantse and then go to Xigaze - Tibet's second largest city. (B/L/D)

**Hotel: Shandong Hotel (3 Star \*the Best Hotel in Xigaze)**

## Day 15 Xigaze ~ Lhasa

The highlight of your full day exploration of Xigaze will begin with a tour to the **Tashilhunpo Monastery**, one of the most exquisite in Tibet and the former seat of the Panchen Lama. Fabulous murals grace the inner walls of this elaborate temple complex - but the focal point is an enormous bronze Buddha, the largest in Tibet, which stands 86 feet high and contains over 600 pounds of pure gold. You'll be transferred back to Lhasa in the afternoon. (B/L/D)

**Hotel: Lhasa Brahmputra Grand Hotel (5 Star)**

## Day 16 Lhasa

Spend a full day exploring the mysteries of this sacred land at the "roof of the world". Tibet's unique branch of Buddhism has always permeated its everyday life - you'll visit the magnificent **Potala Palace**, a towering 1,000 room structure and former living quarters of the Dalai Lama; and also visit the **Sera Monastery** with its breathtaking views of **Potala Palace** and **Lhasa valley**. You'll also have a unique visit with a **Tibetan family**. (B/L/D)

## Day 17 Lhasa / Chengdu / Shanghai

Take a morning flight to Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan Province. After lunch you'll visit the **Panda Breeding Research Center** - which creates an imitated natural environment for Pandas - and also **the Giant Panda Museum**. Then take a flight to bustling Shanghai, China's most populous city and seaport. (B/L/D)

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

## Day 18 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**. Tonight you'll enjoy a fabulous and colourful **Huangpu River Night Cruise**. (B/L/D)

## Day 19 Shanghai (Free Day)

This morning you can relax or travel to **Nanjing Road**, Shanghai's downtown area, for you to explore and shop on your own. There's also 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 20 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



Departure Date	Tour No	JAL				AIR CANADA				Single Supplement	Land Only
		Vancouver	Victoria/ Nanaimo/ Kelowna/ Kamloops	Prince George/ Terrace/	Edmonton/ Calgary	Saskatoon/ Regina/ Winnipeg	Toronto	Ottawa/ Montreal	Halifax/ Windsor/ London/ Quebec		
1-Apr-2010	YTE-0401	\$ 4,890	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,590	\$ 1,390	\$ 4,190
6-May-2010	YTE-0506	\$ 4,890	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,590	\$ 1,390	\$ 4,190
20-May-2010	YTE-0520	\$ 4,890	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,590	\$ 1,390	\$ 4,190
10-Jun-2010	YTE-0610	\$ 4,890	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,590	\$ 1,390	\$ 4,190
26-Aug-2010	YTE-0826	\$ 4,890	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,590	\$ 1,390	\$ 4,190
9-Sep-2010	YTE-0909	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,490	\$ 5,490	\$ 5,490	\$ 5,690	\$ 1,490	\$ 4,290
7-Oct-2010	YTE-1007	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,090	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,490	\$ 5,490	\$ 5,490	\$ 5,690	\$ 1,490	\$ 4,290
Canada Airport Improvement Fee and Air Fuel Surcharge		\$ 270	\$ 340	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 430	\$ 340	\$ 440	\$ 430	N/A	N/A

The above prices do not include:

- China Domestic Airport Improvement Fee and Fuel Surcharge: C\$100.00.
- 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: C\$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.