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China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise

15 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$3,655** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes and levies

This tour is incredible value for the price and covers all of the following:

- Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Shanghai and out of Beijing with China Eastern Airlines, plus three flights within China.
- A 4 night American Victoria cruise on the magnificent Yangtze River.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- Nearly all meals.
- All entrance fees, transfers and transport.
- Prepaid gratuities to the guides and drivers (except on Yangtze Cruise).
- Services of Chinese tour guides, a national guide and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates we will try to match you up with someone else in the same position, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an additional cost of \$1255.

Tour departs Australia 16th May and returns 30th May 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

16.05.17 Sydney & Melbourne - Shanghai

Depart Sydney at 11.00am on flight MU 562, arriving in Shanghai at 7.20pm.

Depart Melbourne at 11.00am on flight MU 738, arriving in Shanghai at 7.20pm.

Upon arrival we are met by our Chinese tour guide and transferred to the hotel in Shanghai for a three night stay.

Accommodation: Shanghai Crowne Plaza Pudong Waigaoqiao Hotel or similar

17.05.17 Shanghai

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we will begin our sightseeing tour of Shanghai. Enjoy a wonderful tour to beautiful Yu Garden in the old Shanghai City. This is followed by a walk along the famous Bund area. Then continue to visit the former French Concession area and enjoy shopping on Nanjing Road, known as the number one shopping paradise in China. Also visit the Pudong area, including an inside visit to the Oriental Pearl Tower (2nd floor). This evening we will attend a fabulous Acrobatic Show.

Accommodation: Shanghai Crowne Plaza Pudong Waigaoqiao Hotel or similar

18.05.17 Shanghai

(B)

Today is at leisure to relax or explore Shanghai.

Accommodation: Shanghai Crowne Plaza Pudong Waigaoqiao Hotel or similar

19.05.17 Shanghai - Yichang - Yangtze Cruise

(B/L/D)

This morning is at leisure. After lunch we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Yichang. Upon arrival we are met and taken to a local restaurant for dinner. We are then transferred to the embarkation point to board the Victoria Anna for our incredible cruise of the famous Yangtze River.

The Victoria Anna first set sail in 2006 and was renovated in 2010. The ship is 106 metres long, has five passenger decks and is equipped with two elevators. All cabins have private balconies for viewing the scenery of the gorges.

Your stay on board the Victoria Anna has been upgraded which entitles you to the following benefits:

- Use of Executive Lounge with complimentary Wi-Fi service and computer internet usage.
- Complimentary shoe-shine service.
- Afternoon 'Happy Hour' one hour before dinner with wine, beer and snacks.
- Free tea, coffee and cold drinks available daily in the Executive Lounge.
- Complimentary house wine and beer offerings at dinner.

Overnight on board the ship.

20.05.17 Yangtze River Cruise

(B/L/D)

The Three Gorges are named Xiling Gorge, Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge. With a rich Chinese cultural heritage of thousands of years, the Three Gorges is not only a picturesque natural gallery, but also a spectacular cultural wonder.

Today we visit the Three Gorges Dam at Sandouping, which is located in the middle of Xiling Gorge. Afterwards we continue sailing through Xiling Gorge which, at 41 miles long, is the longest and the deepest of the three gorges.
Accommodation: Onboard the ship

21.05.17 Yangtze River Cruise

(B/L/D)

Today we take an excursion through the Goddess Stream Small Gorges, which are narrower than the Three Gorges, but just as impressive. Afterwards we enter Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty, forest covered mountains and cliffs so sheer that the sun barely penetrates the precipices. Then sail Qutang Gorge, which is the shortest (5 miles), narrowest (500 feet) and most dramatic gorge. If river conditions permit there may be an optional shore excursion to White Emperor City, an ancient city overlooking the western end of Qutang Gorge.

Accommodation: Onboard the ship

22.05.17 Yangtze River Cruise

(B/L/D)

Today we take a shore excursion to Shibaozhai, with its impressive wooden pagoda. It is appropriately named the 'Pearl of the Yangtze'. Depending on the river conditions, an alternative excursion may be substituted to Fengdu, visiting the relocation village which was built for families who have moved as a result of the Yangtze's rising waters brought about by the Three Gorges Dam.

Accommodation: Onboard the ship

23.05.17 Chongqing - Xian

(B/L/D)

This morning the cruise ship arrives at our destination of Chongqing. We are transferred to the airport for our flight to Xian. Upon arrival we will visit the Ancient City Wall, which is one of the largest and most complete ancient military defence systems in the world.

This evening we enjoy a beautiful Tang Dynasty Show and Dinner.

Accommodation: Xian Golden Flower by Shangri-la Hotel or similar

24.05.17 Xian

(B/L)

Today we will be taken to visit the incredible Terra-Cotta Warriors, which is the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang guarded by the famous Terracotta Army. It consists of 7000 life-size clay statues each individually crafted, complete with chariots and horses. We also visit Banpo Museum which has the remains of a 6000 year old Neolithic village.

Accommodation: Xian Golden Flower by Shangri-la Hotel or similar

25.05.17 Xian - Beijing

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight to Beijing, the capital city of China. Upon arrival we visit the Beijing Zoo to see the Giant Pandas.

Afterwards we are transferred to the hotel for a four night stay.

Accommodation: Beijing CNCC Hotel or similar

26.05.17 Beijing

(B/L/D)

Beijing served as the capital of five dynasties for over 800 years, with each emperor identified as a dragon sent from heaven. This morning we start our city tour with a visit to Tiananmen Square, followed by a visit to the Forbidden City. This complex is the largest

and most intact collection of ancient structures of the Imperial Palace ever built. It features more than 800 buildings with 9999 rooms, resplendent golden-glazed roofs, red lacquered pillars and vermilion walls. This evening we enjoy the famous Kung Fu martial arts show. Accommodation: Beijing CNCC Hotel or similar

27.05.17 Beijing

(B) Today is at leisure to relax, do some shopping or further explore Beijing. Accommodation: Beijing CNCC Hotel or similar

28.05.17 Beijing

(B/L/D) The highlight today is a trip to the astonishing Great Wall at Juyongguan Path. The Great Wall is the most famous image of China and is known throughout the world. It is one of the Eight Wonders of the World and a symbol of Chinese traditional culture and the pride of the Chinese nation. Later we visit the Sacred Path of Ming Tombs. 13 of the 16 Ming Emperors have their tombs here. This is an attractive destination as much for the natural scenery of the area as for the tombs themselves. Also visit a cloisonne factory and the biggest jade exhibition centre in Asia. This evening enjoy a famous Peking Duck dinner in a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Beijing CNCC Hotel or similar

29.05.17 Beijing - Australia

(B) This morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home. Melbourne passengers depart Beijing at 2.05pm on flight MU 271, arriving in Shanghai at 4.10pm. Melbourne passengers then depart Shanghai at 8.15pm on flight MU 737, arriving in Melbourne at 9.00am the next morning (30.05.17). Sydney passengers depart Beijing at 3.50pm on flight MU 727, arriving in Sydney at 8.30am the next morning (30.05.17) – This flight goes via Nanjing.

Note: It is possible that the ship locks may be closed due to low water levels or lock maintenance. If the locks are closed, the group will still cruise from Yichang to Chongqing, but you will not go through the locks on the Three Gorges Dam.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. Visas are required for all Australian passport holders to China. Chinese Visa Application Service Centre (CVASC) charge Australian passport holders \$60 visa fee plus application service fee of \$71.50 and we charge \$30 for processing. Different visa fees apply to non Australian passport holders. Please note that visas prices of set by the Chinese Consulate and are subject to change.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and Fuel Levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in Air taxes and Fuel Levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel insurance and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa / MasterCard) can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$195 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions, as airfare seasonality may be affected.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.