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China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise

15 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$3,695** 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.
- 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 assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an additional cost of \$1255.

Tour departs Australia 3rd September and returns 17th September 2019

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

03.09.19 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 7.40pm.
Upon arrival we are met by our Chinese tour guide and transferred to the hotel in Shanghai for a three night stay.
Accommodation: Wyndham Bund East Shanghai or similar

04.09.19 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. Continue to visit the former French Concession area. This evening we will attend a fabulous Acrobatic Show.
Lunch and dinner are included today.
Accommodation: Wyndham Bund East Shanghai or similar

05.09.19 Shanghai

(B)

Today is at leisure to relax or explore Shanghai.
Accommodation: Wyndham Bund East Shanghai or similar

06.09.19 Shanghai - Yichang - Yangtze Cruise

(B/L/D)

This morning is at leisure. After an included lunch we will visit the Pudong area, including an inside visit to the Oriental Pearl Tower (2nd floor) and Tianzifang. Tianzifang has transformed itself from old residential buildings and factories into an arty area housing bars, cafes and craft shops etc. Later we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Yichang. Upon arrival we are transferred west of the Three Gorges Dam outside of Yichang 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.

Passenger ships on the Yangtze River between Yichang and Chongqing are no longer permitted to travel through the Three Gorges Dam ship locks. For anyone with a particular interest in experiencing the ship locks, an optional excursion is offered by the cruise line to board a specially designed sightseeing boat and go through the ship lock lift on the second day of the cruise. At present the cost of this optional excursion

is 295 Chinese Yuan, which is approximately \$60 per person. More information on this optional excursion will be provided whilst on the cruise and the price is subject to change.

Overnight on board the ship

07.09.19 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 sail through Xiling Gorge which, at 41 miles long, is the longest and the deepest of the three gorges.

If river conditions permit, there is an optional tour available to the Tribes of the Three Gorges, showcasing the scenery and the life of the minority Tujia people. The optional tour involves a series of themed boardwalks at various levels, with several steps.

Accommodation: Onboard the ship

08.09.19 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 through 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

09.09.19 Yangtze River Cruise

(B/L/D)

Today we take an included 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 new 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

10.09.19 Chongqing - Xian

(B/L)

This morning the cruise ship arrives at our destination of Chongqing. We disembark the ship and then visit the Panda House to see the pandas. This is followed by an included lunch. Later we transfer to the airport for our flight to Xian.

Upon arrival in Xian we are transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Swisstouches Hotel Xian or similar

11.09.19 Xian

(B/L/D)

Today we will visit the Terra-Cotta Warriors Factory to see how the locals make the porcelain terra-cotta figures. We continue to visit the incredible Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses, 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. Also today we visit the Muslim Street. This

evening we enjoy a Tang Dynasty Show and dinner.
Accommodation: Swisstouches Hotel Xian or similar

12.09.19 Xian - Beijing

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we visit the Ancient City Wall, which is the most complete city wall that has survived in China and is also one of the largest military defence systems in the world. After lunch we transfer to the airport for our flight to Beijing, the capital city of China. Beijing served as the capital of five dynasties for over 800 years, with each emperor identified as a dragon sent from heaven.

Upon arrival in Beijing we are met and transferred for dinner.

After dinner we are transferred to our hotel for a four night stay.

Accommodation: Pudi Hotel or similar

13.09.19 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 cloisonne factory and the biggest jade exhibition centre in Asia. This evening we have an included dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Pudi Hotel or similar

14.09.19 Beijing

(B)

Today is at leisure to relax, do some shopping or further explore Beijing.

Accommodation: Pudi Hotel or similar

15.09.19 Beijing

(B/L/D)

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 9,999 rooms, resplendent golden-glazed roofs, red lacquered pillars and vermilion walls. In the late afternoon we enjoy the famous Kung Fu martial arts show. Afterwards we enjoy a farewell Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Pudi Hotel or similar

16.09.19 Beijing - Australia

(B)

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home.

Melbourne passengers depart Beijing at 12.55pm on flight MU 271, arriving in Shanghai at 3.20pm.

Melbourne passengers then depart Shanghai at 8.05pm on flight MU 737, arriving in Melbourne at 9.00am the next morning (17.09.19).

Sydney passengers depart Beijing at 3.45pm on flight MU 727, arriving in Sydney at 8.30am the next morning (17.09.19) – This flight goes via Nanjing.

Note:

Much of the included cruising of the Yangtze River will take place during the night to allow more time for touring during the day, and it is not possible to leave the ship unless undertaking included or optional tours arranged by American Victoria cruises. Also note that throughout the tour the local guides will take the group to visit several

factories or other assorted shopping outlets that aren't on the program. This is a normal occurrence in China and can often represent a significant portion of the tour guides income.



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 4

This tour rating typically involves an above average level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly with your luggage, walking distances of up to 2 kilometres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early departures. Unfortunately this tour rating is not recommended for individuals who cannot walk unaided.

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. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

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 bare 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 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% 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.

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. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. 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 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: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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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

Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

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

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person and the health & fitness form.

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.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____

2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No

3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____

4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____

5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____

6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____

7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____

8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____

9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No

10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No

11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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