

Yangtze River Cruise with Chongqing & Dazhu Sightseeing - 5 Days

Relax yourself by cruising along the scenery Yangtze River, and get impressed by the stunning view of Three Gorges. Besides, this 5-day tour also covers the UNESCO site of Dazhu Rock Carvings and Chongqing city sightseeing.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Chongqing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport transfer in Chongqinglunch<i>Chongqing Zoo, Ciqikou Ancient Town</i> The Chongqing Zoo is a popular park in the city. Giant pandas are the highlights for everyone and you could also see many rare animals such as golden monkeys and south China tigers in the park. The Ciqikou Ancient Town used to be a busy port famous for porcelain production during the Ming and Qing Dynasties. It is a place full of religious temples, traditional buildings, ancient alleys with local teahouses and restaurants.
2	Day 2 Chongqing - Dazhu (by automobile) - Yangtze River Cruise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">private transfer from Chongqing to Dazhu, port transfer in Chongqingbreakfast, lunch<i>Dazu Rock Carvings, Embark on your Yangtze River Cruise Ship</i> The Dazu Rock Carvings (UNESCO) is a series of Chinese religious sculptures carved on steep hillsides. Dating back to the 7th century AD, the Dazu Rock Carvings represent the harmonious synthesis of Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. The highlight of the rock grotto can be found on Mount Baoding. The largest statue in the world of the Thousand-Hand Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva and a half-length reclining Buddha can both be found here. Upon arrival in Chongqing, transfer and embark on your Yangtze River Cruise Ship. The Yangtze River originates on the Tibetan Plateau and traverses a distance of 3900 miles before flowing into the East China Sea, near Shanghai. It has been the lifeline in China for millennia.
3	Day 3 Yangtze River Cruise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch, dinner<i>Yangtze River Cruise (Shibaozhai)</i> Today, start sailing for a distance of 430 miles in all the great gorges. In the morning, you could enjoy the spectacular view from the deck or you could take an optional tour to Fengdu - China's "City of Ghosts" (CNY 280 per person). In legend, Fengdu was a ghost city and the entrance of heaven or hell, and the imaged ghost statues here reveal ancient Chinese religion and belief. After lunch, take a shore excursion to the Shibaozhai. The Shibaozhai is a 12-storey wooden pavilion built in the Ming Dynasty, which looks like a giant bonsai on the Yangtze River. A cofferdam was built around the Shibaozhai to protect it from the rising water level caused by the construction of the Three Gorges Dam. After returning to the cruise, you will be invited to the Captain's Welcome Party.
4	Day 4 Yangtze River Cruise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch, dinner<i>Yangtze River Cruise (Shennong Stream)</i> This morning sail into Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and probably the most fascinating one. Later sail through Wu Gorge. It is well-known for the legend of 12 fairy maidens became the 12 peaks of Wu Gorge. Then you could take an optional tour to White Emperor Town, which is famous for historical temples and legends (CNY 280 per person). After lunch change to the "peapod" boat for sailing deep into the Shennong Stream for a 3 hours exploration. The contrasting heights of these gorges and the narrowness of the river make this area one of the most dramatic scenes in the world. Notice the ruins of the ancient plank road along the cliff face as well as the coffins suspended from the cliffs above. Afterwards, sail through the Five-step Ship Lock.
5	Day 5 Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang	<ul style="list-style-type: none">port-airport transfer in Yichangbreakfast<i>Yangtze River Cruise (Three Gorges Dam Site) & disembark</i> In the morning take a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Site, the largest dam and hydroelectric project in the world. Then sail down the Xiling Gorge. Later, disembark at Yichang and transfer to the airport or train station.
		Service ends.

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned car or coach
- Land transfers between airport, port and hotel
- Entrance ticket as listed
- Lunch or dinner as listed
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast

- Yangtze Cruise Ticket (include accommodation, meals on board, the shore excursion in groups and daily activities)
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- Flight or train ticket
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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