

Great Chinese Discovery with Majestic Yangtze River Cruise - 12 Days CN-06



China's mega cities represent just a fraction of the diverse landscapes that define this vast nation. The Yangtze River, one of the world's largest waterways, stands out as a prominent highlight. Originating in Qinghai Province, this mighty river meanders through China's varied scenery, stretching almost 4,000 miles before gracefully reaching the East China Sea at Shanghai, effectively dividing China into north and south.

Embark on a journey that goes beyond the urban sprawl, offering a fun-filled and enlightening experience as you explore many of China's diverse highlights. From the bustling energy of mega cities to the serene majesty of the Yangtze River, this tour unveils the multifaceted beauty and cultural richness that make China truly extraordinary.

DEPARTURE DATES:

11.05.2024; 18.05.2024; 25.05.2024; 01.06.2024; 08.06.2024; 15.06.2024; 22.06.2024;
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Day 1 - Beijing

Upon your arrival at the airport, our driver will be waiting for you at the arrival sector. Enjoy a comfortable transfer to the hotel. To immerse yourself in old and authentic China, embark on a guided Hutong neighborhood rickshaw tour. Hutongs, characterized by narrow alleys, have become increasingly rare with urban development. This photogenic tour provides a glimpse into the disappearing cultural heritage of Beijing, with certain old hutong areas receiving special status to preserve their historical significance. (D)

Day 2 - Beijing

Tiananmen Square, made famous in the west by Mao Zedong's proclamation of the People's Republic of China in 1949, remains central to the city. As the fourth-largest city square globally, it boasts an impressive area of 440,000 square meters. Today's exploration begins here, followed by a visit to the renowned Imperial Palace and the Forbidden City. Serving as the residence of Chinese emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties from 1420 to 1924, the Forbidden City's rooms are filled with one million treasures, and our experienced guide will highlight the most interesting ones. Later, you'll visit the magnificent Summer Palace, a remarkable expression of the creative art of Chinese landscape garden design. In the evening, reward yourself with a well-earned roast duck dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - Beijing

Today, we embark on a visit to the Great Wall of China, an iconic symbol of Chinese civilization with origins dating back to the 7th century BC. Explore the Badaling Great Wall, situated in Yanqing County, approximately 70 kilometers (44 miles) north of Beijing, known for being the most well-preserved section of the Wall. Following this

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

International flights
Domestic flights in China
Accommodation
Full board meals
High-speed day train
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Meals on the train

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awe-inspiring historical journey, we will explore the Olympic Park, constructed in Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics. Here, you'll encounter iconic structures such as the "Bird's Nest" Beijing National Stadium, the Aquatics Centre known as the "Water Cube," and the Green Hockey Field. As the day concludes, immerse yourself in the evening's entertainment with one of Beijing's finest Acrobatic Shows. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - Beijing - Xian

Today begins with an exhilarating railway journey aboard a new state-of-the-art high-speed train to Xian, covering the distance of 711 miles from Beijing in only 4 hours and 40 minutes. Launched in 2012, this train offers Business, First, and Second class tickets. After a brief hotel transfer, you'll commence your Xian city tour. Explore the Big Goose Pagoda, a seven-story Buddhist temple built in the 7th century, and the Little Goose Pagoda. Both temples were once part of a larger architectural ensemble and are beautiful examples of Tang dynasty masonry. A short walk from the City Wall leads you to the Bell Tower, which signaled the city gates opening at dawn, and the Great Mosque, one of the first mosques built in China. Enjoy a local lunch, followed by dinner this evening at the Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Xian - Chongqing

Discovered accidentally in 1974 by local farmers working in the nearby fields, the Terracotta Army has since become a major attraction, drawing millions of tourists from around the world each year. Visitors come to witness the stone army, comprising over 8000 soldiers, 520 horses, and 130 chariots. During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to explore the pits and ascend the burial mound of the emperor. Your guide will be on hand to provide detailed information about the sites, excavation works, and address any questions you may have. Recognized as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site since 1987, the Terracotta Army holds a significant place in history. Following this captivating experience, our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby to escort you to the airport for your flight to Chongqing and embark on your special cruise along the Yangtze. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Along the Yangtze

Today, the ship will make a stop in Shibaozhai. You have the option to take advantage of some optional excursions available on board or explore the city on your own. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Along Yangtze

As the ship sets sail eastward, embarking on your journey, you will encounter some truly picturesque gorges. The first, Qutang Gorge, is a narrow passage measuring only 500 feet in width and extending 5 miles in length, framed by towering mountains. The second, Wu Gorge, although less dramatic, spans 25 miles and presents stunning vistas of green mountains blending seamlessly with the river. Optional excursions are available for those eager to explore. In the afternoon, the ship will navigate through Xiling Gorge, the longest (41 miles) and deepest gorge on the river. Later in the evening, the boat will reach the

locks of the Three Gorges Dam and cross to the other side of the Dam. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Along Yangtze - Yichang - Shanghai

In the morning, you will explore the world-famous Three Gorges Dam, known as the largest dam globally. Upon arrival in Yichang later that morning, disembark from the ship. Our driver will be waiting for you at the ship entrance ready to take you to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be greeted at the arrival sector and transferred to the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 9 - Shanghai

Shanghai is always a highlight on any trip to China. As the largest and busiest city in the country, it offers a diverse range of attractions, from ultra-modern architecture to serene gardens. During the panoramic city tour by car, you will make a stop at People's Square, situated in the heart of the city. This square serves as the location for Shanghai's local government and is a popular meeting place for locals. Also situated on the square is the Shanghai Museum, housed in a new building and showcasing the best of Chinese art, including fine bronzes, paintings, calligraphy, and furniture. Later, immerse yourself in the local experience by strolling along the famous Bund, a mile-long riverside promenade adorned with European-style buildings. (B,L,D)

Day 10 - Shanghai

Embark on an exploration of Shanghai's highlights, visiting the Yu Garden, Oriental Pearl TV Tower, New Bund, and Nanjing Road. Spread across five acres in the Suzhou style, Yu Garden features six main areas, including a rockery, a chamber of ten thousand flowers, multiple halls, and ponds. The modern Oriental Pearl TV Tower stands in brilliant contrast. Built in 1994 and holding the title of the tallest building in China for over a decade, it now boasts an impressive 468m tower with 15 viewing levels, offering an essential experience for aspiring photographers. Consider stopping for a coffee at the revolving restaurant located at 267 meters. Conclude the tour on Nanjing Road, Shanghai's main shopping street, historically known as Park Lane until the mid-19th century. You won't be alone - it attracts over one million visitors a day! (B,L,D)

Day 11 - Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai

Experience a contrast to city life with a visit to Suzhou, known as China's Garden city, celebrated for its breathtaking landscape design. The walled gardens of Suzhou once served as retreats from the outside world, and today, they stand as highlights of the city. Enjoy a boat trip on the Grand Canal, offering a unique perspective of Suzhou from the water. The tour concludes with a visit to a fascinating silk factory, not intended as a shopping stop but rather an educational opportunity to learn about the intricate process of crafting this delicate fabric. In the evening, transfer back to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

Day 12 - Shanghai

Our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and take you to the airport to catch your flight home. (D)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Incl. flights*	Single suppliment
11/05/2024 - 22/05/2024	Rs 249450	Rs 339450	Rs 49450
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21/12/2024 - 01/01/2025	Rs 249450	Rs 339450	Rs 49450
28/12/2024 - 08/01/2025	Rs 249450	Rs 339450	Rs 49450

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Beijing Explorer - Uncover the Wonders of the Chinese Capital - 6 Days \(CN-02\)](#), Price from Rs 79,450, 6 days
- > [China's Golden Triangle & Gardens of Suzhou - 9 Days \(CN-04\)](#), Price from Rs 169,450, 9 days
- > [Best of China: Exploring Beijing, Xian, Guilin & Li River, Shanghai, Suzhou - 11 Days \(CN-05\)](#), Price from Rs 234,450, 11 days
- > [Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Ulan Bator - Baikal - Yekaterinburg - Moscow - St. Petes \(TS-17\)](#), Price from Rs 279,950, 20 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in India, US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed

guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in India, USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:
www.justgorussia.in/in/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.in and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.in, or

Phone: call us on **000 800 050 24 14**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum Rs15,000) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

