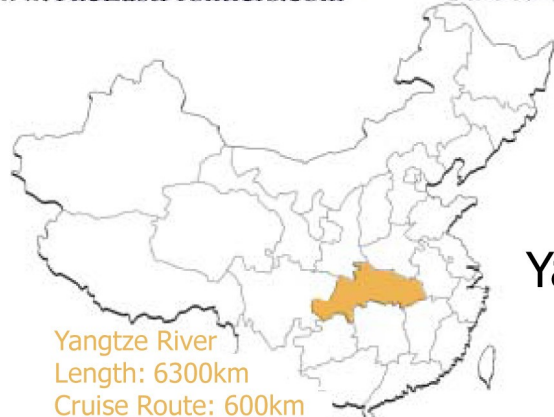




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Yangtze River
Length: 6300km
Cruise Route: 600km
Provinces: Chongqing and Hubei

Three Gorges: Yangtze River Cruise (4 Days/ 3 Nights)



The Yangtze, Asia's longest river and third longest in the world, is the lifeline of Central China. Cruising the passage through the Three Gorges is regarded as one of the great scenic attractions of China. From your comfortable cruise boat you can enjoy spectacular views of the mountainous surroundings, interesting shore excursions and a cruise on one of the Yangtzes many idyllic tributaries.

Of course you also visit the controversial Three-Gorges-Dam, which is changing the landscape and life on and around the Yangtze irretrievably. An informative and entertaining programme on board will round out your trip. **Yangtze - a very special river cruise.**

Day 1: Shanghai - Chongqing

Flight from Shanghai to Chongqing

Meet&Greet at the airport followed by a sight-seeing city tour. Being flanked by mountains and two rivers makes Chongqing a rather pleasant Chinese city - despite its predominant greyness.



Eling-Park, created in 1909, offers fascinating views of Chongqing and the Yangtze. During Japanese occupation Guomindang leader Chiang Kai Shek was living here with his wife. Also take a look at the work of Lue Zuo Zhong, whose paintings show detailed panoramas of towns and cities before their destruction by flooding from the Three Gorges Dam Project.

Your city-tour takes you to the Great Hall of the People. Since its completion in 1951 this building enjoys cult status especially among the older folks. The impressive round hall is big enough for 4000 visitors.

Directly at the confluence of Yangtze and Jialing River, surrounded by mountains, Chaomian-gate and -pier are located. This is a good place to watch the hustle and bustle on the Yangtze.

Late afternoon you can check in on your boat and familiarise yourself with the facilities on your cruise ship.

Day 2: Yangtze Cruise & Shore Leave

Breakfast

In the morning you will have the opportunity for a first shore leave. Depending on the schedule of your Yangtze-cruise-ship you visit the ghost town of Fengdu or the pagoda Shibaozhai.



The city of Fengdu is renowned for its temple showing colourful and scary underworldly sculptures. According to a local tale close-by Pingdu-mountain is the home of demons which are displayed in the temple.

This itinerary has been created through our personal travel experience in this region. It can easily be combined with any other tour we offer in China and the rest of Asia. From Chongqing you can visit the famous Buddhist grottoes, reliefs and sculptures around Dazu as a day trip.

Yangtze River cruises can also be done upstream (from Yichang to Chongqing), it then takes 5 days and 4 nights.

Our objective is to suit your interests best. Talk to us and we will design the right trip for you.

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Picturesque Pagoda Shibaozhai is made out of wood, completely without nails. It is situated at a 30 m high rock. Those who climb up will be rewarded with an impressive view of the Yangtze.

Next to the pagoda you find a well-preserved temple. Here the main-attraction is a big black salamander (hellbender) living in a fountain.

After dinner you might want to visit the entertainment-show inside the bar on board.



Day 3: Yangtze-Gorges

Breakfast

Today you reach the famous Three Gorges which stretch along 200 km starting just after Fengjie and ending near Yichang.

The first, Qutang-Gorge (Bellow-Gorge), is only 8km long but all the more impressive. Because of its narrowness the water flows more rapidly through this gorge. 40 km long Wu-Gorge (Witch Gorge) is known for its beautiful mountains - the most famous one being the Peak of the Goddess.

After Wu-Gorge today's excursion takes you to the fantastic landscape of the so-called Little Yangtze-Gorges. In small boats you explore the steep cliffs and vast vegetation that line the shore of the Yangtze's many tributaries.

The clear water of Shennong-River that meets the Yangtze near Wu Gorge is especially beautiful. Your boat takes you through narrow steep gorges just like the locals who still use Shennong-River as an important route of transport.

Back on your cruise ship you reach Xiling-Gorge (West Mountain Gorge) - 76



km in length this is the longest of the Three Gorges. Rapids, shallowness and bizarre rock formations are waiting for you here.

Day 4: Three-Gorges-Dam

Breakfast

In the morning you reach the world-famous Three Gorges Dam. 185 m high and about 2000 m long this dam is the biggest hydroelectric power plant in the world.



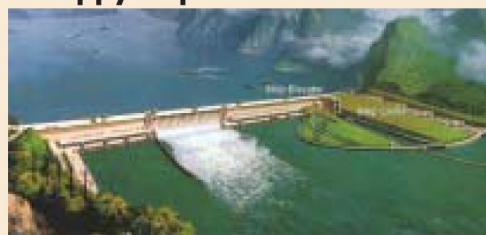
Though extremely controversial, construction of this project was finished in May 2006 (7 months earlier than planned) - implementation will take two more years. From the observation deck you get a most impressive panorama view, the best way to comprehend the gigantic extend of the dam's watergate system.

After your visit of the Dam you reach the final destination of your river cruise: Yichang. From here you fly back to Shanghai in the afternoon.

Flight from Yichang to Shanghai

If you decide to travel with The Last Frontiers* we will be happy to provide an extensive personalised package, including:

- ✓ **Personal briefing**
- ✓ **Tips and hints on travelling in China**
- ✓ **Map of the region**
- ✓ **Addresslist both in English and in Chinese**



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Tour includes:

- + Domestic tickets
- + Airport transfers as specified
- + Accommodation as stated including breakfast
- + Private car and guide throughout the tour (guide to Great Wall is not included)

Tour excludes:

- Entrance fees
- All meals not mentioned in the itinerary or marked as optional or suggested
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone calls, drinks, tip...)
- Personnel insurances (health, third party, cancellation, luggage...)
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary



Price on request

For an exact quote we need to know **travel dates, names of all travelers** as per passport and **birth date of children below the age of 12.**

Important Remarks

This proposal has been prepared based on or experience and knowledge of the current situation locally. **No** bookings have been made yet. In case of your confirmation to go ahead and to book hotels, flights and other services, we will request those from our partners as per itinerary. Should hotels and flights not be available, we will endeavor to book services of similar quality. However, slight changes to our proposal above may be unavoidable.

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