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## The Classic "Top 4" plus the Yangtze Cruise

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**Tour Code:** CET-G04

**Length:** 14 days and 13 nights

**Cities Visited/Stayed:** Beijing, Xi'an, Chongqing, Yangtze River, Yichang, Guilin, Shanghai

**Highlight Attractions:** Temple of Heaven, Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Three Gorges, Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill, Yangshuo, Li River, The Bund, Yu Yuan Garden

**Experience & Features:** Walking on the Great Wall in Beijing, Pictures with the Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Dive deeply into the Muslim Quarter in Xi'an, Splendid Yangtze Three Gorges Cruise, Picturesque Li River Cruise in Guilin, Stroll around in the bazaar next to the Yu Yuan Garden

You cover both the "Top Four" China's classic tourist cities (Beijing, Xian, Guilin and Shanghai) and the renowned Yangtze Three Gorges in this tour. In the capital of Beijing, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven and the other places of interests that are in the list of the World Cultural Heritage will give you the first impression of China. Actually, Beijing is a city of amazing contrasts--an ancient capital with incredible historical sites, and a bustling modern metropolis at the same time. People say if you regard China as a huge and robust tree, the city of Xian is definitely the deeply-earthed roots of the tree. The Bell Tower, the City Wall, the pagodas are all the witnesses of this ancient capital's prosperity and brilliance in the past. The Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses is still a mysterious legend of the first centralized feudal empire of China. It's really an exciting satisfaction to cruise on China's "Mother River" and the world's third longest river—the Yangtze River by a luxury boat. The picturesque scenery along the Li River in Guilin will amaze you and cause continuous shots of your camera. The beautiful and peaceful environment and the relaxing life-pace will leave you a life-long memory. You will probably be shocked by Shanghai's modernization and fashionable life. A walk to the Nanjing Road and the Outer Bund will inform you how booming China's economy is.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Beijing

Ladies and gentlemen, you are supposed to arrive in Beijing yesterday, (and our price includes the hotel from 2:00 pm yesterday to 12:00 today). And today, in your spare time, explore this dynamic capital city yourself.

But **please be sure to get back to the hotel by 5:45 pm**. At **6:00 pm**, your guide or China Expedition Representative (hereinafter referred to as **CET Rep**) will meet you in the lobby of the hotel for **a tour briefing** which is of great significance for this tour. This is generally followed by an included group dinner at a local restaurant

Stay overnight in Beijing.

**Meals:** (B, D)

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## Day 2: Beijing

Visit **[Temple of Heaven]**, the place where the ancient emperors used to pray for the God's bless of the whole nation. **[Tian'anmen Square]**, the largest city square in the world. And then go to visit the **[Forbidden City]** which is the largest imperial palace in China during the Ming and Qing dynasties with a history of around 600 years.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 3: Beijing

We will travel to **[Mutianyu Great Wall]**, a more authentic section of the famous wall, not crowded with hordes of other tourists. Climbing up this incredible man-made engineer and surveying the spectacular surrounding countryside is an unforgettable experience.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 4: Beijing-Xi'an

Visit the **[Summer Palace]** which is the biggest and most renowned imperial summer resort from the Ming and Qing Dynasty and a great example of China's extraordinary workmanship and architecture. After lunch drive to the airport for a pm flight to Xi'an.

Stay overnight in Xi'an.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 5: Xi'an

A tour to the renowned **[Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum]** today will show us these unearthed pottery statues, considered "the Eighth Wonder of the World" and one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th Century. After coming back, the rest free time can easily be spent wandering the narrow streets among the Muslim quarter where we can find quaint shops, lively markets, groups of white-bearded men in skull caps sipping tea in dingy cafes.

Stay overnight in Xi'an.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 6: Xi'an-Chongqing**

This morning we go to visit the **[Shaanxi Provincial Museum]** which will explain to you how Xi'an became the cradle of Chinese culture. And then we go to the **[Big Wild Goose Pagoda]** which was built by the eminent monk Xuanzang in 652 AD, with a great importance in China's Buddhism history. After those, we go to the airport, taking a pm flight to Chongqing.

Stay overnight in Chongqing.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 7: Chongqing-Yangtze Cruise**

Visit the **[E'ling Park]** to take a glance at this China's youngest municipality directly under the jurisdiction from the central government. We also visit **[Chongqing Zoo]** to see the giant panda there. After dinner you'll be transferred to the pier to board your Yangtze River cruise boat, ready for your cruise along the mighty Yangtze.

Stay overnight on the Yangtze boat.

**Meals:** (B, L, D)

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## **Day 8: Yangtze Cruise**

This morning we will have a shore excursion to the **[Fengdu Ghost City]** (09:00-12:00) at Fengdu Town. Enjoy the afternoon time at leisure onboard.

Stay overnight on the Yangtze boat.

**Meals:** (B, L, D)

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## **Day 9: Yangtze Cruise**

Today, you'll enter the world-famous Three Gorges. In the afternoon, we will have a shore excursion to **[Lesser Three Gorges]** (12:30-16:30). Before that you have the option of visiting the White Emperor City (7:30-10:00am).

Stay overnight on the Yangtze boat.

**Meals:** (B, L, D)

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## **Day 10: Yangtze Cruise -Yichang-Wuhan-Guilin**

In the morning, you will get off for a shore excursion to the **[Three Gorges Dam]** project site to see one of the most massive projects that China launched in between two centuries. After a farewell lunch on board you'll be transferred from Yichang to the city of Wuhan (about 5 hours drive) for your flight to Guilin.

Upon your arrival at Guilin Liangjiang International Airport, you will be met by your Guilin guide and driver, and then transferred to your hotel.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 11: Guilin-Yangshuo-Guilin**

Drive to the wharf for **[Li River cruise]**, enjoy the Li River picturesque scenery to Yangshuo. The cruise will definitely make your highlight of visit to China. We will pass the extraordinary peaks, sprays of bamboo lining, local fishing rafts floating on the river and picturesque villages. After disembarkation, some free time will be spent on **Yangshuo town** which boasts the "Global Village" due to the popularity with travelers from all over the world. And then drive back to Guilin.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 12: Guilin-Shanghai**

We go to visit the **[Reed Flute Cave]**, the natural beauty of a large amount of stalactites and stalagmites, with their endless variety of remarkable scenes. Then come to the symbol of Guilin city, the **[Elephant Hill]** that looks like a giant elephant with its long trunk drinking water from the Li River. Then you will be transferred to Guilin airport to catch your pm flight to Shanghai.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 13: Shanghai

Today, we are going to visit the [Jade Buddha Temple], which is an elegant architecture famous for its Buddha statue which is carved of solid white jade and decorated by jewels. And then visit the **[Yuyuan Garden]** , a beautiful private garden which is the most typical representative of its sort of Chinese garden; the **[Outer Bund]** , from where you see the modern skylines of this China's biggest city; and then [Nanjing Road] nearby, to experience the most prosperous and bustling shopping center of Shanghai.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 14: Shanghai-Departure

Free at leisure until to be transferred to the airport for your flight home. Your tour we sponsored ends at the airport with our tour representative.

**Meals:** (B)

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