

# China & the Yangtze

13 days from \$6,895 | Limited to 18 guests

## Beijing & the Summer Palace

3-day Pre-Tour Extension from \$1,695

## Hong Kong

3-day Post-Tour Extension from \$1,995

Discover China's past and present – from historic Beijing, to the bustling metropolis of Shanghai. Visit the iconic Terra Cotta Warriors and giant pandas, and explore the storied Yangtze River on an all-balcony river cruiser.

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Embark on a three-night cruise on the Yangtze River aboard all-balcony 'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer'
- ▶ Go off the beaten path to the less-visited and well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China
- ▶ View the incredible Terra Cotta Warriors with an on-site specialist in Xian
- ▶ Enjoy an up-close encounter with giant pandas, where they roam free in a recreated habitat
- ▶ Visit the Shanghai Museum on a special private tour with its curator

### DAY 1: Arrive Beijing, China

Arrive in the capital city of Beijing, China's longtime seat of power, where you are transferred to your luxurious hotel. **Four Seasons Hotel Beijing**

### DAY 2: Beijing | China's Dynastic Capital

After your welcome briefing, participate in a private tai chi lesson taught by a master instructor at the Temple of Heaven, a stunning example of classical Ming period architecture. After lunch, take in the sweep of history at Tiananmen Square before exploring the imperial grandeur of the Forbidden City. Tonight, gather for a special welcome dinner at your hotel. **Four Seasons Hotel Beijing | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 3: Beijing | View the World from the Great Wall

This morning, Ride Like a Local on a pedicab through a *hutong*, a vast yet intimate neighborhood of small winding alleyways dating to China's dynastic period. Then, travel to the well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall



of China. Ride a cable car to the top of the wall to take in sweeping views of the surrounding mountains. After experiencing this wonder of the world, return to Beijing. **Four Seasons Hotel Beijing | Meals: B L**

### DAY 4: Xian | Key to the Great Silk Road

Fly to Xian, a modern city cloaked in over 3,000 years of history. Once the eastern terminus on the Great Silk Road, Xian has become a melting pot of Middle Eastern and Asian influences. Upon arrival, enjoy a Chef's Table noodle-throwing demonstration followed by lunch. Visit the old city's Muslim Quarter with its teeming markets and beautiful Great Mosque, a 14th-century national heritage site. A blend of classic Chinese temple architecture and central Asian embellishments make it one of the most fascinating sites in Xian. **The Ritz-Carlton, Xian | Meals: B L**

### DAY 5: Xian | Terra Cotta Warriors, Army for the Afterlife

Today, accompanied by an on-site specialist, visit the excavation site of the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, the life-size army created during the Qin Dynasty to protect Qin Shi Huang, China's first emperor, in his afterlife. More than 8,000 remarkably crafted soldiers are spread throughout three dig pits, each revealing a unique face. After lunch, stroll along the impressive ramparts of the City Wall. Tonight, gather for dinner. **The Ritz-Carlton, Xian | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 6: Chengdu | Exploring People's Park

Travel by bullet train to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. For lunch, enjoy a spicy Sichuan hot pot, a regional specialty. Afterward, immerse yourself in local life and culture at People's Park, where area residents play traditional Chinese instruments, practice calligraphy and engage in tai



Cruise on the winding Yangtze River into the stunning Three Gorges region

chi. Then, learn about unique, centuries-old matchmaking techniques still in use today, before checking in to your hotel, where you observe a traditional tea demonstration.

Waldorf Astoria Chengdu | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 7: Chengdu & Chongqing | Giant Pandas

Today, visit the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Center. Enjoy the rare opportunity to observe these endangered creatures roaming freely in their specially designed habitat. Then, board a high-speed train for a ride through the Chinese countryside to Chongqing, where you

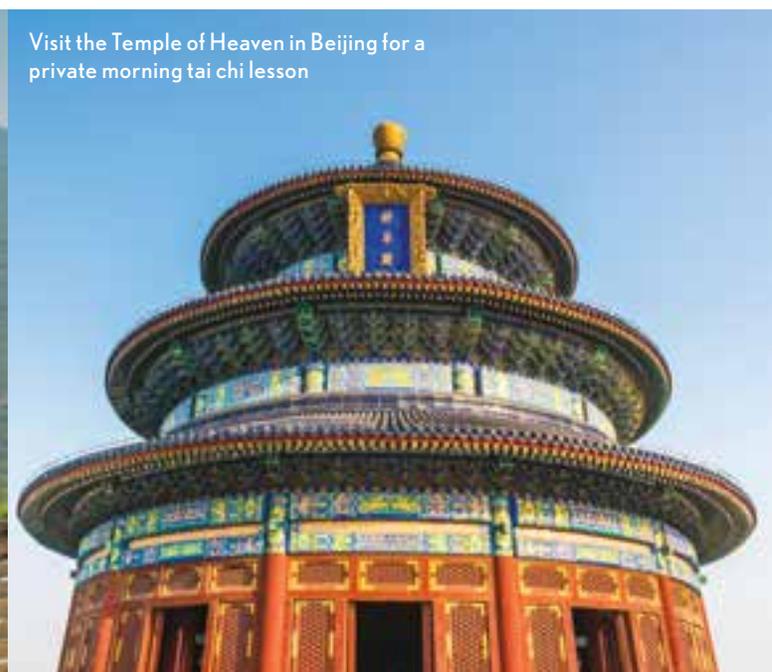
embark on your river cruiser, 'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer' for a three-night journey to Yichang. Settle into your cabin as the ship sails downstream to the stunning Three Gorges region. 'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer' | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 8: Cruising the Yangtze | Along Asia's Great River

Start your morning with tai chi on the deck before breakfast. Disembark in the small city of Fuling and enjoy a shore excursion, beginning with a visit to the White Crane Ridge Underwater Museum. Descend 150 feet underwater to see centuries-old rock carvings. Afterward, continue to a local



Walk atop the Great Wall and gaze out across the mountain crests it spans



Visit the Temple of Heaven in Beijing for a private morning tai chi lesson



Look into the faces of Xian's famed Terra Cotta Warriors, each unique in its features

market to gain insight into the region's rich culinary culture. This afternoon, learn about Chinese traditional medicine and reflexology. Tonight, attend the Captain's Reception. 'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer' | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 9: Cruising the Yangtze | The Three Gorges

Early this morning, 'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer' navigates the Qutang and Wu gorges before anchoring at Badong, where you board a ferry and travel up Shennong Stream. Transfer to "pea pod" boats poled by Tujia boatmen to view a scenic gorge. The Tujia are members of a local minority culture famed for their boatbuilding skills and keen knowledge of the Yangtze. Gain insights into their daily lives on a village visit. Return by ferryboat to your ship. Tonight, savor a "Taste of China" dinner, followed by onboard entertainment. 'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer' | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 10: Yichang & Shanghai | Disembark 'Yangzi Explorer'

This morning, disembark in Yichang and fly to Shanghai, stopping briefly to photograph the Three Gorges Dam, a project that resulted in the resettlement of 1.2 million residents of the cities submerged behind it. Upon arrival in Shanghai, transfer to your elegant hotel, located on the city's historic Bund. Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: B L

#### DAY 11: Shanghai | Life on the Bund

Explore dynamic Shanghai, where stunning modern skylines meet classic street markets and gardens. Walk along the Bund, Shanghai's most popular promenade. Later, stroll the streets of Old Town and visit the 16th-century Yu Garden with its pavilions and streams. Enjoy lunch followed by an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a relaxing Scenic

Sundowner at a local hot spot, observing the city's lights and architecture. Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: B L

#### DAY 12: Shanghai | Design Your Day

Begin today by exploring the Shanghai Museum accompanied by its curator, viewing exceptional collections of historically significant art and housewares, including bronzes, ceramics, calligraphy, paintings, jade, furniture and coins. Proceed to the Urban Planning Exhibition Center, where you marvel at an incredibly accurate and detailed model of the city housed there. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- ▶ **Walk Shanghai's Historic Jewish Quarter** and learn how it became a haven for Jews fleeing Europe in World War II.
- ▶ **Explore the West Bund Art Center**, the city's rising art district, to view works by local and international artists.
- ▶ **Savor a Street Food Tour**, sampling local specialties, such as soup dumplings and steamed crab.

Then, gather tonight for a festive farewell dinner.

Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: B D

#### DAY 13: Depart Shanghai

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to depart for home or begin a Hong Kong Post-Tour Extension. Meals: B

### TRAVEL PRIVATELY WITH A&K

This itinerary is available as a private journey, **Signature China & the Yangtze**. Priced from \$7,995.

## EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

**Hong Kong Post-Tour Extension**

3 days from \$1,995 | Internal air from \$495

Available on all departures.

Start with a guided visit to a local night market, then enjoy the Symphony of Lights along Hong Kong's skyline. The next day, in Sheung Wan, stroll its herbal medicine market, view Man Mo Temple and ascend Victoria Peak by tram for the stunning views. Drive to Aberdeen to experience its floating Tanka villages by *sampan*. On the third day, depart.

**Beijing & the Summer Palace Pre-Tour Extension**

3 days from \$1,695 | Available on all departures.

Visit the Summer Palace, a UNESCO-listed park; and explore Beijing's Olympic Sites.

Contact A&K or visit [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for complete details.

## INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS

**'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer'**

Recently refurbished river cruiser featuring the largest cabins on the Yangtze (each with a private balcony) and a superb staff-to-guest ratio of 1:1.



**Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund** — Palatial luxury hotel, superbly located on the Bund.



**Four Seasons Hotel Beijing**  
Elegant, luxurious hotel renowned for exceptionally high-quality service.



**The Ritz-Carlton, Xian**  
Newly opened luxury hotel blending classic and modern Chinese decor.



**Waldorf Astoria Chengdu**  
Art Deco-styled luxury hotel offering stunning city views.

## DATES &amp; PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Main Deck	Xiling Deck	Wu Deck	Wu Deck (Suite)	Qutang Deck (Suite)	Jade/Mandarin/Celestial/Imperial (Suite)
Mar 20–Apr 1 Single Supplement	\$6,895 \$2,195	\$6,995 \$2,295	\$7,195 \$2,395	\$7,995 \$3,095	\$8,195 \$3,295	\$10,895 \$6,195
Mar 27–Apr 8, Apr 3–15, Apr 10–22, Apr 17–29, Apr 24–May 6, May 1–13, May 8–20, May 15–27, May 22–Jun 3 Single Supplement	\$7,395 \$3,195	\$7,495 \$3,295	\$7,595 \$3,395	\$8,495 \$4,095	\$8,695 \$4,295	\$11,395 \$7,195
May 29–Jun 10, Jun 5–17, Jun 12–24, Jun 19–Jul 1, Jun 26–Jul 8, Jul 3–15, Jul 10–22, Jul 17–29, Jul 24–Aug 5, Jul 31–Aug 12, Aug 7–19, Aug 14–26, Aug 21–Sep 2 Single Supplement	\$6,895 \$2,195	\$6,995 \$2,295	\$7,195 \$2,395	\$7,995 \$3,095	\$8,195 \$3,295	\$10,895 \$6,195
Aug 28–Sep 9, Sep 4–16, Sep 11–23, Sep 18–30, Sep 25–Oct 7, Oct 2–14, Oct 9–21, Oct 16–28, Oct 23–Nov 4, Oct 30–Nov 11 Single Supplement	\$7,395 \$3,195	\$7,495 \$3,295	\$7,595 \$3,395	\$8,495 \$4,095	\$8,695 \$4,295	\$11,395 \$7,195

**Internal Air:** Economy class from \$950

Beijing/Xian; Yichang/Shanghai

**Journey Details**

This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years. First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 12. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests. Please note that multiple groups of 18 A&K guests and other passengers may be travelling on board 'Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer' simultaneously.