

# 15 Day Classic China & Yangtze River Cruise

BEIJING • CHONGQING • THREE GORGES • YICHANG • WUXI • SUZHOU • TONGLI • SHANGHAI

Unbelievable All-inclusive Deal

**\$2585** + taxes \$480.00



**IT IS TIME TO VISIT CHINA!**

A trip to China is always a dream trip for Canadian seniors. The Amazing Great Wall, the Historical Forbidden City, and the Breathtaking Yangtze River scenery attract thousands of tourists worldwide. According to World Tourism Rankings, China will become the 2nd largest tourism destination by 2015 and will propel to No.1 by 2020.

Since the first senior centre China tour organized by Nexus Holidays in 2009, Nexus Holidays has successfully organized more than 1000 senior centre members to travel to China with overwhelming feedback. This is a wonderful opportunity to fulfil your dreams, so please invite your friends and relatives to join this special promotion to China!

**An Unforgettable Lifetime Dream Trip**

- All inclusive package including afares, hotel accommodation, transportation, meals, guided sightseeing tours, admission fees
- Guided tours with professional English speaking tour guides
- National tour escort during the entire trip
- Luxury accommodations & Deluxe Yangtze River Cruise
- Deluxe air-conditioned coaches

**DAY 1 Canada → Beijing**

Start your trip of a lifetime by taking the flight from Canada to Beijing.

**DAY 2 Arrive Beijing**

Meet your guide upon arrival in late afternoon and transfer to the hotel for a refreshing good night's rest to prepare for the exciting trip ahead.

**DAY 3 Beijing B L S Traders Upper East (5★) or equivalent**

Following breakfast, you will start your tour from the largest public square in the world—the **Tiananmen Square**, and then enter the **Forbidden City**, home of Chinese emperors for more than 500 years. In the afternoon, you will visit the harmonious **Temple of Heaven**, one of the best examples of Ming Dynasty architecture in China, also an ornate sanctuary where Chinese Emperors prayed for good harvest. At the welcome dinner, feast on the emperor's cuisine—The **Beijing Roast Duck Banquet** arranged at a leading city restaurant. After dinner, return to the hotel to rest or attend an optional show—"Legend of Kung-fu" at your own expense.

**DAY 4 Beijing B L D Traders Upper East (5★) or equivalent**

An unforgettable outing includes a walk to the wondrous **Great Wall**, at Juyongguan, where you will have the chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile vista. Zigzagging from east to west along the undulating mountains, the Great Wall, said to be visible from the moon, was built to hold off tribal invaders from the north. Its dramatic descents, steep ridges and narrow valleys will provide wonderful landscape photos. Then you'll have an opportunity to shop at the largest Jade Center of Asia and Cloisonné Factory. Back in the city, enjoy an outside view of the beautiful **Bird's Nets and Water Cube**, built for the 2008 Olympics. After dinner, cap off the day by attending an energetic performance of a **Chinese Acrobatic Show**.

Departure Date	Package Price	Land Only	Single Supplement
Oct. 18, 2014	<b>C\$2,585</b> +\$480 taxes	<b>C\$1,899</b>	<b>C\$699</b>

The int'l airfare is based on United Airline or Hainan Airline departing from Toronto. Air Canada non-stop flight can be arranged with \$200/person extra. Airfare is subject to change until reservation is made. Add on airfare from other cities: Please contact for more details.

**Package Price Includes:** ▪ Int'l & Domestic flights in economy class ▪ Deluxe or first class hotel accommodation ▪ Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner as indicated ▪ Guided sightseeing tours as indicated ▪ All entrance fees as per program ▪ Professional English-speaking tour guide ▪ All transfers and transportation with A/C bus ▪ Accident Insurance in China

**Package Price Does Not Include:** ▪ Airport taxes and fuel surcharges \$480 ▪ Gratuity for tour guide, driver and cruise (\$180/passenger total) ▪ China Visa fee \$100 ▪ Any personal expenditure ▪ Medical and Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance ▪ Anything not listed on the itinerary





**B** Breakfast **L** Lunch **D** Dinner **S** Special Banquet  
 Nexus Holidays reserves the right to adjust itinerary and to substitute hotels in similar standard if the hotels listed in the flyers are not available.

**DAY 5 Beijing** **B L** **Traders Upper East (5★) or equivalent**

In the morning, tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient garden in China, and a former summer resort for Emperors and the chosen few. Lunch will follow a shopping visit to Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences. You'll have your afternoon free to explore the city on your own. You may choose to join our optional programme, **Experience the Hutong Life Tour**: a special journey exploring the ancient Beijing Alley District by a rickshaw, plus a visit to a local family and a local market; or just stroll by yourself in the **Wang-fu-jing Business Street**. Today's dinner will be on your own.

**DAY 6 Beijing → Chongqing-Yangtze River** **B L D**  
**President Prime (5★) or equivalent**

Fly to the mountain city Chongqing in the morning. Upon arrival visit the **Panda House**. Then board the deluxe Yangtze River cruiser and start your adventure tour on the Yangtze River. The cruise ship will depart from Chongqing at 9:30PM.

**DAY 7 Yangtze River Cruise** **B L D**

The cruiser sails downstream. Shore excursions to **Shibaozhai**, located on the north bank of the Yangtze River. This rocky and craggy hill has extremely steep sides and is about 200 meters (700 feet) tall. On the river side of the hill is a red pavilion of nine floors which leans against the side of the hill providing a walkway to the temple at the top of the hill.

**DAY 8 Yangtze River Cruise** **B L D**

Disembark at Wushan where you'll board a small riverboat for a leisurely ride through **Shennong Stream**, with its picturesque rock formations, and even see the playful monkeys and goats along the river banks. Then the ship will pass Badong, Zigui, and sail into the Xiling Gorge, which is renowned for being extremely perilous and is the longest one of the Three Gorges. The ship will pass the ship-lock of the Three Gorges Dam, arrive at Sandouping in the evening.

**DAY 9 Yangtze River Cruise —Yichang** **B L D**

**Yichang Jinjiang Hotel (5★) or equivalent**

The cruise ship will stop at Taipingxi in the morning. Disembark to visit the massive **Three Gorges Dam Project**, which is the world's largest dam, measuring 606 feet high and 6,500 feet long. In 1997, the cofferdam was completed and the main structure begun. The dam has two five-stage locks to raise and lower ships to the different river levels. Each lock in the five stages is 65 feet high and 910 feet long. The cruise ship arrives in Yichang city at noon, where you will visit **Sanyou Cave** and have a good rest at the hotel.

**DAY 10 Yichang → Shanghai** **Tonli Suzhou** **B L D**  
**Pan Pacific Hotel (5★) or equivalent**

Leave Yichang to Shanghai by air this morning. After arrival, proceed to **Tongli**. As an ancient town with more than 1000 years history, Tongli typifies the water county of South China. There are 5 lakes surrounding Tongli from outside, and the town is divided into 15 small islands by more than 10 rivers inside. However, the islands are connected by more than 40 various style stone bridges which were built in different dynasties. Tongli stayed free from the wars due to its difficult accessibility in the old times, which allowed more ancient buildings to be well preserved. Then back to Suzhou, visit **Ligong Di** and have a beautiful night view of Suzhou.

**DAY 11 Suzhou** **B L D** **Pan Pacific Hotel (5★) or equivalent**  
 Suzhou has been praised as "Venice of the East". The city's many excellent classical gardens have given Suzhou the title of the "Garden City". Our sightseeing includes the **Humble Administrator's Garden** and the **Garden of Master of Nets**. Later visit a **silk factory** and enjoy a silk fashion show before a delicious dinner of local cuisines.

**DAY 12 Suzhou Wuxi** **B L D** **Swiss-Belhotel (5★) or equivalent**  
 Wuxi is famous for its landscapes which are truly something to marvel at. Visit the **Lingshan Grand Buddha**. At more than 88 metres high, the Grand Buddha at Lingshan is an outdoor, bronze Sakyamuni standing Buddha weighing over 700 tons. Visit Freshwater Pearls Farm before you taste delicious local cuisines at dinner, including Wuxi Pork Ribs with special sauces.

**DAY 13 Wuxi Shanghai** **B L D** **Minya Hotel (5★) or equivalent**  
 After breakfast, we will take the coach bus to Shanghai, the largest financial centre in China. Upon arrival, start your memorable tour in Shanghai by walking along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. Our next stop will be the bustling shopping district, **Nanjing Road**. Continue to visit the Ming Dynasty **Yuyuan Garden**, an oasis in this thriving metropolis. After dinner, you may take an optional Night cruise on the Huangpu River at your own expense.

**DAY 14 Shanghai** **B L** **Minya Hotel (5★) or equivalent**  
 After breakfast, visit the **Shanghai Museum**. There you will find ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade. After ample time admiring the numerous exhibits, you'll be given an opportunity to shop for the highest quality craft goods. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy at leisure.

**DAY 15 Shanghai → Canada** **B**  
 Fly back to Canada. You may also extend your trip to Hong Kong.

**Optional Tour:**

**Xi'an Optional tour : C\$280.00 /person**

**DAY 5 Beijing → Xi'an** **B L S** **Grand Royal Hotel (5★) or equivalent**  
 Fly to Xi'an in the morning, the Eastern terminus of the fabled Silk Road and one of the ancient capitals of China. Xi'an is home to the Terracotta Army, designed to follow the first emperor of the Qin Dynasty (221-206 BC) into eternity. Visit the excavation site of the life-sized defenders, **Terracotta Warriors and Horses**. Tonight we enjoy a special **Imperial Dumpling Banquet and spectacular music and dance show** reminiscent of the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.), a period generally considered a golden era of the Chinese civilization.

**Hong Kong Escape 3 nights 4 days: C\$599.00 /person**

**DAY 15 Shanghai → Hong Kong** **B**  
**Metro Park Hotel Kowloon or equivalent**

Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong, upon your arrival at Hong Kong, a vibrant metropolis, you will take the shuttle bus to the hotel. The rest of the day is free at your own leisure.

**DAY 16 Hong Kong** **Metro Park Hotel Kowloon or equivalent**  
 Today, you will explore Hong Kong's unique blend of Chinese heritage and colonial influences. Your tour will include Victoria Peak, the floating community of Aberdeen and Repulse Bay of Hong Kong Island, and the Wong Tai Sin Temple, the Bird Market and the Jade Market in Kowloon. The rest of the day is free on your own.

**DAY 17 Hong Kong** **Metro Park Hotel Kowloon or equivalent**  
 Free at leisure.

**DAY 18 Hong Kong → Toronto**  
 Free in the morning. Then you will take the shuttle bus to Hong Kong international airport to fly to your next destination.

