



YANGTZE RIVER DOWNSTREAM SHORT STAY

Short Stay | 4 Days | Physical Level 1
Chongqing to Yichang

On this classic itinerary you'll glide through the Three Gorges, Qutang, Wu and Xiling, visit the colossal dam and enjoy shore excursions that will help you see China from a new perspective.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation (3 nights on cruise ship)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private transfers
- Shared shore excursions with English speaking guide



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Chongqing

Meals: None

Arrive in Chongqing airport or railway station where you will be met and transferred to board your Yangtze river cruise ship for a three-night voyage through China's heartland.

The Yangtze River cruise itinerary will not be confirmed by the cruise operators until after you commence your tour as it is subject to local river conditions and water levels. Shore excursions are subject to change depending on local conditions. A detailed itinerary will be handed out on the vessel each day.

There are amenities package, deck and cabin upgrades available to pre-book – please enquire with our Reservations team.



Destination Information

Yangtze River – One of the world's great and legendary waterways, this 6,300km river has its origins high up in the snow-covered mountain of Tanggula, in the southwestern Qinghai Tibet Plateau, and runs into the ocean in Shanghai. It is estimated that the banks of this river are home to almost a third of China's population.

Day 2: Mount Shuanggui

Meals: B, L, D

Cruise along the mighty Yangtze River. Relax onboard or disembark to explore the elegant pavilions of Mount Shuanggui and view the impressive cliff brush writings by Song Dynasty calligraphers.

Depending on local conditions, you may visit Shibaozhai Temple or Xiaoguanshan Folk Culture Park instead.

Additional shore excursions may include Fengdu's "Ghost City" and Fengyan Sanguo "Romance of the Three Kingdoms" evening show (river conditions permitting).



Destination Information

Mt. ShuangGui – A national forest park known for its picturesque scenery and has for centuries been a favorite destination for literati and artists. There are cliff brush writings of calligraphists here from the Song Dynasty to the present day, and pavilions are named for notable historic figures.

Day 3: The Three Gorges

Meals: B, L, D

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as you enter the Three Gorges and pass through Wu and Qutang gorges. Wu gorge is known for its quiet beauty, forest-covered mountains, and sheer cliffs, while Qutang Gorge is the shortest, narrowest, and most dramatic gorge. Transfer to smaller vessels for a relaxing excursion through the Goddess Stream, which are narrower than the Three Gorges, but very impressive. There is no walking involved on this excursion; however you will need to get on and off the boat without assistance. Return to the ship and continue cruising through the gorges.



Depending on local river conditions, you may visit Shennong Stream instead of Goddess Stream. Additional shore excursions may include White Emperor City.

Destination Information

Goddess Stream – Goddess Stream, also known as ‘Shennü Xi’ in Chinese, flows from the southern bank of the Yangtze opposite Goddess Peak. Once just a stream, the Three Gorges Dam raised the water level to 70-100 metres in depth, depending on the season.

Day 4: Depart Yichang

Meals: B

Visit the Three Gorges Dam, the world’s largest hydroelectric dam, and marvel at this incredible feat of engineering. Disembark the ship and take a scenic 45-minute drive to the viewing area above the ship locks, where you will be able to appreciate the immense scale of this monumental project.



Disembark and transfer to Yichang railway station or airport where your arrangements end.

Please be aware that there are a number of steps involved in embarking and disembarking your Yangtze River Cruise Ship, particularly during low tide. If you think this may be an issue, please inform us in advance.

Destination Information

Three Gorges Dam – Commenced in 1994 and completed in 2009, the Three Gorges Dam is the largest water conservancy project ever undertaken. The Dam is located near Sandouping, which is in the middle of the Xiling Gorge, the longest of the Three Gorges. The Three Gorges Dam is 2,335m long, 185m high, 18m wide on the top and 130m wide at the bottom. The dam has raised the river to a level of 175m above sea level, creating a 600km long reservoir. The building of this huge dam was for the purpose of flood control, electricity, navigation, and irrigation.

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