



YANGTZE RIVER - UPSTREAM SHORT STAY

Short Stay | 5 Days | Physical Level 1
Yichang to Chongqing

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



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Yichang

Meals: None

Arrive at Yichang airport or railway station where you'll be met and transferred to Maoping Docks to board your Yangtze River cruise ship, beginning an unforgettable four-night journey upstream through some of China's most breathtaking scenery.

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: Three Gorges Dam

Meals: B, L, D

Visit the Three Gorges Dam, the largest hydroelectric dam in the world. Disembark the ship and drive around 30 minutes to the viewing area above the ship locks where you will be able to truly appreciate the scale of this hydroelectric project. There is also a small museum here and a lookout point. Return to the ship and sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest of the three gorges.

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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.

Day 3: The Three Gorges

Meals: B, L, D

Transfer to smaller vessels for a relaxing 1.5-hour excursion through the Shennong Stream gorges, which are narrower than the Three Gorges, but very impressive. There is no walking involved on this shore excursion, however you will need to get on and off the boat without assistance. Later, as the cruise ship continues upstream, prepare for breathtaking vistas as you 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.



Depending on local river conditions, you may travel along the gorges of Goddess Stream instead of Shennong Stream. The tranquil Goddess Stream flows from the Southern bank of the Yangtze, opposite Goddess Peak, and is home to many protected species of animals. Cruise through the stream's narrow gorges on a smaller vessel and enjoy the beauty of your surrounds.

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Shennong Stream – Shennong Stream flows from north to south through stunning deep gorges finally merging with the Yangtze to the east of the mouth of Wu Gorge. The landscape on both banks of this crystal-clear stream is unique and tranquil.

Day 4: Xiaoguanshan Folk Park

Meals: B, L, D

Continue cruising along the mighty Yangtze River. Relax onboard or disembark to explore the Xiaoguanshan Folk Culture Park, a reconstructed park featuring ancestral homes, the historic Tianfo Temple, and Huichuan Gate, all rescued from the submerged areas of the Three Gorges Dam. Sightseeing is leisurely on foot, taking approximately 1-2 hours.



Depending on local river conditions and the cruise program, you may visit Mt. Shuanggui or Fengdu Ghost City instead.

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Xiaoguanshan Folk Culture Park – Spanning 2,001 square meters, the park features the historic homes of the Qin, Zhou, Wang, and Lu families, as well as the ancient Tianfo Temple and Huichuan Gate, all originally located in the Three Gorges Dam's submerged areas of Gaojia and Mingshan towns. These valuable structures were painstakingly dismantled, with each piece meticulously numbered, and then transported to Xiaoguanshan. Over the course of five years, from 2002 to 2007, they were carefully reconstructed to preserve their historical integrity.

Day 5: Depart Chongqing

Meals: B

Disembark in Chongqing this morning and transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey.

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.



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