

# 7 DAY CHONGQING & YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

## Asia Vacation Group – Authentic Asia!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover Asia with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of Asia's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences and quality inclusions all at an unbeatable prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by our team with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in Asia touring since 2015, we are proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

<b>Returned Flight Included</b>	<b>7 Day Change of Mind</b>	<b>Australian Company owned</b>
<b>Fully escorted by English-speaking local tour guide</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Chongqing, Yangtze

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Returned flights included.**
- **Compulsory Tipping for driver and tour guide (AU\$12 per person/day)**
- Incredible sightseeing, including: Chongqing and Yangtze River
- Comfortable group experience with no more than 40 persons
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 2 nights hotel and 4 nights on cruise
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrival in Chongqing - Yichang - Yangtze

Today you will depart from Australia to Chongqing, China!

Upon arrival at Chongqing Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Spend the morning at your leisure before travelling to Yichang by a bullet train in the afternoon. Yichang, the gateway to the Yangtze River, is the starting point of our Yangtze River Cruise, your home for the next four nights as you sail along the Yangtze River. Once you've settled into your room, follow the travellers in the main hall for the Captain's welcome speech and safety instruction.

**Meals:** In-flight meals, Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Victoria Cruise 5\* or similar

**Remark:** You will stay at Rezen Winterless Hotel Chongqing 4\* or similar if you arrive early morning or midnight.

### Day 2: Yangtze River -

Enjoy your first day on the Yangtze River as the ship wends through spectacular scenery. This morning indulge in a beautiful breakfast buffet onboard and free at leisure or buy an optional tour to the Three Gorges Project. One of the largest construction projects undertaken by man, it is also the biggest hydroelectric power project in the world.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Victoria Cruise 5\* or similar

**Optional Tour: Tribe of the Three Gorges.**

One of the few remaining scenic spots not to have been influenced by the Three Gorges Dam project, this leafy area showcases Ba-Shu Culture. Come evening you'll return to the ship and attend the Captain's Welcome Banquet, enjoying an evening of dancing and good food.

**Day 3: Yangtze River -**

Today, we'll enjoy a shore excursion at your own expense to the mesmerizing Shennong Stream. A tributary of the Yangtze, the Shennong flows through three beautiful gorges including the Mianzhu, Parrot and Long Guangdong. Each gorge is renowned for its unique and stunning scenery. The Shennong Stream is also home to the Hanging Coffins – ancient coffins suspended high up on the limestone cliff faces, which contain the remains of descendants of the Tujia people. In the afternoon, return to the ship in time for lunch and enjoy the crew's magnificent performance in the evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Victoria Cruise 5\* or similar

**Optional Tour: White Emperor City.**

An ancient temple complex overlooking the western end of Qutang Gorge, White Emperor City has long been the subject of many poems. From the site visitors can enjoy views that look back toward the Qutang Gorge – a sight that's depicted on the back of the Chinese 10-yuan bill (trip offered when river conditions permit).

**Day 4: Yangtze River -**

Take a shore excursion at your own expense to the Xiaoguan Shan Ancient Folk Culture Park, a noted site for the relocation and reconstruction of architectural relics after the water rose on the Yangtze as a result of the Three Gorges Dam Project, and scenic Mt. Shuanggui, a national forest park. Depending on river conditions, an alternate excursion may be substituted with Shibaozhai, with its impressive wooden pagoda. This evening you enjoy a Farewell Dinner with the rest of the travelers and crew and prepare for disembarkation tomorrow morning.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Victoria Cruise 5\* or similar

**Optional Tour: Fengdu Ghost City.**

In Fengdu Ghost City, you could visit dozens of interesting places and constructions, among which don't miss the highlighting Bridge of Troubled Water, Emperor's Palace, and Gate of Hell to know more about the culture of ghosts in China.

**Day 5: Yangtze River - Chongqing**

This morning you will disembark the cruise in the city of Chongqing.

Transfer to the hotel. You can explore this beautiful city at your own pace. Alternatively, you can join our well-planned optional day tour. On this sightseeing tour you'll explore the many landmarks of Chongqing including Hongyadong Folk Custom Scene Area, Ciqikou ancient town, Panda House and three Gorges Museum.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Rezen Winterless Hotel Chongqing 4\* or similar

**Day 6: Chongqing - Home -**

Today is still your leisure day. You can visit Chongqing on your own arrangement or join our optional day tour and be transferred to the airport in late evening. Our "to be a local tour" will take you to witness the magnificent 8D Chongqing by taking the subway, bus, elevator, escalator, cableway etc. to experience the magic transportation used by the locals every day. We will also go visit a wet market and try hotpot in the air-raid shelter used during World War II.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** On Plane

**Day 7: Home**

Today, you are at home and we hope you enjoy your trip with Asia Vacation Group!

## **INCLUSIONS**

- **Return Flights included.**
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 8 night hotel accommodation
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

## EXCLUSIONS

- Water bottle per person per day
- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in China
- **Compulsory Tipping for driver and tour guide (AU\$12 per person/day). This is collected by our tour guide when you arrives in China**
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Friday</b> 21 Jun 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 27 Jun 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 28 Jun 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 04 Jul 2024	AU\$2,099		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 02 Aug 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 08 Aug 2024	AU\$2,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 23 Aug 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 29 Aug 2024	AU\$2,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 07 Sep 2024	<b>Friday</b> 13 Sep 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 21 Sep 2024	<b>Friday</b> 27 Sep 2024	AU\$2,099		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 12 Oct 2024	<b>Friday</b> 18 Oct 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 19 Oct 2024	<b>Friday</b> 25 Oct 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 26 Oct 2024	<b>Friday</b> 01 Nov 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 02 Nov 2024	<b>Friday</b> 08 Nov 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Saturday</b> 16 Nov 2024	<b>Friday</b> 22 Nov 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 30 Nov 2024	<b>Friday</b> 06 Dec 2024	AU\$1,699		<a href="#">Book</a>

## OPTIONAL TOURS

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from Sydney/Melbourne and surcharge from Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, Tasmania or other city if requested when selecting your departure city.

#### Interstate Surcharge

Surcharge of **AU\$400** for departures from Adelaide & Brisbane, **AU\$500** for departures from Perth, **AU\$ 300** for departure from Tasmania

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, ... or similar (20/23kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).

- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 23 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of \$250 per person.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of \$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a \$250 admin fee to assist reaccommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the

airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

#### **Flight requests, amendments or preferences**

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

##### **COVID-19**

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

##### **Physical Requirements**

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

##### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of 12AUD per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

##### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

##### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is **AU\$550 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

##### **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

##### **Group size: 2-40 pax**

##### **Triple Share**

Upon your request except for cruises

##### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling.

We have partnered with NibTravel Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance.

You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

##### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A tourist visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. Please note as of today you are required to attend a Chinese Visa Application Service Centre in person to apply for a visa. China Visa Application Service Centres can be found in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane.

Please visit <https://www.visaforchina.cn/> for more information.

You will be able to start your visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.

Please note:

- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organizations, may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/> for up-to-date information in terms of entry requirements.

#### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

#### **Children**

Children must be 10 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

#### **Optional tours:**

Tribe of Three Gorges: AUD 85/pp

Ship lift at the Three Gorges Dam: AUD 85/pp

White Emperor City: AUD 85/pp

Fengdu Ghost City: AUD 85/pp

Chongqing Insight Tour with lunch: AUD 140/pp

Chongqing to be a local Tour with hotpot lunch: AUD 155/pp

#### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent on land.

#### **HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

#### **Pre Tour Accommodation**

- AU\$120 per room, per night based on double/twin room share
- AU\$ 95 per vehicle per way for Airport transfer pick up (no tour guide)

#### **Post Tour Accommodation**

- AU\$120 per room, per night based on double/twin room share
- AU\$ 95 per vehicle per way for Airport transfer pick up (no tour guide)

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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