



Yangtze Supreme River Cruise
11 -nights (3-nights in Xian 4 nights in Yichang
Hubei & 4 nights cruise along the Yangtze

Arrival for 3 nights
in Xian

The Grand Park Xian

Transfer to Yichang
for 4 more nights

Hotel Xindao
Yichang

Cruising the great
Yangtze River

Embark 19.30 pm

Where the Voyage never ends

Grand Park Hotel Xian



Hotel Xindao Yichang



River Yangtze



Century Legend

A short overview on Xian and Yichang

Xian

Your first vacation of your Gem holiday begins right in the heart of Chinese ancient history. Xi'an, the capital, Shaanxi Province, was once the capital city the early Chinese Imperial Dynasties, often referred to as the birthplace of Chinese civilization. Xi'an was the base of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, of the Qin dynasty. Qin was the architect of early unification of China, defeating six warring states and establishing the first centralized monarchy. He created the Great Wall of China.

The Qin Empire did not last beyond his grandson. The Han kingdom to the east of Qin emerged as the victor in the power struggle. The Han decided to make Xian their capital and to maintain the ruling imperial bureaucracy, referred to as the Golden Age, due to its economic growth at that time. The Han Dynasty officially opened trade with the West, originating from Xi'an, and named the Silk Road. The City Wall was built by Emperor Zhu Yuanzhang of the Ming Dynasty, to dominate the surrounding countryside and provide defense. With intricate drawbridges, towers and a moat, the wall was once one of the most impressive military defense systems in the world. It safeguarded a city where 13 Chinese dynasties had their capital. Xi'an food is also not to be missed, ranging from Cantonese to spicy Sichuan styles, the favourites being dumplings, noodles and lamb.

Yichang

Here you will find virgin forests, clear streams, and waterfalls in the canyons. The Tide Cave located here floods three times a day, the Icy Cave that is always icy in summers, the Fish Cave that inhabited lots of fish at times of thunder and more. The golden-haired monkey, giant salamander, spotted deer etc. China is the reputed oldest uninterrupted civilization on the planet and as a result is a country full of old and new cities. The vast profound great land is better explained not by

words but by experiencing it for yourself and the Yangtze River is perfect for just that. It is the longest river in Asia and has stunning majestic landscapes flowing from the Tibetan Plateau, in the west to the China Sea, in the east. This is where your Second Vacation begins boarding the 398-passenger ship, Century Legend for an All-Inclusive 5-days cruise up the Yangtze River, China. Your voyage begins at the Three Gorges Centre Cruise Terminal in Yichang and will sail to Chongqing, Sichuan, China.

The Shennongjia Nature Reserve in eastern Hubei Province, covers around 3,253 square kilometres and is listed as a world heritage by the UNESCO. Because of its exceptional natural scenery, rare foliage's, endangered animals and the legendary mysterious Wild Man Yeti) said to be roaming the mountains, the forest zone has attracted any tourists, researchers and scientists. Shennongding Peak, the highest mountain at 10,188 feet (about 3105.4 meters) above sea level. The lowest point, Shizhu River





You will spend 4days-3-nights at the Grand Park Xian, Overlooking the majestic City Wall, Grand Park Xian is a one of the distinguished Five Star Hotels in the heart of this beautiful city. Yongningmen Subway Station (Line 2) is situated around a 2-minute walk away, providing easy access to top attractions. You may want to try biking around the well- preserved City Walls, once built to protect the city, offering stunning views of the surrounding area.

Boasting an imposing façade with tiled roofs that evoke the grandeur of an ancient palace, the hotel is an iconic landmark within the newly launched Celebration Square making it one of the finest and ideally located hotels Xian could offer. The 10-storey hotel offers luxury rooms and is within walking distance of main tourist attractions, restaurants and parks. Dining options include the elegant all-day dining Veranda Café and an authentic Cantonese restaurant, Park Palace.

There is a spacious atrium Lobby Lounge. For enhanced wellbeing, the newly renovated Crystal Club Lounge offers a sports and recreation centre, games room and a tea house. The amenities onsite are 24-hour Room service, Business Centre, Carpark, Concierge, Fitness room, Games room (Mahjong room and card room), Laundry service and a Recreational centre equipped with sauna facilities. The rooms are all decorated with traditional Chinese and modern elements, exhibiting the fascinating Chinese culture and the oriental luxury. Indulge in the spacious and exquisite ambience of black walnut furnishing and immerse in its refined elegance. With comprehensive facilities including IDD phone calls, high-speed internet access, satellite TV and comfortable executive desks, all our rooms provide an efficient and relaxing space for both business and leisure travelers. Twin bed and double bed options are available.



Hotel Xindao Yichang

You will be staying at the Xindao Hotel, centrally located in Yichang and only a 30-minute drive from Yichang Railway Station. The hotel boasts numerous leisure options that include a fitness centre, sauna, spa, billiards, table-tennis, tennis- court, karaoke and children's facilities.

Buffet spreads and à la carte Chinese dishes can be enjoyed at Xinxiang yuan restaurant. The rooms are decorated in pleasant neutral shades, all rooms come with a cozy seating area, flat-screen TV and minibar. Free toiletries, hairdryers and shower facilities can also be found in the bathroom. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and free parking for guests. Here are some of the top attractions in Yichang you may wish to try: Sanyou Cave that is in the sheer cliff at the northern side of Xiling Gorge that's around 10km out of Yichang City, that offers incredible cave scenery in the Three Gorges area. You will find here poetic inscriptions left by poets, dating back to the Tang Dynasty, who frequented this breath- taking scenic place in search of inspiration. The themes of the inscriptions are much pretty much similar, praising the fantastic cave scenery, however due to the changes in the Chinese language in various eras, the form of the inscriptions vary. A small path leads from the cave entrance up to the Zhixin Pavilion, where you can amazing views of the majestic scenery of the mighty Yangtze River twisting among the mountains.

Want an unforgettable dining experience in the most unusual restaurant? Here you will find the Fang Weng Restaurant hanging on the face of Xiling Mountain, a vast scenic stretch of cliffs, caves and park land located around the area where the Chang Jiang River flows into the Yangtze. The memory of your dining here will linger long after you have returned home. When walking into the restaurant and down the steps, you will come to a natural cave lobby, a 30-meter-long plank road has been built along the cliffside, leading to another cave which houses the restaurant. Part of the dining hall hangs out of the cave, hanging several hundred feet above the ground.

Welcome aboard “Century Legend”

Century Legend is one of the best luxury river ships for cruising the Yangtze, offering Staterooms on the Century much larger than its counterparts in other parts of the world. Each cabin includes a living area with a sofa, a coffee table and a writing desk, bathroom with a shower/tub combination, equipped with luxury bath products, bathrobes and slippers, nice comfortable beds with a firm mattress with memory-foam, covered with fine Egyptian cotton linens, HD flat-screen TV, a mini-fridge and mini-bar, a personal safe, individual climate control and complimentary bottled water that is replenished daily. All cabins come with a private balcony allowing you to capture the magnificent scenic views as you travel up the Yangtze, here are the types of cabins you can choose from: Deluxe Standard Cabin), Junior Suite or an Executive Suite.

The ships amenities include Service Desk with Safety Deposit, Gym, Sauna, Jacuzzi, Spa, Beauty Salon, Health Clinic, Chinese Massage, Acupuncture and Moxibustion services, Children’s Playroom, Sun Deck, Observation Decks – outside, Observations Decks – enclosed, Free Mineral Water, Business Centre, Shops, Multipurpose Rooms, Card Room, Games Room, Smoking Room, Library, Live entertainment, Karaoke, Swimming Pool, and Elevators. There are two restaurants onboard Century Legend, the Global Restaurant and VIP Restaurant. The Global Restaurant is the main dining hall for most cruise guests onboard and the host venue for the Captain’s Farewell Party. The VIP Restaurant on the upper deck for Executive Suite Guests. The fine dining restaurant offers an intimate atmosphere, succulent delicacies with the kind of style and grace only found in world-class establishments.



Dining onboard The Century

You'll get delighted when dining on Century Legend. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are buffet, from local delicacies as well as a variety of cuisines from around the world. There are two restaurants onboard Century Legend, the Global Restaurant and VIP Restaurant. Global Restaurant is the main dining hall for most cruise guests onboard and the host venue for the Captain's Farewell Party, and the VIP Restaurant on the higher deck is offered for guests booking suites. For guests booking standard Deluxe Cabins, you can also pay extra to enjoy dining in the VIP Restaurant. The options are plenty on Century Legend which could be called the "culinary delights". The menu on each meal varies with daily change.

Breakfast options: cereal, congee, milk, butter, jam, dried fruit, juice, egg station, dim sum, bread, salad, fruit, hot dish, pickles, etc.

Lunch options: marinated salads, dressings, condiments, appetizers, bread, soups, rice, main courses (sweet and sour fish stick, roasted beef, cucumber cubes with mashed garlic, green peas with leek, white bean curd with chives), vegetables, pasta station, wonton, sandwich pizza, mousse, desserts, hot dessert, fresh fruits, etc.

Dinner options: appetizers (smoked duck breast, sweet and sour pork spareribs, bean curd in herb sauce, dry bean curd with green vegetables), soup, rice, main courses (pork cordon bleu, sweet and sour pork with fruit, stir fried chicken, beef stroganoff, braised meatballs in brown gravy, stir fried vegetables with garlic, roast potatoes with chili and bell peppers and so on), desserts, etc.

River Yangtze Cruise (4-Nights)

DELUXE CABIN (28.00 m²)

Total Suites: 156

Beds: Twin Beds (0.9 m * 2.0 m)

Private Balcony: 2.80 m²

Bathroom: Bathtub & Shower

Location: 2/3/4F

Extra Bed: Yes

JUNIOR SUITE (30.00 m²)

Total Suites: 4

Beds: Twin Beds (0.9 m * 2.0 m)

Private Balcony: 3.24 m²

Bathroom: Bathtub & Shower

Location: 3/4 F

Extra Bed: Yes

EXECUTIVE SUITE (38.50 m²)

Total Suites: 34

Beds: Twin Beds (0.9 m * 2.0 m)

Private Balcony: 3.84 m²

Bathroom: Bathtub & Shower

Location: 5/6 F



Your Cruise itinerary

Day 1

Embarkation at 19.30 and Briefing at 22.00

Day 2

After breakfast you will go on a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydropower project and most notorious dam. The massive project sets records for number of people displaced (more than 1.2 million), number of cities and towns flooded (13 cities, 140 towns, 1,350 villages), and length of reservoir of more than 600 km. Around noon, return to the ship for lunch. You will have an optional afternoon excursion if you wish to the Tribe of The Three Gorges or you may want to relax and go for a spa before the Captains Welcome Dinner at 17.45 as the ship sets sail through the west part of the Xiling Gorge. At 28.30, you will be entertained by the crew in a cabaret show.

Day 3

If you are an early riser, you may wish to participate in some Tai Chi after an early morning coffee and after a shower dine for breakfast while sailing through Wu Gorge. After breakfast you will go ashore to Shennong Stream, a 60km tributary of the Yangtze River, originating in the southern part of Shennongjia Natural Reserve and joins the Yangtze at Xirangkou in Hubei's Badong County.

The crystal clear and unpolluted water flows swiftly. The ancient plank path runs along the river where mysterious ancient coffins are suspended high on the cliff and wild monkeys running under the primitive trees and bushes. At around 13.00 you return to the ship for lunch and have the option to join another excursion in the afternoon to White Emperor City, a Temple located in Fengjie, Chongqing, with outstanding cultural and historical relics, and a wonderful place to admire the view of Kui Gate of Qutang Gorge. In the evening after dinner (around 21.00) you can enjoy dancing, karaoke or join in a game of bingo.

Day 4

After breakfast it's off to Shibao Pagoda, which means Stone Treasure Fortress. This rocky 200- metres-tall hill is extremely steep and on the river side of the hill is a read pavilion of nine floors which leans against the side of the hill providing a walkway to the temple at the top. Erected by Emperor Qianlong, the Shibaozhai Temple is a 12-storey, 18th century temple built on the northern bank of the Yangtze River. Local folks say the higher one climb's the temple, the more likely your wish or dreams will come true. After lunch back on the ship, you have the option to join an afternoon shore excursion to Fengdu Ghost City where shrines, temples

legends link the site to the King of the Underworld. There is a Captain's Farewell Dinner at 19.00 and finishes around 20.30, after which you can relax and enjoy some drinks at the bar and lounge.

Day 5

Arrival in Chongqing – Disembark After a wonderful breakfast, you are ready to disembark and make your journey home to share the amazing sights you experienced with your family and friends.

Yangtze River



The Yangtze River China (2 people)

4-night Stay at Grand Park Hotel Xian
(Xian)
(Room with Breakfast)

4-night stay at Hotel Xindao
(Yichang)
(Room with Breakfast)

4-night cruise on the mighty River Yangtze
(China)
(All Inclusive)

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