

CHINA & YANGTZE RIVER

**12 days / 10 nights visiting Beijing, Xian, Chongqing,
Yangtze River Cruise, Yichang & Shanghai**



from C\$ 3299 p.p. twin share

Taxes & China visa fee Are Additional 30 days advance booking required Maximum Stay 30 days

- Day 1 Fly Vancouver to Beijing via Seattle on China Hainan Airlines.
- Day 2 Arrive Beijing, the capital of China. Meet with guide and transferred to your hotel.
- Day 3 Morning visit to **Tiananmen Square**, the largest public square in the world. The **Forbidden City**, the complex of imperial palaces which is home to the emperors for over 500 years in the Ming and Qing dynasties. After lunch, visit the **Summer Palace**, a former summer resort for the royal family and a boat ride on Lake Kunming if weather permits. Shop at a **Pearl market** before transfer back to your hotel. (B/L)
- Day 4 Full day tour to the **Great Wall**, you will visit the less crowded Mutianyu section with **cable car ride** included. After lunch, visit old Beijing—**Hutongs by trishaw** and have tea at a local family. This evening, enjoy a delicious **Beijing roast duck dinner**. (B/L/D)
- Day 5 Visit the **Temple of Heaven** in the morning and a 100 years old **Silk store**. This afternoon you will fly to Xian, the most historic city in China and the capital of ancient China for 11 dynasties. Your guide will meet you on arrival and transfer to your hotel. (B/L)
- Day 6 Full day **Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses** at the Tomb of Qin Shi Hu, the first Qin Emperor. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** which was built in 652 AD. Visit a **Jade carving factory** before transfer back to your hotel. (B/L)
- Day 7 This morning you will visit **Shanxi Provincial Museum** and the ancient **City Wall**. After lunch, you will fly to Chongqing. A panoramic city tour if time permits and then you will be transferred to the port to board the 5-star **Yangtze River Cruise ship**, your home for the next 3 days. (B/L)
- Day 8 **Cruise on the Yangtze**. Your shore excursion today is Fengdu (Ghost City) or Shibaozhai. Cruise through the spectacular Qutang Gorge. Lunch & Dinner onboard. (B/L/D)
- Day 9 **Cruise on the Yangtze**. Today you will witness some of the most fascinating sights in all of China. Enjoy a shore excursion to Shennong Stream or Lesser Three Gorges. Cruise through the Wu Gorge and the west part of Xiling Gorges. Lunch and dinner onboard. (B/L/D)
- Day 10 Pass the east part of Xiling Gorges and enjoy a shore excursion at the **Three Gorges Dam Project**, the largest hydroelectric project in the world. Embark Yichang and transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai—"Paris of the Orient". Transfer to your hotel and balance of day is free at leisure. (B/L)
- Day 11 Sightseeing today includes a tour of **YuYuen Garden**, the **Bund**, **Jade Buddha Temple** and a **Jade carving factory**. After dinner, you will enjoy a stunning **Acrobatic Show**. (B/L/D)
- Day 12 Farewell to China. Transfer to airport for your flight to Beijing and connect onto Hainan Airlines' flight to Vancouver via Seattle. (B)

Package Price Includes: (guaranteed departure with minimum 2 participants)

- ◆ Roundtrip economy class airfare from Vancouver via Seattle on China Hainan Airlines
- ◆ Domestic airfares Beijing/Xian/Chongqing and Yichang/Shanghai
- ◆ Meet & assist service; transfers between airports, hotels and pier
- ◆ 5-star Royal Cruise East King (As shown on picture—for Monday departure)
- ◆ 5-star Victoria Empress Cruiser (for Saturday departure)
- ◆ Choice of 4-star or 5-star accommodation and based on 2-person sharing a room
- ◆ Meals, sightseeing tours, entrance fees, local English speaking guide as per itinerary



海南航空
Hainan Airlines



Every Sat (March) Every Mon/Sat (April onwards)	MAR/JUN-AUG 2009	APR/MAY/SEP/OCT 2009	NOV 2009
4-STAR HOTELS	\$3299	\$3699	\$3399
5-STAR HOTELS	\$3499	\$3999	\$3499

High season airfare surcharge: 01Apr-31May; 23Aug-31Oct—add \$100. 01Jun-22Aug2009—add \$300

Add-on Fares to Seattle: (Add-on fare taxes are extra)
 -Victoria/Kamloops/Kelowna/Calgary Add \$200
 - Prince George/Edmonton Add \$300
 - Toronto/Montreal Add \$380



"Serving Canadian Travellers Since 1982"

303—1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6E 2K3
 Tel: (604) 688-9877 Toll Free: 1-800-663-0220
 Fax: (604) 689-3828 Email: info@meridianholidays.com
 Website: www.meridianholidays.com B.C. Registration: 3107-6

"Your No. 1 Choice to Asia"

TOUR PRICES & DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. ISSUED 04DEC2008