Wukong China Travel




# 14-Day China Tour with Pandas & Yangtze Cruise

Beijing · Xi’an · Chengdu · Chongqing · Yangtze River · Shanghai

**14** days | **6** destinations | **Private & tailored**

**Your current detailed itinerary — saved for easy offline planning**

Realistic timing, traveler-first explanations and photos are included for every day.

DAY 1 BEIJING

## Arrive, settle in and recover from the flight

Your first day in Beijing is about settling in, not ticking off sights. You have time to recover from your flight before the journey begins in earnest tomorrow.



**Private airport transfer** About 60–90 minutes

After you arrive at Beijing Capital or Daxing Airport, you meet your driver and continue to your hotel by private vehicle. You can settle into the back seat instead of working out an unfamiliar transport system with your luggage. The drive gives you your first look at the capital; the actual journey time depends on your airport, hotel and traffic.

**Hotel check-in and free time** Flexible

Once you have checked in, the rest of the day is yours. You can sleep, find a light meal or take a short walk around your hotel to get your bearings. Ask for a nearby dining suggestion if you feel like exploring, but there is no scheduled attraction to rush to. Room access follows your hotel's check-in time; early check-in is not assumed.

DAY 2 BEIJING

## Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and Temple of Heaven

Today you discover two different sides of imperial Beijing: the palace where emperors ruled and the ceremonial grounds where they prayed. Your guide helps you connect the architecture to the people who once used it.



**Hotel departure by private vehicle** 08:30 · About 30 minutes

You meet your guide in the hotel lobby and go over the route, walking distances and practical arrangements before setting out. Bring your passport for the day's entry checks and wear comfortable shoes: much of your palace visit is on foot, across broad courtyards rather than inside exhibition rooms.

### Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City 09:00–12:00 · About 3 hours

At Tiananmen Square, you take in the scale of Beijing's ceremonial center before entering the Forbidden City, the former home and seat of power of Ming and Qing emperors. As you pass through red gates and successive courtyards, look for golden roofs, carved stone balustrades and the carefully ordered palace layout. Your guide explains how these spaces separated public ceremony from private imperial life. The route follows confirmed reservations and areas open that day.

### Temple of Heaven and park life 14:00–16:00 · About 2 hours

At the Temple of Heaven, you visit an imperial ritual complex rather than a royal residence. Look up at the blue-tiled Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests and notice the contrast between its circular form and the palace courtyards you saw earlier. In the surrounding park, you may see residents exercising, chatting or playing games. You have time to observe everyday Beijing as well as its monuments.

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**DAY 3** **BEIJING**

## Mutianyu Great Wall and Summer Palace

You trade the city for mountain views at the Great Wall, then return to a lakeside imperial retreat. The day balances a memorable walk with a gentler afternoon among gardens and water.



### Drive to Mutianyu 08:00 · About 1.5 hours

As you leave central Beijing, the city gives way to the hills around Mutianyu. Your private drive gives you a comfortable start and time to discuss how far you would like to walk. An early departure helps with planning, although traffic and visitor numbers vary and a crowd-free visit cannot be promised.

### Mutianyu Great Wall 09:30–12:30 · About 3 hours

On the Mutianyu Great Wall, you see stone battlements and watchtowers following the mountain ridgeline into the distance. Walk between towers, pause for photographs and look back at the wall curving across the slopes behind you. Your guide can help choose a shorter section or a more active walk; the steps can be steep and uneven. Cable-car arrangements and any additional costs will be confirmed in your proposal.

### Summer Palace 15:00–17:00 · About 2 hours

At the Summer Palace, you discover how an imperial garden combines water, hills and architecture into changing views. You stroll beside Kunming Lake, look toward the hillside pavilions and notice the painted decoration along covered walkways. This is a chance to slow down after the wall, with pauses by the water. Any boat ride depends on the season, weather and your confirmed arrangements.

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DAY 4 BEIJING → XI’AN

# Hutong neighborhood and high-speed train to Xi’an

Before leaving Beijing, you explore the lanes between its grand monuments. Then you watch the scenery change from your train window as you travel to the ancient capital of Xi'an.




### Old Beijing hutong walk 09:00–11:30 · About 2.5 hours

In Beijing's hutongs, you walk through narrow lanes lined with courtyard entrances, bicycles and small neighborhood businesses. These streets help you imagine daily life beyond the imperial palaces. Your guide points out architectural details you might otherwise pass by and explains how the neighborhoods have changed. You explore public lanes respectfully; entry into a private home or a hands-on activity is not assumed unless arranged in advance.

### High-speed train to Xi’an Afternoon · About 4.5–5 hours

Your team helps you reach the station for your high-speed train to Xi'an. Once on board, you can rest, read or watch towns and farmland pass outside instead of spending another afternoon sightseeing. Keep your passport and essentials handy for station checks. On arrival, your Xi'an team meets you for the transfer to your hotel; the exact service and journey time are confirmed for your date.

DAY 5 XI’AN

# Terracotta Warriors and Xi’an City Wall

You come face to face with the scale of China's first emperor's burial project, then see Xi'an from the top of its old defenses. The contrast makes the city's long history easier to picture.



### Drive to the Terracotta Warriors 08:30 · About 1 hour

You head out of Xi'an with your guide and driver toward the Terracotta Warriors Museum. During the drive, you get an introduction to the first Qin emperor and why an army was created for his burial complex. This context helps you make sense of the excavation halls when you arrive.

### Terracotta Warriors guided visit 09:30–12:30 · About 3 hours

Inside the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you look across ranks of life-size clay soldiers and horses, created as part of the first emperor's mausoleum complex. Beyond the size of the army, notice differences in faces, hairstyles and armor. Your guide helps you identify details and understand how excavated fragments are studied and restored. You view the pits from visitor walkways, with time to take in the scene rather than simply move from one photo stop to the next.

### Xi’an City Wall 15:30–17:30 · About 2 hours

Back in the city, you walk on the broad top of Xi'an City Wall, a surviving part of its historic defenses. Look along the battlements toward the gate towers and down at the streets below: old and modern Xi'an sit side by side. You can enjoy a shorter walk with photo stops, or ask about optional cycling if the weather, availability and age requirements allow.

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**DAY 6** XI’AN → CHENGDU

## Old Xi’an, local flavors and onward to Chengdu

Your final morning in Xi'an brings together Buddhist heritage and lively food streets. In the afternoon, you continue to Chengdu, where the next part of your journey moves at a different pace.



### Big Wild Goose Pagoda area 09:00–11:00 · About 2 hours

Around the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, you discover a landmark closely associated with Xi'an's Buddhist and Silk Road history. You can study the pagoda's tiered brick silhouette and explore the surrounding public spaces while your guide explains why this city became a meeting place for ideas and cultures. This visit covers the pagoda area; temple admission or climbing the tower is included only if specified in your proposal.

### Muslim Quarter food and craft lanes 11:30–13:00 · About 1.5 hours

In the Muslim Quarter, you follow busy lanes where food stalls, shopfronts and craft sellers sit close together. Look for steaming dishes, freshly prepared breads and the street's constant movement. Your guide can explain unfamiliar foods and help you choose according to your tastes and dietary needs. Tastings are optional unless included in your proposal, so you decide whether to browse, snack or pause for lunch.

### High-speed train to Chengdu Afternoon · About 3.5–4 hours

You board the high-speed train to Chengdu with transfers arranged at both stations. The journey gives you a break from walking and a chance to watch the landscape change on the way to Sichuan. Your local team meets you at the arrival station and takes you to your hotel so you can prepare for an early panda visit tomorrow.

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DAY 7 CHENGDU

## Giant pandas, teahouse life and old Chengdu

You spend the morning getting to know Chengdu's best-loved residents, then experience the city's quieter pleasures over tea. The afternoon leaves room to look, listen and enjoy local life without rushing.



**Chengdu Panda Base 07:30–11:30 · About 4 hours**

At the Chengdu Panda Base, you follow landscaped paths between viewing areas and watch giant pandas in a conservation and research setting. You may see them stripping bamboo, climbing or resting in their own unhurried way. Your guide explains what you are observing and helps plan a practical route through the grounds. Panda activity and enclosure access vary; in hot weather you may view them indoors, and cub sightings or close contact are not promised.

**People’s Park teahouse 14:00–16:00 · About 2 hours**

At a teahouse in People's Park, you exchange sightseeing for a seat and a cup of tea. Listen to conversations around you and watch the changing rhythm of the park, from relaxed gatherings to whatever activities residents are enjoying that day. You do not need to fill every moment: this pause lets you experience why tea and conversation are such a familiar part of Chengdu life.

**Historic Chengdu neighborhood 16:30–18:00 · About 1.5 hours**

You finish with an easy walk through a historic Chengdu neighborhood, noticing the contrast between traditional-style lanes, small shops and today's city life. Your guide helps you make sense of menus and recommends food that matches your comfort with spice. The exact neighborhood and length of the walk can be tailored to your interests and energy after the early start.

DAY 8 CHENGDU → CHONGQING

## High-speed train and Chongqing’s layered cityscape

You arrive in a city built around hills and rivers, where a street can seem to sit several floors above another. Daylight introduces Chongqing's layers; evening reveals its illuminated waterfront.



### High-speed train to Chongqing Morning · About 1.5–2 hours

After your hotel-to-station transfer, you take the high-speed train to Chongqing. You have time to relax before meeting your local team on arrival. The afternoon route is planned around your confirmed train and hotel arrangements, so you can start exploring without trying to fit sightseeing around an uncertain connection.

### Central Chongqing orientation 14:00–17:00 · About 3 hours

Around Liberation Square and selected central viewpoints, you see how shopping streets, towers and transport routes fit into Chongqing's steep terrain. Your guide helps you understand the levels instead of leaving you to navigate repeated climbs. Pause where the view opens up to the river and bridges, and choose a walking pace that feels comfortable for you.

### Hongya Cave after dark 19:00–20:30 · About 1.5 hours

After dark, you view Hongya Cave, a multi-level riverside shopping and dining complex known for its traditional-style facades and warm lighting. Rather than expecting a natural cave, look for layered balconies and roofs stacked against the city backdrop. Your guide chooses a practical viewing spot for the evening's access and crowds; you can enjoy the wider scene without needing to explore every busy level.

DAY 9

CHONGQING → YANGTZE RIVER

## Flexible Chongqing morning and cruise boarding

You have one more flexible day in Chongqing before swapping hotels for a cabin on the Yangtze. The priority is an unhurried boarding experience and time to settle into life on the river.




### Chongqing highlights 09:30–12:00 · About 2.5 hours

You can use the morning to explore a different side of Chongqing: a neighborhood walk, an open museum or a river viewpoint, depending on your interests and the day's access. Tell your guide what caught your attention yesterday, and shape this time around it. No particular optional attraction is assumed before your personal plan is confirmed.

### Rest and prepare for boarding Afternoon · Flexible

You leave room for lunch, a rest and organizing the things you want close at hand on the ship. This is useful time to separate travel documents, medication and an overnight bag from your larger luggage. A hotel room beyond standard check-out or an extra activity must be arranged separately; your team will coordinate the afternoon around the actual boarding schedule.

### Transfer to the pier and board Usually early evening · 2–3 hours including check-in

Your local team takes you to the confirmed pier for your Yangtze River cruise. Once checked in, you can find your cabin, get familiar with the public decks and listen to the ship's introduction to the days ahead. Boarding procedures, access to the vessel and departure times vary, so the final instructions come with your confirmed sailing rather than a fixed promise on this sample itinerary.

DAY 10 YANGTZE RIVER

## River scenery and scheduled shore excursion

Today you let the scenery come to you. Between time on deck and your ship's scheduled shore program, you begin to see the Yangtze as both a landscape and a working river.



### Scenic sailing Morning · Flexible

From the deck of your Yangtze cruise ship, you watch hillsides, riverside settlements and passing vessels come in and out of view. Find a comfortable spot, take photographs or simply follow the water as the scenery changes. On-board activities are there if you want them; you can also enjoy a quieter morning at your own pace, subject to the ship's schedule.

### Shore excursion Usually 3–4 hours

You join the included shore excursion listed for your particular sailing. Stepping off the ship adds a closer view of the river region to the panorama you have been watching from the deck. The attraction, walking demands and duration depend on the vessel and conditions and will be confirmed before booking. Optional paid outings are identified separately, so you know what is and is not included.

### Evening on board Flexible

Back on board, you have dinner according to your cruise package and choose how to spend the evening. You might join a scheduled activity or settle somewhere quiet and watch the river outside. Check the next day's announcements before turning in: the gorge-viewing times follow the ship's progress, not a fixed sightseeing appointment.

DAY 11 THREE GORGES

# Qutang and Wu Gorges with a tributary excursion

You reach some of the journey's most memorable river scenery as steep gorge walls frame the water. Keep your camera handy, but leave time to take in the changing views without a screen.



### Qutang and Wu Gorges Morning · Viewing times vary

As you sail through Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge, look up from the river to the steep rock faces and layered green slopes around you. The scenery changes as the ship rounds each bend, from broad views ahead to details along the banks. Listen for the crew's viewing announcements and move to an open deck when conditions allow. Light, mist and weather can make every passage look different.

### Smaller tributary excursion Usually 2.5–3.5 hours

Where your confirmed cruise includes a tributary excursion, you change to a smaller vessel for a closer look at the side-waterway landscape. The change in scale lets you notice shoreline details that are easier to miss from the main cruise ship. The waterway, boat type and availability depend on the sailing and river conditions; this sample itinerary does not promise a specific tributary or additional paid experience.

### Quiet evening on board Flexible

You return to the ship with time to relax after the day's scenery. Enjoy the evening at your own pace and organize your luggage for the next morning. Review the disembarkation instructions and meeting arrangements so you know how your cruise connects with the next stage of your journey to Shanghai.

DAY 12 YICHANG → SHANGHAI

# Three Gorges Dam area and onward to Shanghai

Your river journey ends around Yichang, with a look at the Three Gorges Dam area as scheduled by your cruise. You then travel to Shanghai, exchanging river landscapes for a very different city skyline.




### Dam-area visit Morning · About 2.5–3.5 hours

During the scheduled Three Gorges Dam area visit, you gain a sense of the scale of the engineering project associated with the river you have just traveled. From the public visitor areas on your confirmed route, you can relate the views and explanations to the cruise experience. The exact stops follow your operator's program; a ship-lift experience or access inside the dam is not assumed.

### Private transfer after disembarkation About 45–90 minutes

Once the included cruise program ends, your local team meets you at the agreed point for your onward transfer. You do not need to arrange a connection from an unfamiliar port on the day. Meeting details and travel time are based on the actual disembarkation location and whether your next departure is by air or rail.

### Continue to Shanghai Flight about 2 hours or rail about 6.5–8 hours

You continue to Shanghai on the most practical available flight or train for your date. A flight is shorter in the air, while rail means a longer seated journey, so the final choice accounts for the whole connection rather than just the timetable. On arrival you transfer to your hotel; there is no additional sightseeing pressure after this travel day.

DAY 13 SHANGHAI

## Yu Garden, French Concession and the Bund

You see Shanghai through three contrasting settings: a classical garden, leafy historic streets and the riverfront skyline. Together they reveal more of the city than a single photograph of its towers.



### Yu Garden and Old Town 09:00–11:30 · About 2.5 hours

Inside Yu Garden, you discover a classical Chinese garden on an intimate scale, with rockeries, ponds, pavilions and framed views. Notice how a turn in the path or an opening in a wall changes what you see: the design rewards looking closely, not just walking through. Afterwards, you explore selected Old Town lanes nearby, where shops and food stalls bring a livelier contrast to the garden.

### Former French Concession 14:00–16:00 · About 2 hours

In the Former French Concession, you walk along tree-lined streets and look at older residences, lane entrances and the cafés and shops that occupy the neighborhood today. Your guide explains the area's history while helping you spot details above street level. The experience is an unhurried public-street walk, with room for a pause rather than a promise of entry into private historic buildings.

### The Bund 17:00–18:30 · About 1.5 hours

At The Bund, you stand beside the Huangpu River with historic waterfront buildings on one side and Pudong's skyline across the water. Turn in both directions to see how different eras of Shanghai face each other along the river. You have time for photographs and a stroll; timing may be adjusted for the evening light, but a particular sunset or illumination is weather- and schedule-dependent.

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**DAY 14** **SHANGHAI**

## Free time and private departure transfer

Your last day stays flexible around your flight. If time permits, you can enjoy a final taste of Shanghai before your private transfer brings the journey to a close.



### Free time Depends on flight schedule

If your departure is later, you can linger over breakfast, return to a nearby café or look for a small souvenir without crossing the city for another scheduled attraction. Ask for suggestions close to your hotel so your free time remains easy to manage. Any additional admission, activity or late hotel check-out is arranged separately rather than assumed in the itinerary.

### Private airport transfer About 45–90 minutes

Your driver takes you to Pudong or Hongqiao Airport according to your confirmed flight. You travel with a departure time that allows for the route, traffic and airline check-in requirements, instead of organizing transport at the last minute. Keep your passport and flight details within reach, and leave Shanghai with the day's practical arrangements clearly set out.

CLEAR BEFORE YOU BOOK

# What your trip includes

Your final proposal confirms the exact services, transport, hotel and cruise arrangements before you pay.

INCLUDED

## Handled for you

- Private airport and railway-station transfers
- Private English-speaking guides in each city
- Air-conditioned private vehicles with drivers
- Hotels with daily breakfast at your chosen comfort level
- Entrance tickets and confirmed itinerary activities
- Reserved domestic rail or flight sectors in your proposal
- Selected Yangtze cruise cabin and scheduled ship excursions
- Planning support before and during the journey

NOT INCLUDED

## Budget separately

- International flights
- China visa costs, when required
- Meals not listed in your proposal
- Optional cruise excursions or cabin upgrades
- Personal expenses and travel insurance
- Tips for guides, drivers and cruise staff

Yangtze cruise: Your proposal will name the available vessel, cabin category, embarkation point and included excursions for your sailing date.

Insurance: Travel insurance is not included in the listed services unless your final proposal expressly confirms otherwise. Please ask your specialist about the arrangements for your booking.

USEFUL ANSWERS

# Frequently asked questions

Practical details for planning, booking and arriving with confidence.

### Is this itinerary suitable for families?

Yes. Private guiding lets you adjust start times, add rest breaks and shorten selected visits. Tell us your children's ages so we can recommend rooms, rail seats and cruise cabins.

### When is the best time for this tour?

Spring and autumn generally bring comfortable sightseeing weather. Summer is warmer and busier but suits school holidays. Winter is quieter, although some cruise schedules may be reduced.

### Can I choose the Yangtze cruise ship?

Yes. We compare ships operating on your dates and explain cabin size, deck position, included excursions and upgrade options before you decide.

### Can the itinerary be customized?

Yes. You can change hotel level, add nights, replace activities or extend your journey to Guilin, Zhangjiajie or another destination.

### How do I receive a price?

Send your dates, group size, room preferences and approximate budget. Your private proposal is based on current transport, hotel and cruise availability.

### How do I confirm a booking?

Add your travel specialist on WhatsApp or WeChat. Once the itinerary is agreed, we send a secure payment link, then confirm your guide, hotel and vehicle details. Any insurance arrangements are confirmed separately in your proposal.

### What if my flight is delayed?

We monitor commercial flights and adjust the pickup time if your flight is delayed. Airport pickups include 60 minutes of complimentary waiting time.

### How do I meet my driver and tour guide?

Your driver meets you in the arrivals hall with a sign showing your name. We share your driver and guide contact details through WhatsApp or WeChat before arrival.

### Can you accommodate large groups?

Yes. We arrange family gatherings, company events and other group trips, using Coaster buses or suitable vehicles for your group size. Contact us on WhatsApp to discuss your plans.

YOUR CHINA JOURNEY, YOUR WAY

# Why choose Wukong China Travel?

Less time coordinating the details. More time enjoying the China you came to see.

### Private, not one-size-fits-all

Explore with private guiding and transport for your sightseeing days. Enjoy attention to your interests, with a pace that works for your traveling party.

### A route shaped around you

Adjust hotel comfort, activities, extra nights and rest time before you travel. Your specialist turns your preferences into a practical day-by-day plan.

### Local insight, in English

Your city guides help you understand what you see, from imperial landmarks to everyday life, while handling the practical details along the way.

### No shopping stops

Keep your sightseeing time for the places you want to experience, without scheduled shopping detours taking time from your itinerary.

### Clear arrangements before you pay

Review the services, hotels, transport sectors and cruise cabin in your proposal. Know what is included and which optional extras cost more.

### A direct conversation with your specialist

Use WhatsApp or WeChat to discuss your plans and receive arrival contacts and booking details. Planning support continues before and during your journey.

## Make this journey yours

Tell us your dates, travelers and priorities. Receive a free, no-obligation personalized proposal within 48 hours.

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Your Yangtze cruise operates on a shared ship; the vessel and cabin are confirmed in your proposal.

LET US PLAN YOUR CHINA JOURNEY

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