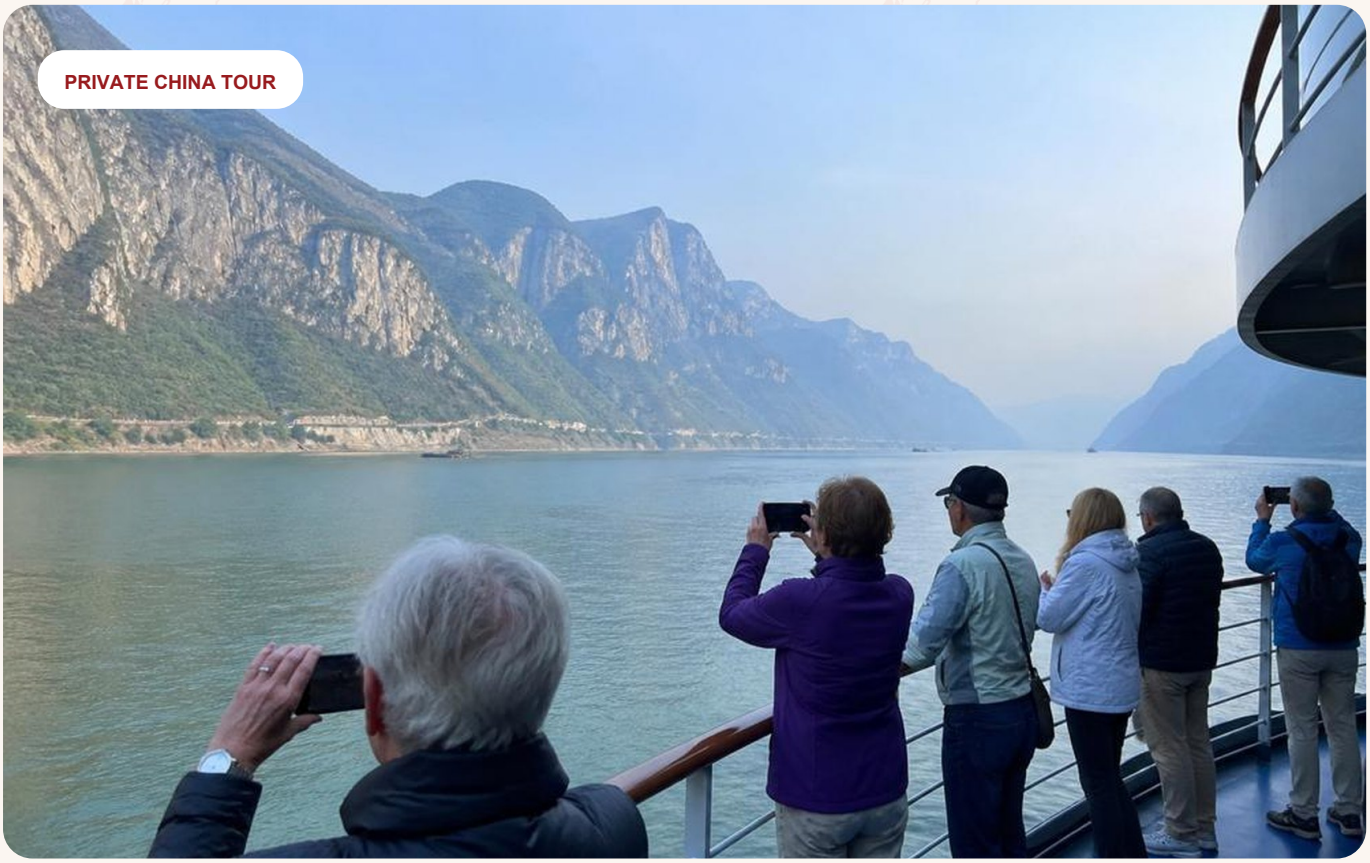

21-Day Private China Tour with Yangtze Cruise

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

21 days | 5 destinations | Private & tailored

Your detailed itinerary - ready for offline planning

Day-by-day experiences, practical answers and clear service details.

DAY 1 · BEIJING

Arrive in Beijing and settle in

A gentle arrival day leaves time to rest or explore nearby at your own pace.



Welcome to Beijing | On arrival

Meet your guide and take your included private airport transfer from Beijing Capital or Daxing Airport to your centrally located hotel.

Rest or explore Houhai | Flexible

There is no scheduled sightseeing today. If you have energy, take an independent walk around the Back Lakes and Houhai neighbourhood.

DAY 2 · BEIJING

Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square & Temple of Heaven

Explore imperial courtyards, city views and everyday life in Beijing's parks.



Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City | Morning

Visit Tiananmen Square, then explore the palace courtyards, residential quarters and Imperial Garden with your guide. Entry and the visiting sequence follow confirmed reservations.

Peking roast duck | Lunch

Enjoy the Beijing roast duck meal described in your itinerary.

Jingshan Park and Temple of Heaven | Afternoon

Look across the Forbidden City from Jingshan Park, then visit the Temple of Heaven and its surrounding park. Your guide introduces the buildings and the daily life around them.

DAY 3 · BEIJING

Mutianyu Great Wall & Summer Palace

Mountain views and lakeside gardens make a varied day outside central Beijing.



Mutianyu Great Wall | Morning

Travel by private vehicle to Mutianyu and take the gondola up the hillside. Walk between watchtowers at a distance and pace suited to your family.

Lunch and descent | Midday

Have lunch at a local farmhouse restaurant. The planned toboggan descent depends on operation and suitability; discuss a suitable alternative with your specialist if needed.

Summer Palace | Afternoon

Explore Kunming Lake, the Long Corridor and the imperial garden scenery. The order and time at each stop can be adjusted around traffic and your walking pace.

DAY 4 · BEIJING

Hutong lanes, Lama Temple & 798 Art District

Discover the neighbourhoods, traditions and contemporary art behind Beijing's monuments.



Hutong pedicab and courtyard visit | Morning

Explore the lanes around Shichahai by pedicab and visit a traditional courtyard home for tea, subject to the confirmed arrangement. Continue to the Drum and Bell Tower area for views over the old neighbourhood.

Local noodles and Lama Temple | Midday

Enjoy noodles in the hutong neighbourhood, then visit the halls and courtyards of Yonghe Gong, also known as the Lama Temple.

798 Art District | Afternoon

Walk through former factory buildings now home to galleries, studios and design spaces. Take time for the art and architecture that interest you.

DAY 5 · BEIJING → XI’AN

Train to Xi’an, Terracotta Warriors & Muslim Quarter

Continue by high-speed rail to Xi'an and begin exploring its imperial history.



High-speed train to Xi’an | Morning

Travel from Beijing to Xi'an by high-speed train. The exact service and station transfers are confirmed in your proposal.

Terracotta Warriors and Huaqing Palace | After arrival

Explore the main excavation pits and Bronze Chariot Museum, then visit Huaqing Palace. Museum access, sightseeing order and time at each stop depend on train arrival and confirmed reservations.

Muslim Quarter | Evening

Walk through the lively food streets with your guide and discover local dishes such as rou jia mo, liangpi and lamb skewers.

DAY 6 · XI’AN

City Wall, history museum & Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Discover Xi'an by bicycle, through its collections and along its evening streets.



City Wall and central landmarks | Morning

Cycle along the Ancient City Wall at a distance suited to your group. Visit the Bell and Drum Tower area, with the planned Bell Tower visit subject to access.

Dumpling banquet | Lunch

Try a selection of dumplings with different shapes and fillings.

Shaanxi History Museum and pagoda | Afternoon

Explore the museum's collections with your guide, subject to confirmed reservations, then visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

Tang-style streets | Evening

Stroll through the illuminated Da Tang Bu Ye Cheng pedestrian area.

DAY 7 · XI'AN → CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, meet pandas & explore Kuanzhai Alley

Begin your Chengdu stay with pandas, heritage lanes and Sichuan flavours.



Fly to Chengdu | Morning

Take the planned flight from Xi'an to Chengdu, with transfers coordinated around the confirmed schedule.

First panda-base visit | Afternoon

Visit the Giant Panda Research Base. This afternoon visit complements the next morning's return; sightings and animal activity vary naturally.

Kuanzhai Alley and Sichuan dinner | Evening

Explore the Wide and Narrow Lanes, then try Sichuan dishes with spice levels discussed with your guide.

DAY 8 · CHENGDU

Morning pandas, Leshan Giant Buddha & Wuhou Shrine

Return to the panda base, then discover Sichuan's landmarks and historic streets.



Return to the panda base | Early morning

Enjoy a second visit at a different time of day, with more opportunities to observe the pandas. Actual behaviour and viewing access cannot be guaranteed.

Leshan Giant Buddha | Late morning

Drive to Leshan for the planned river-boat view of the Giant Buddha. Boat operation depends on river and weather conditions. Have lunch near Leshan.

Wuhou Shrine and Jinli | Afternoon and evening

Return to Chengdu to visit Wuhou Shrine and walk through nearby Jinli Ancient Street. Finish with dinner at your guide's recommendation.

DAY 9 · CHENGDU → CHONGQING

Dujiangyan, People’s Park & train to Chongqing

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Dujiangyan and local lunch | Morning and daytime

Visit the irrigation system with your guide and enjoy the planned local meal.

Tea in People’s Park | Afternoon

Return to Chengdu for tea and time to watch local life, coordinated with your train schedule.

High-speed train to Chongqing | Later

Take the confirmed high-speed train to Chongqing and transfer to your hotel. Stay in Chongqing tonight before boarding the cruise on Day 10.

DAY 10 · CHONGQING → YANGTZE RIVER

Chongqing city visit & Yangtze cruise boarding

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Chongqing and Ciqikou | Before boarding

Explore the planned Chongqing city stops, including Ciqikou Ancient Town and the riverside area. The day is coordinated around the ship's confirmed boarding location and time.

Board your Yangtze cruise | At the confirmed time

Board the ship, attend the safety briefing and settle into the cabin confirmed in your proposal. This is a shared cruise, not a privately chartered vessel.

Dinner on board | Evening

Enjoy the onboard meal in your confirmed cruise package. Sailing times and the following days' shore visits are governed by the selected ship's itinerary.

DAY 11 · YANGTZE RIVER

Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge & cruise excursions

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Gorge scenery | On board

Watch the river and cliffs from the ship as the cruise continues through the Three Gorges region. Qutang and Wu Gorge are part of the route; their exact viewing times follow the sailing schedule.

Optional shore excursions | According to the ship programme

The existing plan mentions Fengdu and a tributary excursion such as Shennong Stream. These are optional and separately priced unless explicitly included in your proposal. Availability and order depend on the ship.

Meals and a relaxed evening | On board

Enjoy the meals specified in your cruise package and time on the deck. Your confirmed ship programme takes precedence over illustrative day-by-day timings.

DAY 12 · YANGTZE RIVER

Xiling Gorge & Three Gorges Dam

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Xiling Gorge scenery | Cruise programme

Continue through the gorge region and enjoy the river scenery from the ship. Actual passage times depend on the sailing schedule.

Three Gorges Dam visit | Confirmed shore programme

Take the dam visit described in your confirmed cruise package. The viewpoints, transfers and any separate ship-lift or lock-related experience are determined by the selected operator; a particular vessel passage is not guaranteed.

Continue towards Yichang | Later

Follow the ship’s programme as the journey approaches Yichang. Your final proposal confirms the disembarkation time and onward connection.

DAY 13 · YICHANG → SHANGHAI

Disembark at Yichang & train to Shanghai

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Disembark and station transfer | At the confirmed time

Leave the cruise at Yichang and meet the team arranging your onward station transfer.

High-speed rail to Shanghai | Travel day

Travel to Shanghai by the confirmed high-speed rail service. Exact connections and journey time are set out in your final proposal.

Arrival in Shanghai | After arrival

Transfer to the hotel. The planned evening Bund walk and dinner are coordinated around arrival time.

DAY 14 · SHANGHAI

Shanghai Tower, the Bund & French Concession

See the skyline from above, then explore Shanghai at street level.



Shanghai Tower | Morning

Visit the observation area for views over the Huangpu River and city skyline, subject to confirmed tickets and visibility.

Soup dumplings and the Bund | Midday

Try the planned xiaolongbao lunch and walk along the Bund, comparing its historic waterfront buildings with the towers across the river.

French Concession and Tianzifang | Afternoon and evening

Explore Wukang Road, the residential backstreets and Tianzifang's lanes. Finish with dinner at your guide's recommendation.

DAY 15 · SHANGHAI

Yu Garden, Shanghai Museum & M50

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Yu Garden and Yuyuan | Morning

Explore the classical garden and surrounding old-city neighbourhood.

Local lunch and Shanghai Museum | Midday and afternoon

Have lunch near the old city, then visit the museum galleries selected with your guide, subject to reservations and opening arrangements.

M50 Art District and Xintiandi | Later

Explore contemporary galleries in the former industrial buildings of M50, then head to the Xintiandi area for the planned evening arrangements.

DAY 16 · SHANGHAI → SUZHOU → SHANGHAI

Suzhou gardens, museum & Pingjiang Road

A full-day excursion brings classical gardens and canal-side streets into focus.



Train to Suzhou and classical gardens | Morning

Travel to Suzhou by high-speed train. Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden and Lingering Garden, with the sequence and time at each garden confirmed for the day.

Suzhou Museum and local lunch | Midday

Explore Suzhou Museum, subject to reservations, and enjoy the planned local meal.

Pingjiang Road and return | Afternoon and evening

Walk beside canals, bridges and traditional shopfronts on Pingjiang Road. Return to Shanghai by evening.

DAY 17 · SHANGHAI → HANGZHOU → SHANGHAI

Hangzhou: West Lake, Longjing tea & Lingyin

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Train to Hangzhou and West Lake | Morning

Take the planned high-speed train and explore West Lake by the confirmed boat and walking route.

Longjing tea and local lunch | Daytime

Visit the tea-growing area for the planned tasting experience and enjoy the local meal. Harvest-related activities depend on season and the confirmed host arrangement.

Lingyin Temple and return | Afternoon and evening

Visit Lingyin Temple and the Feilai Feng area, with the order paced around access and your return train to Shanghai.

DAY 18 · SHANGHAI

Shanghai at your own pace

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



An unscheduled day | Flexible

Explore independently or relax. Ask your specialist for ideas such as the Bund, neighbourhood walks, galleries or museums, based on your interests.

Choose your own meals and visits | At your own pace

Restaurant recommendations are available. Additional guided services, entrance tickets, meals and purchases on a free day are not automatically included unless listed in your proposal.

DAY 19 · SHANGHAI → ZHUJIAJIAO → SHANGHAI

Zhujiajiao Water Town & Shanghai

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Zhujiajiao canals and old streets | Morning

Travel to the water town for the planned canal boat trip, bridges, old streets and City God Temple compound.

Return to Shanghai | Afternoon

Return to the city. The original plan offers Nanjing Road or a West Bund arts visit; your final proposal confirms the chosen option and any tickets.

Shanghai evening | Evening

Enjoy your final planned Shanghai dinner at a restaurant recommended around your preferences.

DAY 20 · SHANGHAI

Free time in Shanghai & flexible departure option

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



An unscheduled day | Flexible

Explore independently or relax. Ask your specialist for ideas such as the Bund, neighbourhood walks, galleries or museums, based on your interests.

Choose your own meals and visits | At your own pace

Restaurant recommendations are available. Additional guided services, entrance tickets, meals and purchases on a free day are not automatically included unless listed in your proposal.

If you need to depart early | By prior arrangement

An earlier Day 20 departure can be discussed as a customized shorter trip. Otherwise, remain in Shanghai for the scheduled Day 21 departure. Your proposal confirms the final night count.

DAY 21 · SHANGHAI

Shanghai at leisure & departure

Enjoy an easy final morning before your onward journey.



A morning at your own pace | Flexible

There is no fixed sightseeing programme. Ask your guide for suggestions based on your interests, such as a gallery, neighbourhood market or a final Bund walk. Optional visits and purchases are not automatically included.

Departure arrangements | At your confirmed time

Your private transfer to Pudong or Hongqiao Airport is included. Your team will confirm the pickup time around your departure flight.

CLEAR BEFORE YOU BOOK

What your trip includes

Your final proposal confirms the services, hotels and transport before you pay.

Included

- Private arrival and departure airport transfers within this itinerary
- Air-conditioned private vehicle with driver for included sightseeing
- Local guides for the visits in your confirmed itinerary
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Domestic transport specified in your itinerary
- Tickets, activities and meals specified in your itinerary
- Accident insurance, subject to the confirmed policy and coverage
- Planning and coordination throughout your trip
- Yangtze cruise cabin, meals and scheduled services specified in your proposal

Not included

- International airfare
- Visa fees, when applicable
- Personal expenses and single-room supplement
- Optional activities and meals not specified in your proposal
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Extra transfers outside the confirmed itinerary
- Optional cruise excursions, cabin upgrades and cruise-staff gratuities unless specified

Your final proposal confirms transport, hotels, services and insurance coverage before you pay. Gallery photos illustrate possible arrangements rather than guaranteed hotels or vehicle models. The Yangtze cruise is shared, with ship-specific timings and inclusions.

USEFUL ANSWERS

Frequently asked questions

Practical details for planning your private China journey.

How do we connect to the Yangtze cruise?

After sightseeing in Chengdu on Day 9, take the planned high-speed train to Chongqing and stay overnight. Board the cruise on Day 10.

Is the Yangtze cruise private?

No. It is a shared sailing within your privately planned land itinerary. Your proposal confirms the ship, cabin, meals, scheduled visits and optional extras.

Are Suzhou and Hangzhou overnight stops?

They are planned as day trips from Shanghai, returning to your Shanghai base in the evening.

Can we depart before Day 21?

A Day 20 departure can be discussed as a shorter customized version. Your final proposal confirms the departure date, hotel nights and any price adjustment.

Can this itinerary be customized?

Yes. Discuss dates, mobility, hotel comfort, room needs and interests with your specialist. Changes and any price differences are confirmed in your personal proposal.

Are arrival and departure airport transfers included?

Yes. Private airport transfers for arrival and departure within this itinerary are included. Share your flight details so pickup times can be coordinated. Extra transfers outside the confirmed itinerary are quoted separately.

How are hotels and vehicles selected?

Tell us your preferred comfort level, room type, group size and luggage needs. Gallery images are examples; exact hotels, room arrangements, vehicles and available facilities are confirmed in your proposal.

How do I receive a price and book?

Send your dates, group size and priorities through this page’s form, WhatsApp or email. We will prepare a personalized proposal and confirm the services and booking details before you pay.

YOUR CHINA JOURNEY, YOUR WAY

Why choose Wukong China Travel?

Less time coordinating the details. More time enjoying your journey.

Private, not one-size-fits-all

Enjoy private guiding and transport for your sightseeing, with attention to your interests and the needs of your traveling party.

A route shaped around you

Discuss hotels, extra nights, activities and rest time with your specialist before you travel.

Local insight

Understand the stories behind the landmarks and the everyday life around them with guides who know their cities.

Coordinated connections

Your confirmed domestic transport, airport pickups and hotel transfers are planned together, so you are not arranging each part alone.

Clear arrangements before you pay

Review the hotels, services and included activities in your proposal, with optional extras clearly identified.

A direct conversation with your specialist

Use WhatsApp or WeChat to discuss your plans and receive arrival information and booking details. Support continues before and during the journey.

Make this journey yours

Share your dates, group size and priorities. Receive a free, no-obligation personalized proposal within 48 hours.

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