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Jiuzhaigou
Huanglong
Chengdu
Yangtze Cruise
Yichang

This tour combines a 3 days trip to Jiuzhaigou and a 3 days Yangtze cruise. Endless natural landscapes await to be discovered as you immerse yourself in these fairylands of China. Stop at Chengdu to see the adorable pandas and more on this trip.

Type
Private
Duration
7 days
Theme
Natural scenery, Photography
Trip code
YCT-01
Price
From £ 729 per person

Itinerary

Jiuzhaigou, the fairyland in China, is the first destination of this tour. The colorful natural lakes, waterfalls, virgin forests and Tibetan villages, every stop in this national park is filled with spectacular scenery. Next up a 3 days Yangtze cruise to explore the most essential spots along the River. Immerse yourself by discovering these two different natural landscapes of China in this one week journey.

Day 01 :

Arrival at Jiuzhaigou airport or train station, be met and transferred to hotel in Jiuzhaigou.
You can choose to travel to Jiuzhaigou by train or flight based on your budget and preference.

Upon your arrival at Jiuzhaigou airport or train station, you will be greeted and driven to your hotel just outside Jiuzhaigou Park to rest and prepare for the next day.

Note:

- Currently, there are only flights from Beijing and Chengdu to Jiuzhaigou, with both flights scheduled to arrive at Jiuzhaigou airport in the late afternoon or evening. The drive from Jiuzhaigou airport to your hotel just outside Jiuzhaigou Park takes about 2 hours.
- Several trains run from Chengdu to Jiuzhaigou (Zhenjiangguan train station). The drive from the train station to your hotel in Jiuzhaigou takes about 2.5-3 hours.

Day 02 :

One full day exploration Jiuzhaigou National Park

Spend the whole day to explore the three main valleys of **Jiuzhaigou National Park**, and enjoy the breathtaking landscapes in this natural fairyland. Three valleys in Jiuzhaigou National Park have been opened to public, which contains 114 lakes, 17 waterfalls, 11 rip currents, and 5 travertine beaches. Immerse yourself into the fabled blue and green lakes, spectacular waterfalls and mysterious forest. Along with the stunning scenery, the local Tibetan folk customs create a truly exotic land of wonder.

Day 03 :

Morning drive to visit Huanglong Park - Train to Chengdu

Morning drive to **Huanglong National Park**. Well known for the colorful ponds and waterfalls, snow mountains, gorgeous valley, and dense forest, Huanglong has also been listed as a World Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO. The colorful ponds glisten like blue crystals; some will also turn to red or purple under the sunshine.

Since Huanglong National Park is at high altitude, you can either enjoy the tour on foot or by cable car depending on your desires and abilities. In the late afternoon, say farewell to Jiuzhaigou and Huanglong as you will be driven to Zhengjiaguan train station for the high speed train to Chengdu (about 1.5h train journey). Upon arrival at Chengdu, to be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 04 :

Chengdu City Tour - Train to Chongqing - Board on Yangtze River Cruise

After breakfast, head to the **Chengdu Panda Base** to see the adorable pandas. Morning is considered as the best time to visit Panda center as you will catch the feeding time and the pandas are at their most active. Walk through the forested landscape, watch as giant pandas play, nap, and munch bamboo; visit the panda nursery, subadult enclosure, and adult compound; and watch informational videos on panda behavior and the challenges of working with and breeding captive pandas.

If time is allowed, pay a visit to **People's Park**, a great place to get insight the daily life of locals who come here relax, exercise, play games like Mah-jongg and chess, sing and dance, or find love matches for their loved ones. You will be arranged to have a cup of tea like locals in the open-air Heming Tea House, a great place to slow down and rest your legs.

You will take afternoon high-speed train to Chongqing (about 2 hours), upon arrival, you will be ready to get on the luxury cruise at Chongqing Pier. The Yangtze River Cruise boarding time is from 16:30 to 21:00. Enjoy a buffet dinner on board. At 21:30 your memorable Yangtze River begins.

Day 05 :

Yangtze River Cruise with shore excursion (B/L/D)

As an important cradle of Chinese ancient civilizations, Yangtze River is famous for the breathtaking natural landscapes and abundant heritage sites along its two banks. In the following three days, you will visit several highlights along with the cruise and have a glimpse of the spectacular panoramas.

Morning take a shore excursion to **Mountain Shuanggui** near Fengdu. Depending on river conditions, an alternate excursion may be substituted to **Shibaozhai**, with its impressive wooden pagoda. Continue the cruise on Yangtze River. Dinner and Supper are offered on board.

Optional shore excursions today (fee on your own):

Depending on the river conditions, there is an optional shore excursion to **Fengdu ghost city**, Fengdu is an ancient town where you can experience the world of the afterlife in Chinese ghost folktales. Wreathed with numerous statues and interspersed by temples, the whole scenic area is a treasure house of art that combines the culture of Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism.

Day 06 :

Yangtze River Cruise with shore excursion to Three Gorges (B/L/D)

The highlights of the Yangtze River Cruise is coming today as you will travel through the **Three Gorges** to view its picturesque scenery. Composed of Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge and Xiling Gorge, the Three Gorges has a total length of approximately 120 km. (75 mi.). Along with the steep cliffs and torrential river, you may also be immersed by the abundant historical relics and cultural sites while sailing through the gorges.

Based on the season and your requirement, have a short cruise to the Little Three Gorges or take a pea-boat floating along the verdant **Shennong Streams** as you sail on to the border between Wu Gorge and Xiling Gorge. Rip currents, lofty peaks and mountains, gorgeous Karst caves and beautiful waterfalls will always accompany you on the way.

Day 07 :

Yangtze River Cruise with shore excursion to Three Gorges Dam - Departure from Yichang

Disembark this morning and take a tour of the **Three Gorges Dam**, the grandest hydroelectric project in the world, which spans the Yangtze River at Sandouping in Xiling Gorge. The dam is designed to provide a huge source of hydropower for China and control the flood. After morning sightseeing, You will be provided a motor coach transfer to nearby Yichang by Cruise company. Upon arrival at Yichang, our Yichang local guide or driver will greeted and assisted you to Yichang airport/train station for departure. Wish you have a pleasant journey home, and WindhorseTour is ready to help adjust this tour in any way to better suite your personal travel needs.

Optional shore excursions today (fee on your own):

An additional optional shore excursion is also available (preceding the Three Gorges Dam tour) through the recently-completed **unique ship lock with a ship lift**, the world's largest.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

The hotel accommodation is based on two persons sharing one standard twin room with private facilities in all relevant locations. If a single client requests a twin room alone, the single room supplement will be charged.

Yangtze river cruise class is a Standard cabin located on the main deck.

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Yangtze river cruise services include all onboard meals and shore excursions to the Little Three Gorges, Shennong Stream and others.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

All domestic flight and train tickets. Economy-class for flights and soft sleeper / seat for train tickets.

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

Meals as remarked in the itinerary. (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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