

EXTENSION

CHINA

Yangtze River



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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

Cruise China's "Long River"

Extend your time in China with a cruise of the Three Gorges stretch of the Yangtze River. The world's third- longest river, the Yangtze has carved an incredibly scenic path through the heart of China. The focal point of the unique Yangtze is the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydropower project and most notorious dam.

DAY 1

SHANGHAI / CHONGQING

- Transfer to the Shanghai Airport for your flight to Chongqing

The port city of Chongqing is on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River about a 2.5 hour flight from Shanghai. On arrival, we'll transfer to our luxury cruise ship for departure. Our beautifully furnished cabins all include private bath and balcony.

Note: boarding time is at approximately 6:00 PM and departure time is at 9:00 PM.

OVERNIGHT: CRUISE SHIP
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 2

SHIBAOZHAI

- Excursion to Shibaozhai

River cruising is a stately and satisfying way to travel, especially so on the Yangtze. The river is busy with interesting traffic and both shores offer a spectrum of interesting sights. Today's special visit is to Shibaozhai, one of the gems of Chinese architecture. A 12-story red pavilion clings to a precipitous rock to provide access to the pagoda at the top. Though this treasure will survive the rising waters from the Three Gorges Dam, it will soon become an island.

OVERNIGHT: CRUISE SHIP
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 3

THREE GORGES/SMALL GORGES

- Qutang Gorge to Wu Gorge, Goddess stream and Xiling Gorge

Unforgettable scenery unfolds as you cruise through the two of the fabled Three Gorges: Qutang Gorge, hemmed by

towering cliffs, and Wu Gorge, known for forest-covered mountains. You'll pass through the Goddess Stream, also called "Beauty Stream" by locals, and will see the beautiful scenery decorated by five towering peaks of Wushan Mountain. Alternatively, your excursion may be on Shennong Stream with its impressive small gorges.

OVERNIGHT: CRUISE SHIP
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 4

FLIGHT TO SHANGHAI

- Three Gorges Dam viewing area
- Depart to Shanghai

Disembark this morning and visit the the Three Gorges Dam, which spans the Yangtze River at Sandouping in Xiling Gorge; it is the world's largest power station.

This afternoon you will transfer to Yichang for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival into Shanghai, you will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

OVERNIGHT: SHANGHAI
MEALS: B

DAY 5

DEPART SHANGHAI

- Included transfer to the Shanghai International Airport (PVG) for onward flight home

After breakfast, we depart for the airport and flights home or perhaps to Hong Kong for a visit on your own.

OVERNIGHT: NONE
MEALS: B



Tour Hotels



Victoria Grace Cruise

Our ultra-luxury cruise ship boasts spacious rooms with amenities including private balconies. The newly reconstructed vessel provides a travel experience that focuses on the river destinations, its scenery, natural history and culture.

OVERNIGHT: CHONGQING | NIGHTS: 3



Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai

A luxurious Art-Deco masterpiece, brilliantly reinvented for the 21st century where old fashioned glamor sparkles with a new luster. Situated at the famous Bund promenade, it's the perfect place to explore Shanghai's spectacular scenery and lifestyle.

OVERNIGHT: SHANGHAI SHI | NIGHTS: 1

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
June 5-8, 2020	\$1,857	\$2,752
September 18-22, 2020	\$1,995	\$2,890
October 16-20, 2020	\$1,995	\$2,890
April 16-20, 2021	\$1,995	\$2,890
June 4-7, 2021	\$1,995	\$2,890
September 17-21, 2021	\$1,995	\$2,890
October 22-26, 2021	\$1,995	\$2,890

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE to learn more about private journeys.

INTERNAL AIRFARE

This trip includes internal flights which is priced separately from the land tour. The total cost for the internal flight is from approximately \$495 per person based on the departure date.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 5 Days, 4 Nights

START: Shanghai hotel lobby, Shanghai, China Transfer included to Shanghai PVG Int'l Airport for onwards flight to the cruise

END: Shanghai hotel lobby, Shanghai, China Transfer included to Shanghai PVG Int'l Airport for onwards flight home

TERRAIN: Easy going

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 4 nights
- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Admissions to sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities on cruise
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Privileged Access Events**

READY TO BOOK?
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AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to a [whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

**Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

“Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.

Congratulations! How did you get the news?

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



How can you top this?

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

"I voted for you!"

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

STAFF AND GUIDES

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

ACTIVITIES

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

ACCOMMODATIONS

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

FOOD

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

OVERALL VALUE

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

Final thoughts?

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.