**China**

**Natural Heritage & World Cultural**

**Yangtze River Tour & Yellow Mountain**

**Cities and Sites Covered:** Wuhan, Maoping, Yangtze River, Chongqing, Hangzhou & Yellow Mountain

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**Tour Package Includes**

- International Flight from Honolulu
- 5* Luxury Yangtze River Cruise – Century Legend
- 5* Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- Admissions and 30 Meals as Stated
- One Night Stay on Top of Mt. Huangshan (Yellow Mountain)
- 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
  - Mount Huangshan (1990)
  - Hangzhou West Lake (2011)
- Three Gorges Dam
- Shennv Stream Boat Ride
- Gratuity for Tour Guides & Drivers

**Traveling Dates:**

Sep 7 – 20, 2019 (14 Days)

**Price per person:**

$3,388

Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

Single Supp: $500 + 450
Day 1-2** Sept 7-8 Honolulu → Beijing

We start our vacation by boarding an international flight bound for Beijing, the capital of China and an ancient city of great splendor whose history goes back 3 millennia.

Day 3** Sept 9 Beijing → Wuhan (D)

Upon our arrival at Beijing International Airport in the morning, we will take a short connecting flight to Wuhan. An Air & Sea Travel representative will greet and escort us to the hotel after having an early dinner.

Day 4** Sept 10 Wuhan/Maoping – Yangtze River (B, L, D)

In the morning, we will visit Hubei Provincial Museum, located in the Wuchang District of Wuhan. It collects, protects, and exhibits cultural relics discovered in the province. Since 1953, it has collected over 200,000 cultural relics, including pottery, porcelains, jade, bronze vessels, ancient weapons, and ancient musical instruments. After lunch, we will drive to Maoping. In the evening, we will start our Yangtze River Adventure when we board a luxurious and distinguished 5-Star River Cruise Ship – Century Legend. It is the newest, 5-star luxury modern river cruise ship with the largest cabins, quality service, true culinary treats and a variety of onboard activities.

Day 5** Sept 11 Yangtze River (B, L, D)

In the early morning, we can do Tai Chi exercise on deck. Tai Chi Chuan is a sophisticated method of fighting based on the reconciliation of dynamically interacting forces. Daily practice of Tai Chi promotes mental clarity and a healthy body, assists with balance, and helps blood circulation. After a buffet breakfast, we will sail through the west part of Xiling Gorge, the longest of the three gorges known for its swift currents and dangerous shoals. We will take a Shore Excursion to the worksite of the Three Gorges Dam Sites. The dam is the largest water conservation project for flood control, generation of electricity, cultivation, and flood discharge. In the evening we will have the Captain’s Welcoming Banquet and a Crew Cabaret show.

Day 6** Sept 12 Yangtze River (B, L, D)

This morning, the ship will enter Wu Gorge, famous for its meandering waterways and mystical, ever-changing fog that hovers over the river. We will take a Boat Excursion to explore the Shennv Stream or “Goddess Stream”. The scenic area of Shennv Stream is a newly-developed scenic area with the construction of Three Gorges Project. Due to the perpendicular mountains, deep valleys and turbulent water, very few people reach this area, so the sceneries are still in pristine condition and are worth visiting. Some of them are so vivid that we would find it hard to believe they exist. After lunch, the ship will enter Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest, but most striking section of the three gorges, with sky-soaring majestic mountains on both sides.

Day 7** Sept 13 Yangtze River (B, L, D)

Today, a Shore Excursion is scheduled to Shibaozhai (Stone Treasure Fortress), an isolated steep peak along the river bank. We can take a staircase to the top of a magnificent twelve-story red pavilion built on the peak. The Three Gorges Dam would have submerged the base of the red pavilion but a coffer dam was built around the base to protect it from the rising water level. After lunch, we can attend Culture Lectures. Topics include the evolution of the dam project and its importance to China, the immigration life of the people along the Three gorges, the history of Three Kingdoms, Chinese medicine, poetry by many famous Chinese sages, Chinese language, Chinese calligraphy, dumpling wrapping. The Captain’s Farewell Dinner is arranged for tonight.

Day 8** Sept 14 Yangtze River → Chongqing → Hangzhou (B, D)

The Yangtze River Adventure concludes in the city of Chongqing. We will transfer to the airport and take a short flight to Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province and one of the most renowned and prosperous cities in China because of its beautiful natural scenery. Hefang Street is the most famed street in Hangzhou City. With its brilliant culture and long history, it is regarded as a typical symbol of ancient Hangzhou. When you visit this busy but interesting street, you can catch a glimpse of antique buildings and long-surviving stores, taste local snacks as well as savor beautiful artifacts.
## Day 9**Sept 15** Hangzhou  
(B, L, D)

**West Lake** is the best-known attraction in Hangzhou. With hills surrounding three sides of the lake, it has inspired famous poets, scholars and artists since the 9th century. There are numerous temples, pagodas, pavilions, gardens and ornamental trees, as well as causeways and artificial islands. It became a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/109) in 2011. A **Boat Ride** is arranged for us to enjoy the beauty of the lake. **Leifeng Pagoda**, one of the best 10 views of West Lake, literally Six Harmonies Pagoda, is a multi-story Chinese pagoda in southern Hangzhou. According to historian Joseph Needham, the pagoda also served as a lighthouse along the Qiantang River. **Lingyin Temple** is one of the oldest and most significant ancient Buddhist temples in China. As the largest of several temples in Hangzhou's Wulin Mountains, with its long history and charming scenery, Lingyin Temple attracts thousands of visitors and Buddhist faithful every day. Tonight we will watch the popular show **Enduring Memories of Hangzhou**, a grand open-air show of light, music, dance and theatrics directed by Zhang Yimou.

## Day 10**Sept 16** Hangzhou – Huangshan  
(B, L, D)

Today, we will transfer to Huangshan. This beautiful ancient city is steeped in history and is a great bonus destination for tourists. It is the major gateway to **Mt. Huangshan (Yellow Mountain)**. The Huangshan area is well known for its scenery, sunsets, oddly-shaped granite peaks, pine trees, and breathtaking views of the clouds from above. Upon arrival, we will visit the **Tunxi Old Street** which preserves a Song Dynasty atmosphere.

## Day 11**Sept 17** Huangshan – Mt. Huangshan  
(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will drive to **Huangshan Scenic Area**. This beautiful mountain range is listed as a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/109) since 1990. Upon our arrival, we will take a **Cable Car** to Mt. Huangshan and then walk for an hour to our hotel. Next, we will tour the **Xihai Scenic Area** in the west, stopping at **Bright Peak**, the second highest peak of Huangshan and **Flying Rock**. Bright Peak got its name from the long sunlight illumination time due to its high and spacious peak. Flying Rock got its name from the shape resembling a rock that has fallen from the sky. It is 12 meters high, 8 meters wide and weighs 360 tons. Lastly, we will head 1 km north to the **Cloud-dispelling Pavilion**, the best place for admiring the unique rocks, hence the nickname “Unique Rock Exhibition Hall”. Tonight, we will be lodging on the top of Mt. Huangshan.

## Day 12**Sept 18** Mt. Huangshan – Huangshan  
(B, L, D)

Rise and shine! This morning, we take an early morning stroll to watch one of the most beautiful **Sunrises** on earth, with the sun emerging with nature. Then, we will tour the **Beihai Scenic Area** that includes **Writing Brush Peak**, **Lion Peak**, **Refreshing Terrace**, and **Begin-to-Believe Peak**. Enjoy the poetic and illusive atmosphere of the Black Tiger pine, Interlocking pine, and Chessboard pine. This area feels like heaven on earth, and the view looks like it came from an ancient Chinese drawing. Afterwards, we will take the **Cable Car** down and drive to our hotel.

## Day 13**Sept 19** Huangshan → Beijing  
(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will visit **Huizhou Ancient City**, an important component of Ancient Huizhou Cultural Scenic Area. It is a key historical and cultural town where you can explore Han Nationality style architectures in Ming and Qing Dynasties as well as ancient Huizhou culture. After lunch, we will visit the **Tangyue Memorial Arch Group**, a complex of seven memorial archways and built by the Baos in honor of the merits and virtues of their family members. Tangyue Memorial Archway stands in the main street of the village in order of ‘loyalty, filial piety, chastity and charity’. The most ancient one, which has a long history of over 580 years, can be traced back to 1420 during the reign of Yongle in the Ming Dynasty. The latest one was built in 1820 in the reign of Jiaqing. Tonight, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home via Beijing.

## Day 14**Sept 20** Beijing – Honolulu  
(B, L, D)

Our flight to Honolulu leaves after midnight, ending our wonderful tour in China.

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We wish you a safe journey and capture many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! 😊

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner
CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of $350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance is due on Jun 27, 2019. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a cancellation fee.

**Cancellation Policy:**
Written notice is required for any cancellation. The cancellation fee will be as follow:
** After Jun 27, 2019, $350 deposit is non-refundable;**
** Jun 28 – Aug 6, 2019, 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;**
** From Aug 7, 2019 to departure or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.**

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