



# Magnificent China

19th March 2020

14 Days From £3270pp



*Ancient temples, world wonders, forbidden cities and mighty rivers await on our grand tour of China.*

## Exclusively Regent

- ◇ Fully escorted by David Barrett (subject to minimum numbers)
- ◇ Return flights from London Heathrow Airport
- ◇ 12 nights accommodation on a varied board basis and 1 overnight flight
- ◇ 3 nights on-board a 5\* Yangtze River Cruise
- ◇ Highlights include Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, the pandas at Chongqing Zoo, the Summer Palace, the Terracotta Army & the Three Gorges Dam
- ◇ Entrance fees to all sights included, as per itinerary
- ◇ Optional excursions available (at additional expense, details to be advised nearer departure date)
- ◇ Includes cost of Chinese Visa and airport taxes
- ◇ Return airport transfers available, £85pp
- ◇ Commission-free currency & competitive rate travel insurance available in-store

## Tour Itinerary

### Thursday 19th March 2020

Meet your travelling companions today as we fly from Heathrow Airport direct to Beijing to begin our adventure.

### Friday 20th March 2020

Upon arrival we are transferred to our first hotel, the **Guangxi** in Beijing, with free time to relax before dinner. (D)

### Saturday 21st March 2020

Welcome to Beijing! China's capital offers historical palaces, unique monuments and intricate temples of dynasties with over 3000 years of history. This morning we visit the Temple of Heaven, a place of worship for Ming and Qing emperors where you can see Tai Chi practised in the courtyard. Afterwards enjoy a stroll through the iconic Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world. We then visit the iconic Forbidden City, which served as the grand imperial palace for centuries. (B,L,D)

### Sunday 22nd March 2020

Visit Mutianyu this morning, to see a quieter part of the famous Great Wall of China which has spectacular views. Built in the mid-6th century, its rich history can be observed in the details of its unique construction. This evening indulge in a sumptuous Peking Duck Dinner, a traditional delicacy and a culinary must! (B,L,D)

### Monday 23rd March 2020

This morning we visit the beautiful Summer Palace, the largest imperial garden in China, which includes a collection of lakes, gardens, palaces and beautiful scenery. Later enjoy a relaxing boat ride on Kunming Lake, followed by great photograph opportunities at the Bird's Nest Stadium and Water Cube, which hosted the 2008 Olympics and 2015 World Championships. Our final stop will be at Hutongs, which will give you an insight into traditional Beijing life. This...

...evening we catch our flight to Xi'an. Stay overnight at the **Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel** in Xi'an. (B,L,D)

### Tuesday 24th March 2020

Today we visit the famous Terracotta Warriors, a spectacular collection of 10,000 life-size statues of the Chinese army, which were made over 2000 years ago and are almost perfectly preserved. Following this amazing experience we visit Xi'an's ancient city wall, one of the world's largest military defence systems and the most intact in China. Take a stroll or even cycle along this iconic landmark. This evening enjoy a Royal Banquet at the Tang Dynasty Show, a wonderful display of traditional music and dance. (B,L,D)

### Wednesday 25th March 2020

Our day begins with a visit to the Shaanxi History Museum, which houses over 400,000 artefacts including treasures from various Chinese dynasties. We head onwards to the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, which showcases unique Chinese architectural style. Visit the Muslim Quarter to see life in the local community before transferring to the airport for our flight to Chongqing, the starting point for our Yangtze River Cruise. Overnight at the **DLT Chongqing** hotel. (B,L)

### Thursday 26th March 2020

Enjoy a very special highlight today, as we visit the adorable pandas at Chongqing Zoo. See these fantastic creatures in their dedicated enclosure and learn how the Zoo is important in protecting the endangered species. Following this, we take a short city tour to experience the fast-paced, bustling city and glimpse its highlights.

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\* £600pp Single Supplement

Please note: Visas are required for travel to China

**A deposit of £300pp is required to reserve your place on this tour**

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We end our day embarking on a spectacular 5\* river cruise along the Yangtze River. Board a lovely luxury **Victoria Cruises** ship as we begin our fantastic scenic cruise. (B,L,D)

**Friday 27th March 2020**

The third longest river in the world at 3915 miles in length, the Yangtze is also one of the most spectacular, boasting dramatic scenery from the mountainous regions that it flows through. Relax with our 5\* ship's on-board facilities this morning, before our excursion to Shibaozhai, a 200-metre-high hill. We dock here to explore this rocky hilltop, which has a spectacular 9-storey wooden pagoda, and is appropriately known as 'The Pearl of the Yangtze'. *Optional excursion available at additional cost, details to be advised nearer date of departure.* (B,L,D)

**Saturday 28th March 2020**

Our journey continues along the graceful river to the incredible Three Gorges. Pass Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge, alongside forest-covered mountains, sheer cliffs and deep valleys to the Goddess Stream, a place steeped in myth and legend. We enter Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest of the three, an unmissable sight. This evening we sail through the Three Gorges Dam ship locks. (B,L,D)

**Sunday 29th March 2020**

The last day of our scenic river cruise, we visit the famous Three Gorges Dam, the largest power station in the world, standing at 600 feet high and 7661 feet wide. Visit the fascinating museum and learn how this enormous dam was built, a spectacular engineering feat. We disembark in Yichang at noon before heading to the train station for our journey by Bullet Train to Shanghai. We spend the next three nights at the **Ocean Hotel** in Shanghai (B,L).

**Monday 30th March 2020**

Welcome to Shanghai! With a population of over 23 million people, this is China's largest and most developed city. The morning can be spent relaxing at leisure before an afternoon visit to the Shanghai Museum, famous for precious artefacts and amazing displays of cultural ...

... and traditionally significant items. Finally, we head to the top of the Shanghai World Financial Centre, where you can enjoy breath-taking birds eye views of the entire city, a truly memorable sight and a wonderful way to end our panoramic tour. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday 31st March 2020**

Our day begins with a visit to Yu Yuan Gardens, a 15th century complex of horticultural delights that were restored in the late 1950's. Quaint courtyards, pretty flowers, ancient streams and classic pavilions make a beautiful and traditional Chinese setting. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B,D)

**Wednesday 1st April 2020**

Say goodbye to Shanghai as we head to the airport for our return flight to London, with memories of a fantastic holiday and a unique trip to China. (B)

**Mobility Information:**

Please note that this tour may not be suitable for passengers with mobility issues. The itinerary advertised is very busy and includes a variety of transport which will be used throughout the tour. Disabled access cannot be guaranteed in China and therefore the tour may prove challenging for those with specific needs.



**Accommodation**

All hotels are high-quality, featuring restaurant and bar facilities. Guest rooms each feature en-suite bathroom facilities. Some hotels also feature pool facilities. Our hotels on this tour are as follows:

**4\* Guangxi Hotel, Beijing**

**4\* Grand Dynasty Culture, Xi'an**

**4\* DLT Chongqing Hotel, Chongqing**

**Yangtze River Cruise (Victoria Cruises)** (exact boat to be confirmed)

**5\* Ocean Hotel, Shanghai**



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