



Uniworld: Century Legend

13 Nights

China, Tibet & the Yangtze



Summary

Embrace the yin and yang of wonders old and new on this soul-enriching expedition.

Their names alone evoke the wonder and timeless allure of China: the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Goddess Stream. Wide enough for cavalry to ride along its crest, stretching from the Yellow Sea to China's eastern border, the Great Wall is one of China's legends. In Xi'an, 8,000 life-size Terra-cotta Warriors stand in formation, facing the enemies of an emperor who died 2,200 years ago. The red and white walls of the Potala Palace rise massively above Lhasa, and the floor of the gold-domed Jokhang Temple has been worn smooth by centuries of pilgrims reverently prostrating themselves before a seventh-century Buddha. Experience all of this on an adventure that also encompasses Beijing's imperial palaces and exquisite gardens, Shanghai's towering skyscrapers and the ethereal landscape of the Yangtze's Three Gorges.

Overview

Country:	China - Tibet
Cities:	Beijing, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chongqing, Yichang, Shanghai
Season:	April – October 2017
Duration:	14 days / 13 nights
Port of departure:	Beijing
Starting Price:	€7179

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Itinerary



Day 1: Beijing

A Uniworld representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to the luxurious Ritz-Carlton Beijing.

Day 2: Beijing

Featured Excursions:

The imperial heritage of China's capital: Forbidden City and Peking Duck lunch
Tiananmen Square provides your gateway to the UNESCO-designated Forbidden City, complete with palaces and gardens that housed China's emperors for 500 years. Savor a treasure of a different kind over lunch—Peking Duck—a dish once served to emperors. Complete your imperial heritage exploration at the Temple of Heaven—another UNESCO World Heritage site and a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design.

Day 3: Beijing

Featured Excursions:

Culture, history and intrigue: hutongs, teahouse and Welcome Dinner at the base of the Great Wall.
What lies behind the doors of the 500-year-old courtyard houses in Beijing's hutongs? Find out as you explore the area via rickshaw and sit down for lunch with a local family. Two towers mark the neighborhood—one, a 600-year-old bell tower, hosts a traditional tea ceremony that will remind you of tea's central place in China's culture. Cap off your day at the Great Wall, followed by a Welcome Dinner with complimentary wine at the base of the Great Wall itself.

Day 4: Beijing, fly to Xi'an

Featured Excursions:

Grace and art—Beijing's Summer Palace and Xi'an's traditional dumpling banquet
Emperors fled the summer heat to relax by the shores of Kunming Lake, where they created a Qing Dynasty garden embodying the highest achievement in Chinese landscape design. Stroll the Long Corridor, admiring the bridges and temples, and drift over the peaceful waters in a boat. From Beijing, fly to Xi'an, where you'll settle into the Shangri-La Hotel and be treated to a traditional dumpling banquet.

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Day 5: Xi'an

Featured Excursions:

China's first capital—Terra-cotta Army and Tang Dynasty dinner show

Twenty-two centuries ago, Emperor Qin Shi Huang unified a huge area (and gave it his name)—and he intended to keep what he conquered, even in the afterlife. He created an astonishing terra-cotta army to guard his tomb, which laid undisturbed until the 20th century. Only about 8,000 of the UNESCO designated Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses have been excavated, and they still stand in battle formation at the museum dedicated to this amazing archaeological discovery. A jade workshop shows off another aspect of Chinese artistry, and a lovely traditional dinner and a cultural performance that re-creates the music, folk dances and gorgeous silk costumes of the Tang Dynasty provide the perfect ending to the day.

Day 6: Xi'an, fly to Lhasa

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High on the Tibetan Plateau, Lhasa, the cultural and historical capital of Tibet, is both a thriving modern town and a mystical destination of pilgrimage. Check into the Shangri-La Lhasa hotel, where dinner comes with amazing views of the world's highest city.

Day 7: Lhasa

Featured Excursions:

Otherworldly Jokhang Temple and Tibet Museum

Jokhang Temple, where butter lamps flicker and incense fills the air, is the holiest site in the holy city. Deepen your understanding of Tibet's history at the Tibet Museum, meet a local family, and conclude an enlightening day with dinner at the hotel.

Day 8: Lhasa

Featured Excursions:

Places of the gods - Potala Palace and Sera Monastery

Lhasa is certain to elicit awe with visits to some of its most sacred places. Be captivated and inspired by a mystic sense of peace at the jewel-bedecked tombs and golden altars of Potala Palace, the UNESCO-honored historic home of the Dalai Lamas, and at Sera Monastery, where Buddhist monks still practice their faith under the watchful eye of Manjashuri, the God of Wisdom.

Day 9: Lhasa, fly to Chongqing, cruising the Yangtze River

Featured Excursion:

Giant Pandas

Before boarding your ship in Chongqing, visit the giant pandas at the zoo.

Day 10: Cruising the Yangtze River, Shibaozhai

Featured Excursion:

The Three Gorges—the Yangtze's fairytale landscape

Mist-shrouded peaks loom above the winding Yangtze as you cruise through the Three Gorges region, offering views straight out of China's iconic watercolor illustrations. A stop at Shibao Pagoda, built into the side of a steep hill, offers a colorful encounter with some unusual legends. End the day with the Captain's Welcome Reception.

Day 11: Cruising the Yangtze River, Goddess Stream

Featured Excursion:

The magical Goddess Stream

The turquoise waters of the Goddess Stream shimmer around your small boat as sheer cliffs rise high overhead. The day offers one of China's most amazing contrasts, for your ship will leave these peaceful waters to navigate the Three Gorges Dam locks. Bid adieu to the river with a Farewell Dinner.

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Note: Due to water conditions, we may substitute a Shennong Stream boat tour if the Goddess Stream is not available.

Day 12: Cruising the Yangtze River, Yichang (disembark), fly to Shanghai

Featured Excursion:

Powering China’s future—Three Gorges Dam

As the world’s largest hydroelectric project, the Three Gorges Dam is designed to control flooding on the Yangtze and provide electrical power for a huge part of the country. The controversial project has forever altered the landscape, but its scale is a tribute to the nation’s ambition. Fly to Shanghai, where you’ll check into the Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund.

Day 13: Shanghai

Featured Excursions:

Spectacular skyscrapers, famous dim sum and acrobats

Past, present and future combine on the exciting, busy streets of Shanghai, one of the world’s most exhilarating cities. The Bund, Shanghai’s famed waterfront promenade, brimming with spectacular skyscrapers designed by world-famous architects, reminds you that this city was the West’s gateway to China, while Shanghai’s Old Town—the original walled city with traditional teahouses, temples, narrow alleyways and markets—reminds you of its legendary heritage. Whether looking forward to the future or back at the past, one thing remains constant—dim sum. Be treated to a traditional dim sum lunch complete with dumplings, steamed buns and rice noodles. Cap off the day watching the famous Shanghai acrobatic troupe perform their astonishing, gravity-defying routines.

Day 14: Shanghai, transfer to the airport

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or continue your adventure with a memorable optional extension in Hong Kong.

Prices Include	Prices Exclude
13-night cruise in a River view stateroom	International airfare
All transfers on arrival and departure days	Port charges
All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients	
13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 dinners	
2 Captain's Welcome and 2 Captain's Farewell Receptions	
2 Welcome and 2 Farewell Gala Dinners	
Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, specialty coffee and tea, and mineral water	

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Starting price per person in Euro

Category	Ship	Price
Executive Suite	Century Legend	7179
Presidential Suite	Century Legend	8839

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