

Yangtze River three gorges tour

(4/5 days)



The cruise, President No. 1 (5 stars), President 4 (4 stars) and President 6 (4 stars), is one of the luxury cruises on the Yangtze River and well known with its fine decoration, modern facilities, function, safety and service. The cruise, is 90 meters long and 16.8 meters wide, with 5 decks. There are president suites, deluxe suites, executive suites, standard rooms, dining hall, banquet hall, bars, inner and outer viewing areas, multifunctional international conference hall, ballroom, gymnasium, recreational room, majiang rooms, sauna, beauty parlour and massage rooms, shopping centre and business centre. The cruise is well equipped with the advanced air conditioning system, acoustics, satellite communication system. The advanced colossal vessel can hold 156 tourists.



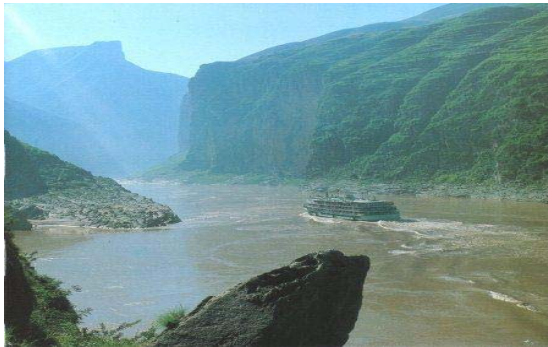
Scenic spots along the three gorges

The Three Gorges

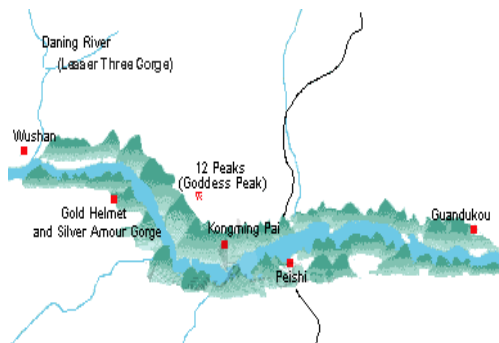
The three gorges, Qutang, Wu and Xiling, is 192 km in total.

The Qutang Gorge 8 km long is known by its magnificence and also known as the Wind Box Gorge. It is the shortest but grandest of them all. The gorge's widest point is 150 meters, "The limestone peaks reach to 1,200 meters high, and the river rushes swift as an arrow through the narrow entrance, pounding the perpendicular faces of the gorge." This gorge is a particularly dangerous stretch during high water levels and has been known to rise up to 72 meters. In the Tang Dynasty (618 - 907) chains

were strung across the river as an "iron lock" to prevent passage of enemy boats. In the Song Dynasty (960 - 1279) two iron pillars nearly two meters high were erected on the north side and seven chains, some 250 meters long, were used to block the river passage. Later this was used to enforce the collection of taxes on boats travelling down the river.



The Wu Gorge is the most beautiful section of the Yangtze River, flanked by high peaks that are often capped by fog or clouds. The steep slopes of the gorge are green with trees and bushes. The gorge was long known to be as dangerous as it is beautiful. It was a dangerous place for boat navigators, who faced dangers including whirlpools, quicksand, and currents that varied from hour to hour. As the river cuts its way through the Wushan mountains, its roaring currents change their directions constantly.



The Xiling Gorge, extending 76 km in length and full of turbulent currents and whirlpools, is one of the most dangerous shoals along the Yangtze River.



Shennong Stream

Shennong Stream 60 km long is a tributary of the Yangtze River. With crystal clear steam flows swiftly from north to south through deep gorges. Boat trackers usually sing their unique songs when hauling the boat. Working is somewhat a kind of enjoyment for them. Shennong stream is indeed a very attractive scenic spot.



Shibaozhai (Precious Stone Stronghold)

Located on the south bank of the Yangtze River, it was first built during the Qing Dynasty in 1650. As one of the most spectacular sites along the river, this 12-story 56m wooden red pavilion hugs a sheer rectangular cliff. It consists of three parts: the entrance gate, a nine-story wooden pavilion and a small temple at the top.



Fengdu Ghost City

Fengdu City, near Chongqing, is a treasure-house of local customs, culture and art, integrating the Confucian, Taoist and Buddhist cultures. It is also known as the "home of Chinese magical music." Demonstrations and performances of various local customs and practices are held at the "Temple Fair of the Ghost City" every March 3 by the lunar calendar, attracting numerous visitors from home and abroad with its long history, unique culture, fascinating legends and beautiful views.



Itinerary

Yichang to Chongqing (upstream)

Day	Time	Programs
1	19:00-24:00	Embark on the ship at Yichang
2	06:30-08:30 07:00 07:00-08:30 08:30-10:30 11:00 12:30 19:00-20:30	Breakfast Set sail Xiling Gorge Shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Pass through the ship lock of the Three Gorges Dam Lunch Welcome dinner
3	06:30-08:00 08:00-12:00 12:00-13:00 13:00-15:30 17:30-18:00 19:00 20:30	Breakfast Shore excursion to Daning River or Shennong Stream Lunch Pass through Wu Gorge Pass through Qutang Gorge Dinner Evening performance
4	6:30-08:00 08:30-10:30 12:00 19:00	Breakfast Shore excursion to Shibaozhai Wooden Pagoda Lunch Farewell dinner
5	09:00	Disembark at Chongqing

Itinerary
Chongqing-Yichang (downstream)

Day	Time	Programs
1	09:00 12:00 15:30-18:30 19:00	Set sail from Chongqing Lunch Shore excursion to Fengdu-the Ghost city Welcome dinner
2	06:30-08:00 07:00-09:30 09:30-09:50 11:00-12:45 12:00 13:00-17:30 19:00 21:00	Breakfast Optional tour to the White Emperor Town Pass through Qutang Gorge Pass through Wu Gorge Lunch Shore excursion to Shennong Stream Farewell dinner Pass through the ship lock of the Three Gorges Dam
3	08:00-10:00 10:00-11:00 13:00	Shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam site Xiling Gorge Disembark at Yichang

Schedule

Name	Yichang-Chongqing Upstream (5 days/4 nights)	Chongqing-Yichang Downstream (4days/ 3 nights)
President No. 1	Friday	Wednesday
President No. 4	Wednesday	Monday
President No. 6	Monday	Saturday

**Yichang-Chongqing (5 days & 4 nights) Upstream
Chongqing-Yichang (4 days & 3 nights) Downstream**

Price in Euro

Ship	Month	Standard cabin/bed	Standard with Balcony/bed	Suite Deluxe	Suite President
President No. 1 * * * * *	Sep.- Oct.	340	370	1360	2720
	Mar.-Nov.	310	340	1240	2480
President No. 4/ No. 6 * * * * *	Sep.- Oct.	260	290	1040	2080
	Mar.-Nov.	230	260	920	1840

Single room supplement: price of the standard cabin/bed x 1.75

- **Price is in Euro and based on 1 Euro = 1.30 USD and will be changed according to the daily exchange rate.**
- **For groups of over 10 passengers we can offer you a better price and guide in other languages besides English, e.g. German, French and Spanish.**
- **Price inclusive breakfast buffet, high cooking standard lunch, dinner and shore excursion**