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Inclusions

- » 3 nights in Beijing at Raffles Beijing 5★
- » 4 night cruise aboard APT's luxurious Sanctuary Yangtze Explorer, in your choice of stateroom
- » All meals, selected beverages and entertainment onboard
- » 2 nights in Xi'an at Sofitel Renmin Square 5★
- » 3 nights in Shanghai at Fairmont Peace Hotel 5★
- » Includes meals as per itinerary, all tipping, airport transfers, internal flights within China, excursions and portage
- » Services of an RAC tour escort from Perth plus APT Tour Director & local guides

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Itinerary

13 day guided cruise holiday

Day 1 (29 Oct 2015) » Beijing

Be met and transferred to your hotel. Day at leisure. Later this evening at a Welcome Reception. Overnight Raffles Beijing.

Day 2 (30 Oct 2015) » Beijing

Today begins with a tour of Tian'anmen Square. Then head to the World Heritage-listed Forbidden City. After, hop on a rickshaw for a tour through the hutongs (narrow streets) of Old Beijing. Explore the historic alleyways and visit the home of a local family. Tonight, indulge in a Peking Duck banquet. Overnight Raffles Beijing (B, L, D).

Day 3 (31 Oct 2015) » Beijing, The Great Wall

After breakfast, set out for Huairou County and arrive at one of the best-preserved parts of the Great Wall of China. Board a cable car, enjoy views of the wall, the surrounding mountains and the village of Mutianyu. Afterwards, stop at a jade showroom for an insight into the craft. After dinner at leisure in Beijing, choose to attend a Peking Opera show; watch a Kung Fu show; or explore Silk Alley market. Overnight Raffles Beijing (B, L).

Day 4 (1 Nov 2015) » Beijing, Yichang, Embark Cruise

Discover Beijing's Temple of Heaven on a guided tour this morning. After, fly to Yichang. Transfer to your luxury river ship and settle in for the Yangtze River cruise. Overnight Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer (B, L, D).

Day 5 (2 Nov 2015) » Xiling Gorge, Three Gorges Dam

Cruise the Yangtze through China's most picturesque area, the Three Gorges region. Pass the longest of the Three Gorges, Xiling Gorge, cruising through Yellow Ox Gorge and under Huangling Temple, set amid groves of orange and pomelo trees. This afternoon, arrive at the Three Gorges Dam and take a tour. In the evening the Captain's Welcome Reception and an entertaining crew show. Overnight Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer (B, L, D).

Day 6 (3 Nov 2015) » Shennong Stream, Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge

Following breakfast, disembark at Badong and transfer by ferry to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat). Longboat cruising, poled by a local Tujia boatman, you're able to absorb the serenity of the river and towering rock formations. After lunch onboard, continue to the spectacular Wu Gorge, the second of the

Three Gorges system. Later, pass between the majestic Chijia and Baiyan Mountains to enter the Qutang Gorge, the shortest and narrowest of the Three Gorges. In the afternoon, there is the opportunity to attend an onboard arts and crafts demonstration. Overnight Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer (B, L, D).

Day 7 (4 Nov 2015) » Fengdu or Relocation Tour

Rise early for a Tai Chi class atop the ship's Observation Deck. After breakfast, disembark for a tour of Fengdu, a graceful little 'Ghost City'. Fengdu is noted for its bustling markets and the many Buddha and Tao temples gathered on Ming Mountain. Or choose to take a 'Relocation Tour', which will give you an insight into the impact of the Three Gorges Dam project on local farming communities. In the afternoon, choose an activity; attend a Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy demonstration, learn to play Mahjong, try Mandarin, or a dumpling-making session run by the ship's chef. In the evening, enjoy the Emperor Farewell Dinner, a Chinese banquet feast. Embrace the spirit by dressing up in Chinese costumes. Overnight Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer (B, L, D).

Day 8 (5 Nov 2015) » Chongqing, Disembark Ship, Xi'an

Disembark in Chongqing. A strategic port since ancient times, Chongqing was established in the 11th century and has a dramatic history, playing a key role in WWII due to its mountainous landscape. Head to the famous Chongqing Zoo, where varieties of wild and rare animals are on display, including the famous Giant Pandas. Later, visit a local restaurant for an authentic hotpot lunch before your flight to Xi'an. This evening, choose from a Brazilian barbecue or a Western buffet. Overnight Sofitel Renmin Square (B, L, D).

Day 9 (6 Nov 2015) » Xi'an, Terracotta Army

Discover the attractions of one of China's oldest cities and the eastern point of the famous Silk Road; Xi'an. Visit the ancient city wall, one of the largest ancient military defensive systems in the world. Afterwards, travel out of the city to a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still made today. Later, arrive at the world-famous Terracotta Army, a collection of clay sculptures depicting the warriors of Qin Shi Huang, the First Emperor of China. With a museum curator, you'll enjoy the view of some of the best-

preserved sculptures from an area off-limits to the public. Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Enjoy a movie telling the story of the warriors, and visit the excavation pits as well as the famous Bronze Chariot. In the evening, a performance of the Tang Dynasty show and enjoy an authentic dumpling banquet. Overnight Sofitel Renmin Square (B, L, D).

Day 10 (7 Nov 2015) » Xi'an, Shanghai

Enjoy a morning excursion to the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, built in 707 AD during the Tang Dynasty. After lunch, fly to Shanghai. On arrival, board the high-speed Maglev train into the heart of the city. Once mainly a fishing and textiles town, Shanghai has transformed into a globally significant metropolis. Check-in to your hotel overlooking the Huangpu River, and enjoy free time before dinner. Enjoy an evening meal of Chinese cuisine at the Dragon Phoenix restaurant. Alternatively, you can head to the Langham Xintiandi Hotel's renowned signature restaurant, Ming Court. Or choose to enjoy an exotic fusion menu at Zen Restaurant. Overnight Fairmont Peace Hotel (B, L, D).

Day 11 (8 Nov 2015) » Shanghai

Choose your activity this morning. Cruise the Huangpu River through the city and explore Yu Garden, before dim sum lunch. Or join a local guide for a walking tour of Shanghai's former French Concession. Stroll along the tree-lined avenues and admire its European cafes, houses and gardens, before a dim sum lunch. Or, take part in a cooking class and learn how to make Shanghai Dumplings. Afternoon at your leisure. This evening, enjoy premium seating at an acrobatic show. Overnight Fairmont Peace Hotel (B, L).

Day 12 (9 Nov 2015) » Jinxi, Shanghai

Travel to Jinxi, an ancient water town. An hour from bustling Shanghai. Jinxi's romantic charm is best appreciated during a guided walking tour. Wandering through the covered corridors along the Jinxi River, you'll discover ancient bridges arching over the town's many water alleys. A boat cruise before lunch is the ideal way to take in this town. Return to Shanghai after lunch and enjoy free time to explore before your Farewell Dinner at The Cathay Room in the hotel. Overnight Fairmont Peace Hotel (B, L, D).

Day 13 (10 Nov 2015) » Depart Shanghai

Transfer to the airport for your flight home (B).

