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CHINA

Experience the mighty, mysterious Yangtze River with Sanctuary Retreats



LUXURY, NATURALLY

Awe-inspiring natural beauty, iconic World Heritage sites and cultures enhanced over centuries – these are the riches around as you sail China’s legendary waterway. The guiding philosophy of all Sanctuary cruises and safari lodges is ‘Luxury, naturally’, and Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer gets you as close as possible to central China’s most captivating landscapes amid authentic charm and unrivalled comfort. This unique cruise steers you to dramatic destinations old and new, and gives glimpses of remote riverside life while you take pleasure in a relaxing journey with unrivalled amenities.

Explore the largest man-made cave in the world, admire forest-cloaked peaks and feel personally introduced to time-tested traditions thanks to time on Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer – it’s a boutique hotel with five-star service floating on the Golden River. The carefully curated itineraries combine fascinating history-steeped cities with soul-uplifting rural stories along Asia’s longest river. The port of Chongqing, a Municipality located in the Sichuan Province - is the gateway to the 3,915-mile Yangtze. Meander through the Three Gorges, which extend 120 miles into the river’s middle reaches; discover the mountains of the Fuling district; take a whirl on a wooden sampan along the Shennong Stream as Tujia boatmen spill local secrets. Learn about each beguiling destination from small-group excursions and English-speaking experts. And wake up somewhere different every day, without changing bedroom.



A REMARKABLE RIVER CRUISE...

- With the highest staff to passenger ratio on the Yangtze River, service is exemplary and very personalised
- Stylish cabins and suites are the largest on the Yangtze River, all with private balconies
- Fascinating 3- & 4-night itineraries cruise between Yichang & Chongqing
- The immersive on board experience includes calligraphy masterclasses, dumpling making classes and the all-important tea ceremony
- Relax on board with Tai Chi, Chinese medicine and use of the fitness centre
- Enjoy a variety of beauty treatments at the Huang Ding Spa
- International chefs serving authentic local specialities, as well as western classics





LIFE ON-BOARD

Breeze-kissed tai chi lessons before breakfast. Tea ceremonies to make you a connoisseur. Acupuncture, reflexology and Chinese medicine masterclasses. Insider knowledge from your hosts gives you insight into life along this celebrated section of Asia's longest river. Enjoy interesting lectures in the Tang Theatre, get hands-on experience of how to make dumplings, or just relax and reflect on the day's once-in-a-lifetime sightseeing. Children in tow? They have a dedicated programme of on-board activities. Who knew time in the slow lane could be so enlightening?

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer provides an ideal introduction to this immense country for those who have never been to China before, and this extraordinary journey promises a unique adventure for guests that are returning to this magnificent land. On the Qutang deck as well there's the Huang Ding Spa and Fitness Centre for when you want to wind down or work out. Seek out the beauty salon for manicures, pedicures and hair styling so that you look your best as well as feel it. Experience thrilling sights and exceptional tastes – time along the Yangtze is best appreciated at an easy pace, in this elegant environment.



SPA MENU

HUANG DING SPA SIGNATURE TREATMENTS

ANTI-OXIDANT AND VITAMIN FACIAL

Perfect for... Rejuvenating and refreshing

Let time dissolve into a stream of therapist's hands and with sweet fragrances from Italian Comfort Zone spa products, which alone have you feeling like you're floating. The ultimate nourishment to moisturise, soften and revive your skin.

ORIENTAL AROMA-SOUL RITUAL MASSAGE

Perfect for... Health-boosting, stress-busting

Inspired by the ancient Chinese massage technique of tui na, this invigorating and therapeutic body treatment uses firm acupressure to rebalance the flow of energy, improve blood circulation, and relieve tension.






DINING

The East meets West menus take food lovers on a tour of authentic local delicacies and international flavours – the quality of the eating and drinking is a hallmark of the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer experience. There’s a team of internationally trained chefs and a well-stocked wine cellar – choose from complimentary house reds and whites, as well as the finest French labels. Soft drinks, house wine and local beer are unlimited at mealtimes.

At breakfast and lunch, buffets extend a range of continental classics and Chinese dishes – start with just-squeezed fruit juices and house-baked pastries one day and feast on freshly steamed dim sum the next. Afternoon tea isn’t just about the home-made cakes and brewed-how-you-like-it tea or coffee – the servers also share with you the secrets to the specialist blends on board.

Chinese banquets are legendary – and so is the Taste of China farewell dinner. It’s a feast of tasty dishes, such as west lake beef broth, ‘Henan’ fried noodles and vegetables and crispy fried dory fish. As well as this carnival of flavours, the parade features characters dressed as the Emperor, Empress and concubines with a folklore-telling Lion Dance. Wear your own traditional Chinese outfit for the ultimate photo opportunity.



DYNASTY DINING ROOM

SAMPLE DISHES

Starters

Rolled duck-yolk with nuts and vegetables; a blend of prawns and dragon fruit

Entrée

Smoke-kissed barbecued ribs; wok-fried udon noodles; grilled rack of lamb

Soup

Beef consommé; green pea soup; cream of mushroom

Dessert

Apple crumble; vanilla ice cream





CABINS & SPECIALITY SUITES



Deluxe Cabins (31m² / 334 ft²)

These 38 ensuite cabins are the largest entry level of their kind on the Yangtze River. Stylish, and with their own private balconies, each is fully equipped with satellite TV, electronic safe, minibar and fridge.



Mandarin Suite and Jade Suite (81m² / 872 ft²) Celestial Suite and Imperial Suite (110m² / 1184 ft²)

These four suites are the largest on the ship. Dressed in traditional Chinese décor, these sumptuous, spacious suites have separate bedroom and living areas and as well as uninterrupted views of screensaver-worthy landscapes as the ship sails its course.

Additional perks to this luxury accommodation include room service, in-suite private dining, sparkling wine, a welcome fruit bowl, and afternoon tea imaginatively presented in a birdcage.



Suites (39m² / 420 ft²)

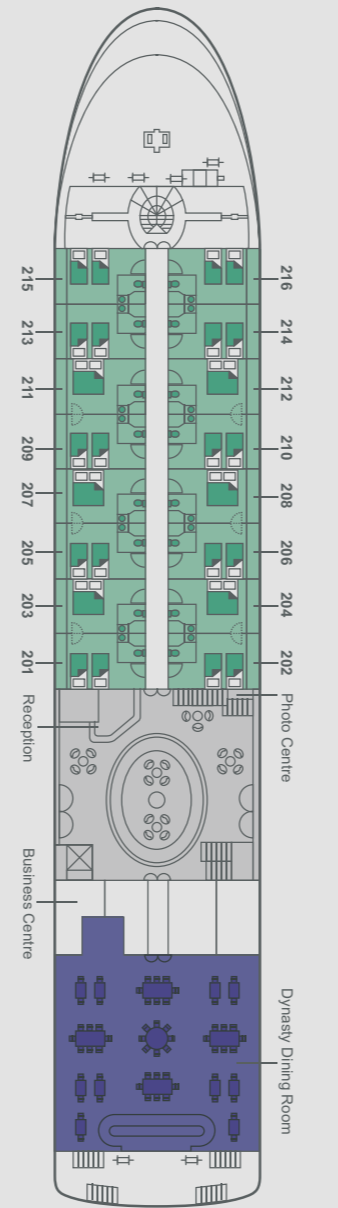
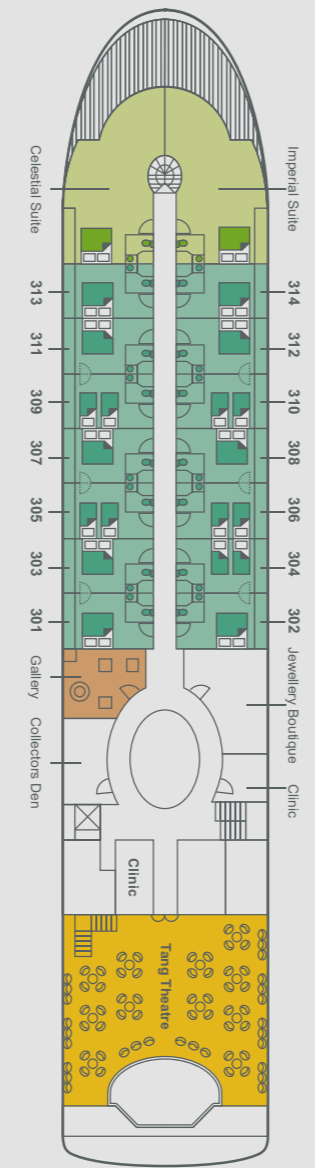
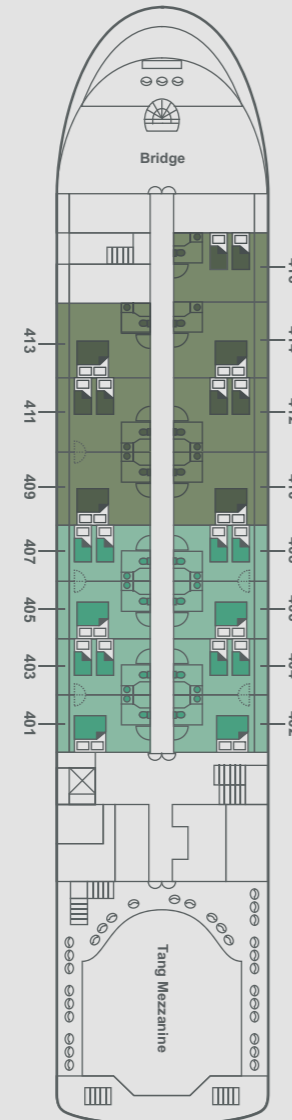
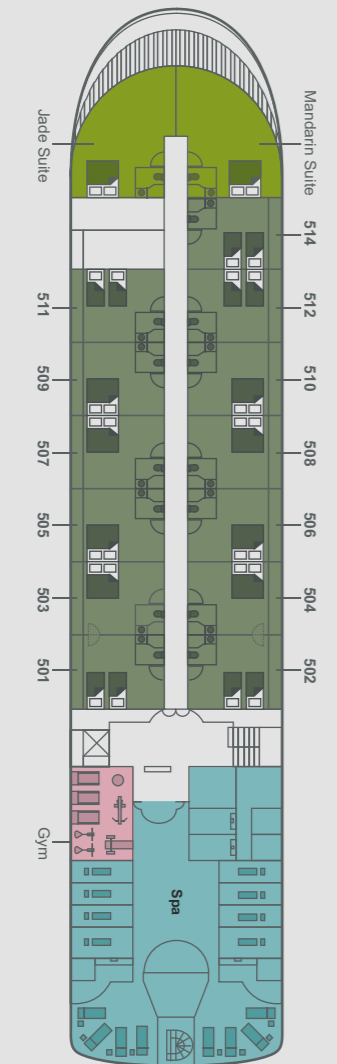
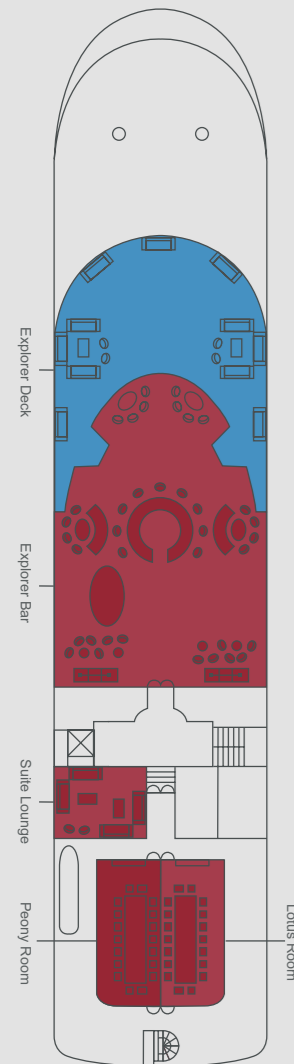
These 20 suites have an indoor seating area and a private balcony with table and chairs. They're spacious enough to accommodate a third person, and they include a free laundry service as well as access to the suite lounge for unlimited drinks and snacks.



DECK PLANS

■ Deluxe Cabin
 ■ Suite* *Twin or King options available on request

EXPLORER DECK QUTANG DECK WU DECK XILING DECK MAIN DECK



Explorer Bar and Deck

Admire the Three Gorges in high definition through huge picture windows or out in the open air as you sail past their gentle tree-lined slopes. Take a traditional tai chi class with the on-board doctor before breakfast, and enjoy that backdrop of enchanting riverscapes and ancient wonders in the early morning light. Cocktail hour more your scene? The Explorer Bar is also a sociable spot in which to enjoy an expertly mixed Cosmo or a Dry Martini.



Tang Theatre

Inspiring lectures and entertaining performances are held here, and there's plenty of space so that everyone gets a seat. Hear about Chinese history and the spectacular geography, as experts share stories on the scenes you can see.



Dynasty Dining Room

Internationally trained chefs celebrate Chinese and continental cuisines with innovative à la carte menus at dinner and buffet options at breakfast and lunch. This is complemented by the sommelier-curated cellar and complimentary house wines, carefully selected imports, local beers and refreshing soft drinks.



Boutiques

This art and craft gallery begs you to browse the curios and treasures fit for collectors and casual shoppers. The hand-picked souvenirs include beautiful jewellery, stunning white, pink, silver and black pearls, Chinese-character seals, framed silk embroidery and mini snuff bottles. For traditional Chinese therapies such as acupuncture and acupressure, the resident doctor hosts his clinic on this level.



Fitness Centre

The gym is fitted with weights, a stationary bike, treadmill, mats and gym balls, making exercise easy, even while you cruise.



Lotus & Peony rooms

Activities such as arts and crafts demonstrations and silk embroidery are hosted in these more intimate spaces. The rooms are also available for exclusive dining, cocktail parties, meetings and award presentations, and the open deck is ideal for outdoor activities.



CRUISE ITINERARIES

YANGTZE RIVER



3 NIGHT | CHONGQING TO YICHANG



DAY 1 | DEPART CHONGQING

DAY 2 | FULING

DAY 3 | QUTANG GORGE, WU GORGE , THE SHENNONG STREAM, XILING GORGE

DAY 4 | DISEMBARK AT MAOPING, THE THREE GORGES DAM, ARRIVE YICHANG

4 NIGHT | YICHANG TO CHONGQING



DAY 1 | DEPART YICHANG

DAY 2 | XILING GORGE AND THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT

DAY 3 | THE SHENNONG STREAM, WU GORGE AND QUTANG GORGE

DAY 4 | FULING

DAY 5 | DISEMBARK AT CHONGQING





ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Fascinating 3- & 4-night itineraries cruise between Yichang & Chongqing. Explore history-steeped cities and towns, ancient temples and scenic gorges along Asia's longest river.

CHONGQING

Cruises begin or end in Chongqing, China's gateway to her south-west frontier, and currently the world's largest urban municipality at a population of 33 million.

FULING

The 816 Underground Project is the world's largest artificial military cave, an intriguing secret project, hidden in the mountains of Fuling. The White Crane Ridge Underwater Project will take you some 130 feet under water to admire the river bed and the intricate ancient rock carvings left there many years ago.

THREE KINGDOM SHOW

Experience this large real landscape show integrating local, natural and cultural resources and enjoy 180 degree mobile audience seats, 3D holographic projections, a large aquatic stage and stunning special effects using water and fire.

QUTANG GORGE

The shortest and narrowest of the famed Three Gorges, and known for its dramatic waters and towering cliffs, it is palpable that this is where the currents of history and the breath-taking power of nature meet.

WU GORGE

Characterised by majestic peaks crowned by lush forests, Wu Gorge is said to be celestial. Legend has it that Yao Ji loved this area so much that she and her 12 attendants were transformed into the graceful peaks you can see here along the river.

SHENNONG STREAM

Experience a ride on a sampan, a traditional longboat rowed by expert Tujia boatmen, and explore the mouth of the Wu Gorge's crystal waters in this stunning riverine gorge flanked by verdant forest.

XILING GORGE

The longest of the gorges, the Xiling is special for the many smaller gorges and canyons that punctuate its picturesque banks – this enchanting scenic passing marks the beginning or end of your journey.

THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT

The dam is the world's largest hydropower project. The dam, which is 600 feet in height, spans 1.2 miles in width between the cliffs of the Xiling Gorge, and is the largest and most expensive engineering project in the world. The generators aim to generate enough clean energy to reduce China's reliance on coal.

YICHANG

Famed for its delicate tea and fragrant oranges, Yichang is remarkable for its grand mountains, historical relics, and water-conservation project, the Three Gorges Project Dam Site and Exhibition Centre. This is where you will board or disembark your cruise.





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Luxury, naturally

Sanctuary Retreats is an award-winning collection of luxury lodges, camps and cruise ships. Each property is completely individual in its design and operated around the philosophy of 'Luxury, naturally'. All have the same aim: to allow guests to have a real experience and enjoy a more natural kind of luxury in properties that have a strong commitment to conservation and responsible tourism. The portfolio includes safari camps and lodges in Botswana, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, as well as river cruise ships on the Nile, the Yangtze and in Myanmar.

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