

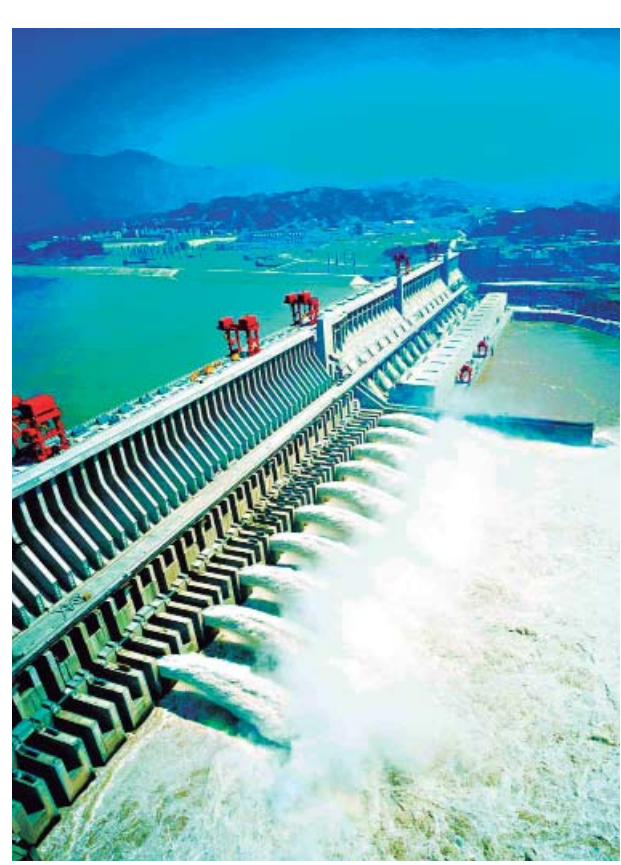


YANGZI EXPLORER

The Art of Cruising...

Cruising provides a supremely relaxing way to visit a destination, enabling travellers to experience a whole range of sights and tours without the need for unpacking and repacking in between.





CRUISING ON THE YANGZI EXPLORER

We offers the ultimate in luxury when cruising on the Yangzi River, the world's third longest river (at 6,280 kilometres / 3,900 miles) and the symbolic lifeline of China. The magnificent Three Gorges region frames a cruise that is unsurpassed in sheer physical beauty, which draws on over 3,000 years of cultural history. During the Three Kingdoms Period (260-280AD), the gorges played an important role in the course of China's history. Through World War II, the gorges provided protection against the onslaught of the Japanese invasion. In recent years, the Three Gorges have won international attention both for the majestic scenic beauty and the growing concern over the construction of the Three Gorges Dam Project - the largest dam project ever attempted on Earth. Begun in 1992 and slated to be completed (and fully operational) in 2009, the dam - a feat of engineering unprecedented in modern Chinese history - is a Great Wall for the future.

CLIMATE

Protected by mountains to north, the Three Gorges region enjoys a humid subtropical climate:

- Spring (March-May): Occasional light rains but conditions are mild (17-20°C/ 63-68°F)
- Summer (June-September): Hot and humid (28°C/82°F)
- Autumn (October-November): Mild temperatures and drier conditions (18-22°C/65-71°F)
- Winter (December-February): Cool (6-12°C/43-52°C) *ship not in operation*



Why The Yangzi Explorer?

INTIMATE STYLE

Carrying just 124 passengers, the Yangzi Explorer offers the finest and most personalized service of any ship sailing the river. With other cruise ships accommodating well over 300 passengers the MS Yangzi Explorer is the market leader by offering such an intimate cruising experience. International standards of service, delivered by the highest ratio of staff to guests, ensure that every level of comfort is catered for during the cruise.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION

Complementing the attentive service are the largest and most beautifully appointed cabins and suites on the Yangzi today. The 38 Deluxe cabins (290 ft²) are extremely spacious, setting the Yangzi Explorer well apart from the typical regular cabins offered by other vessels. In addition, there are 20 Suites (387 ft²) and four stunning Speciality Suites – Jade and Mandarin Suites (732 ft²), and Celestial and Imperial Suites (829 ft²). Each Suite is exceptional in size, and is designed to create a more harmonious and luxury cruising experience. Most importantly, every cabin and suite features a viewing balcony that affords guests the opportunity to enjoy the kaleidoscope of ever-changing scenery through the gorges.

CUISINE

A team of internationally-trained chefs design innovative menus of both Chinese and western dishes, catering to the most discerning of palates. Lunches and dinners feature complimentary house wines, coffee and tea, local beer, and bottled water.

SPA & WELL-BEING

The most spacious and indulgent Spa on board of any cruise vessel on the Yangzi! With an area covering more than 600 m² / 6,000 ft², the Yangzi Spa is a haven of tranquility and rejuvenation for guests. With 6 treatment rooms, guests will have the opportunity to truly indulge and relax whilst on board. A varied menu of spa services, including massage and beauty treatments, is complemented by a state-of-the-art fitness centre, beauty salon and sauna.

SHIP & SHORE ACTIVITIES

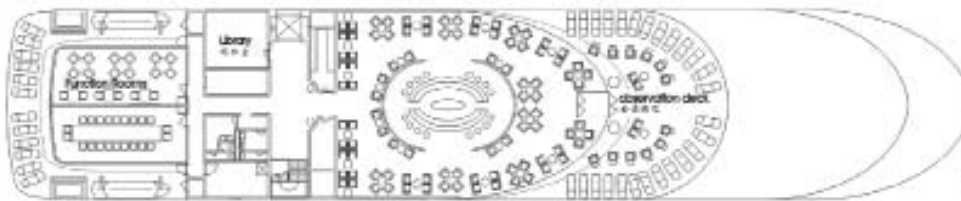
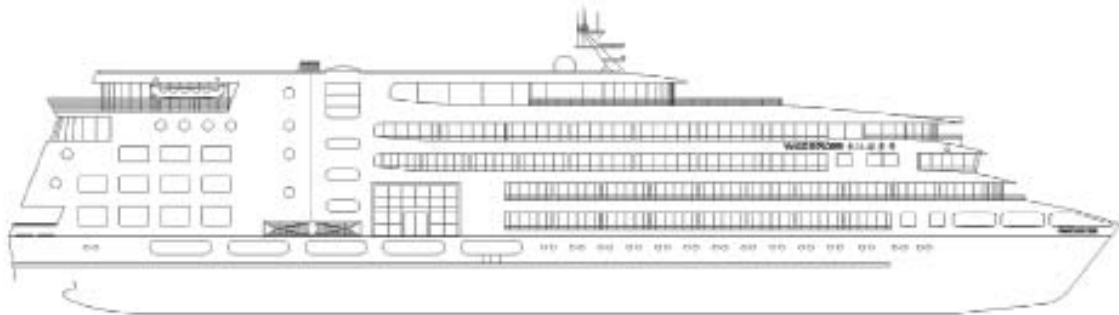
The Yangzi Explorer is staffed by the best knowledgeable guides and resources who support a programme of daily lectures and shore excursions, ensuring guests are educated, engaged, and informed. Being the smallest and most intimate ship on the Yangzi, we operate our shore excursions with fewer passengers than most other cruise ships, and thus can offer a more informative experience and at times which are less frequented by other cruise groups. The onboard entertainment is discerning and sophisticated, consciously avoiding the ubiquitous karaoke found on so many Yangzi cruise vessels.

CONSERVATION ETHICS

Going green is more than a slogan on the Yangzi Explorer. State-of-the-art sewage disposal systems, recycling facilities, and attention to the fragile Yangzi environment are just some of the measures employed in the ship's design so our guests can truly appreciate the Yangzi with the knowledge that in doing so, they are not spoiling it for future generations.



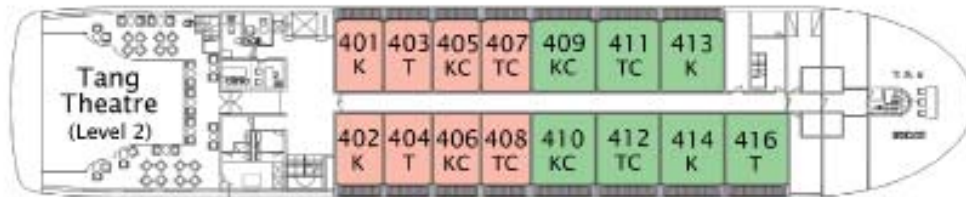
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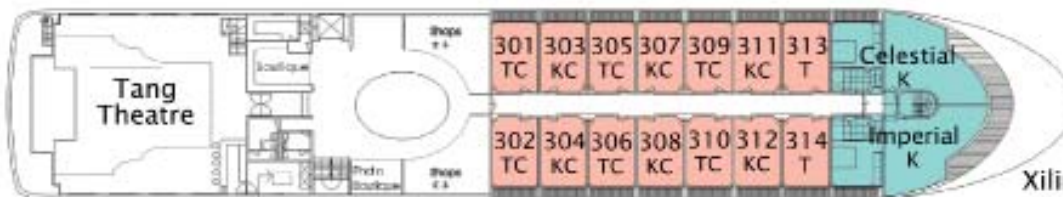
Explorer Deck



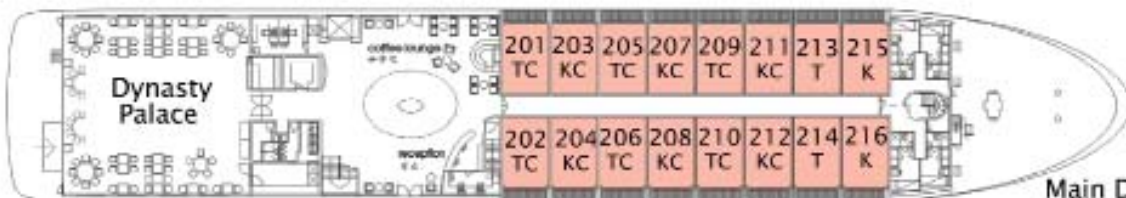
Qutang Deck



Wu Deck




Xiling Deck



Main Deck

K - King Bed T - Twin Bed C - Connecting Cabin

 Celestial Suite
Imperial Suite
(77m² / 829 ft²)

 Jade Suite
Mandarin Suite
(68m² / 732 ft²)

 Suites
(36m² / 387 ft²)

 Deluxe Cabin (27m² / 290 ft²)

Cabins and Suites



Deluxe Cabin

- Most spacious cabin on Yangzi with 31m² /333ft²
- Private balcony with armchairs and drink table
- Queen size bed - 1.8m*2m
- Twin size beds - 0.9m*2m
- 37" Philips LCD TV
- Connecting cabins available
- Satellite programs - HBO, CNN, BBC, ESPN, Star Sports, Discovery
- Video-on-demand System
- IDD Telephone with extension
- Hairdryer
- Mini Bar
- Safe
- Individual air-conditioning system
- Private bathroom with shower and toilet



Mandarin Suite

- Designer's highlight, luxuriously furnished with chinoiserie deco - 81 m² /871 ft²
- Private sun deck with chaise lounge, armchairs and drink table
- Queen size bed - 1.8m*2m
- Sitting room with full-size panoramic view door windows
- 37" Philips LCD TV in sitting room
- 32" Philips LCD TV in bedroom
- Satellite programs - HBO, CNN, BBC, ESPN, Star Sports, Discovery
- Video-on-demand System
- IDD Telephone with extension
- Hairdryer
- Mini Bar
- Safe
- Individual air-conditioning system
- Private bathroom with shower and toilet
- Dressing table and stool at Bathroom

Yangzi Explorer - 2016 Cruise Itineraries

DOWNSTREAM (4 Days & 3 Nights)

Departs Chongqing on Thursday & Arrives Yichang on Sunday

Day 1: Chongqing - On Board The Yangzi Explorer

Upon embarkation, settle into your cabins and enjoy a sumptuous dinner. The ship will set sail on its downstream course through the Three Gorges region. The total length of this cruise is 660 kilometers (402 miles) and is considered by most Chinese to represent the single most scenic area in all of China.

Day 2: Fengdu

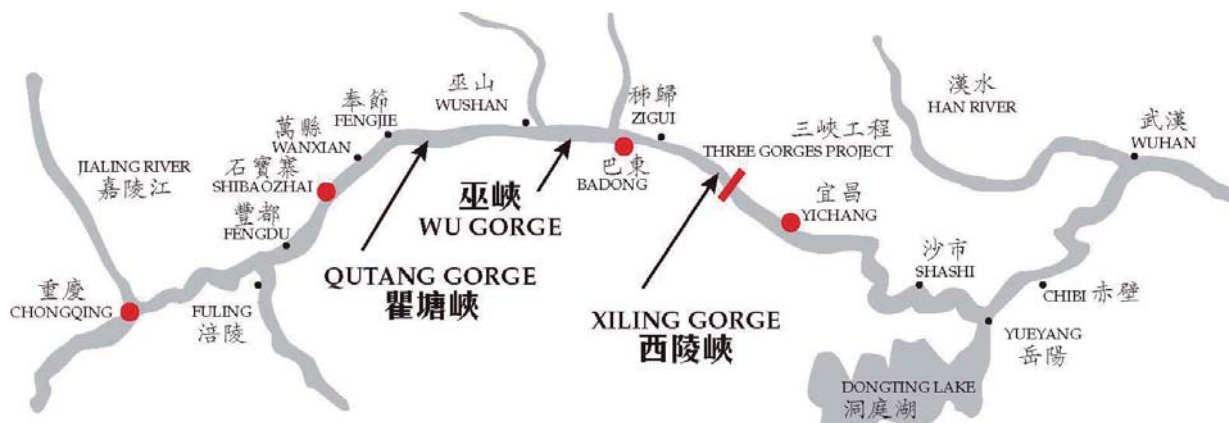
Disembark for a shore excursion in Fengdu, a charming river village known as "Ghost City" and noted for its elaborate Daoist temple and bustling markets. During the Tang Dynasty, two princely families, the Yin (Hell) and Wang (King) were joined in marriage. They then became the Yinwang (King of Hell). Since that time, local residents of Fengdu have believed that the town is populated by ghosts.

Day 3: Qutang Gorge / Wu Gorge/ Shennong Stream Excursion / Xiling Gorge

Qutang Gorge is the narrowest stretch of the river whilst Wu Gorge is noted for its sheer looming appearance of the numerous peaks. Once the ship passes the Wu Gorge it arrives at Badong and one of the tributaries, the Shennong Stream, where you will board local longboats. After 4 hours, return to the ship and continue through the majestic Xiling Gorge passing through the ship locks of the Three Gorges Dam Project.

Day 4: The Three Gorges Dam / Disembark Yichang

Disembark for your shore excursion to the site of the Three Gorges Dam Project. Depart from Yichang to your next destination.



UPSTREAM (5 Days & 4 Nights)

Departs Chongqing on Sunday & Arrives Yichang on Thursday

Day 1: Yichang - On Board The Yangzi Explorer

Upon embarkation, settle into your cabin/suite and enjoy the sumptuous dinner. The ship will set sail on its upstream course through the Three Gorges region. The total length of this cruise is 660 kilometers (402 miles) and is considered by most Chinese to represent the single most scenic area in all of China. Centuries of poetry, essays and paintings have instilled a great reverence for the region lending it a special place in the heart of all Chinese travelers.

Day 2: Xiling Gorge / The Three Gorges Dam

Pass through the ship locks of the Three Gorges Dam Project and after lunch you will be transferred overland to the site of the Three Dam Project. Re-board the ship and pass through the longest of the gorges, Xiling Gorge.

Day 3: Shennong Stream / Wu Gorge / Qutang Gorge

The ship arrives in Badong and one of its tributaries the Shennong Stream where you will board longboats. After 2 hours return to the ship to sail through the last two gorges, the Wu Gorge and the Qutang Gorge.

Day 4: Fengdu

Disembark for your shore excursion to the site of the Three Gorges Dam Project. Depart from Yichang to your next destination. Disembark for a shore excursion in Fengdu, a charming river village known as "Ghost City" and noted for its elaborate Daoist temple and bustling markets. During the Tang Dynasty, two princely families, the Yin (Hell) and Wang (King) were joined in marriage. They then became the Yinwang (King of Hell). Since that time, local residents of Fengdu have believed that the town is populated by ghosts.

Day 5: Chongqing

This morning the Yangzi Explorer will reach Chongqing where you will disembark.