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EXPLORER

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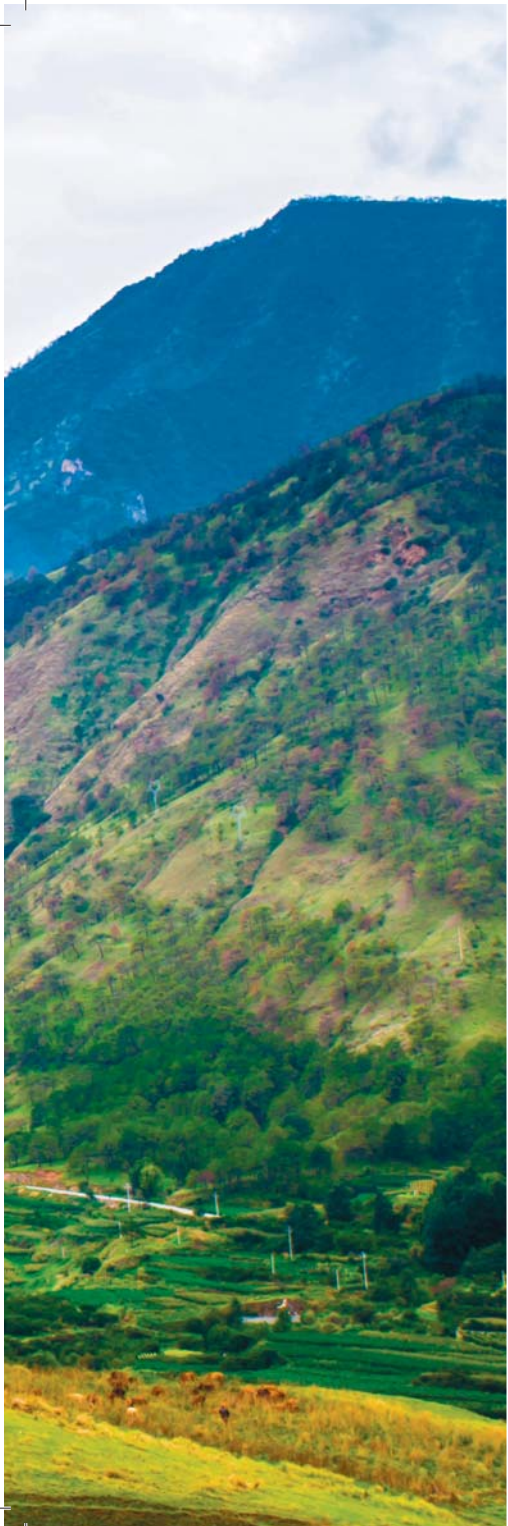
CHINA

*We Discover You Explore*









# 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 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 Daoist temples and admire forest-cloaked peaks and feel personally introduced to time-tested traditions thanks to time on 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 in the Sichuan Province - famous for its pandas - 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 ancient Fengdu Ghost City; 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...

- Expansive cabins and fully serviced luxury suites
- Bespoke 24-hour service and the Yangtze River's highest staff-to-passenger ratio
- Spacious, peaceful luxury spa with beauty, wellbeing and a fitness centre
- International chefs, authentic local specialities, first-class wine cellar
- Free entertainment for all ages; on-board activities such as tai chi, calligraphy, cookery
- Complimentary Wi-Fi



Cruise Critic 2015 Editors' Picks  
Best River Line Cabins









# 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, try your hand at calligraphy, 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?

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.



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### 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 flavors - the quality of the eating and drinking is a hallmark of the 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, kongbao chicken, Yangzhou rice and dory fish with vermicelli. As well as this carnival of flavors, 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

*Parma ham and fresh melon; organic green salad; rosette of smoked salmon*

#### Entrée

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

#### Soup

*Beef consommé; green pea soup; cream of mushroom*

#### Dessert

*Chocolate fondant cake; fresh seasonal fruit; banana split*











## CABINS



### **Deluxe Cabins** (31m<sup>2</sup> / 102 ft<sup>2</sup>)

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.



### **Suite Cabins** (39m<sup>2</sup> / 128 ft<sup>2</sup>)

These 20 cabins 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.



# SPECIALITY SUITES

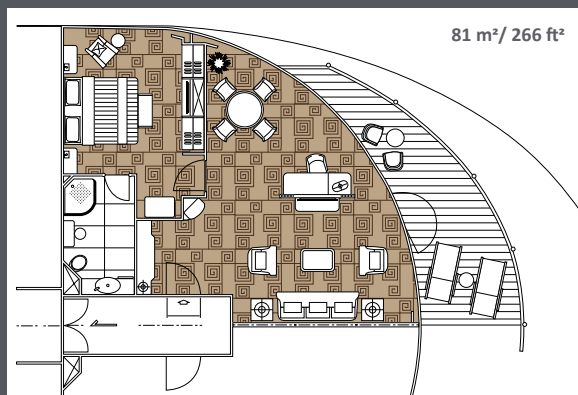
**Mandarin Suite and Jade Suite (81m<sup>2</sup>/ 266 ft)**  
**Celestial Suite and Imperial Suite (110m<sup>2</sup>/ 36 ft)**

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 fruit bowl replenished daily, and afternoon tea imaginatively presented in a birdcage.



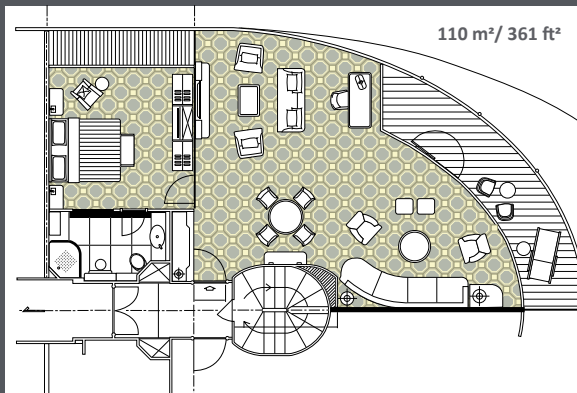
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CELESTIAL & IMPERIAL SUITE

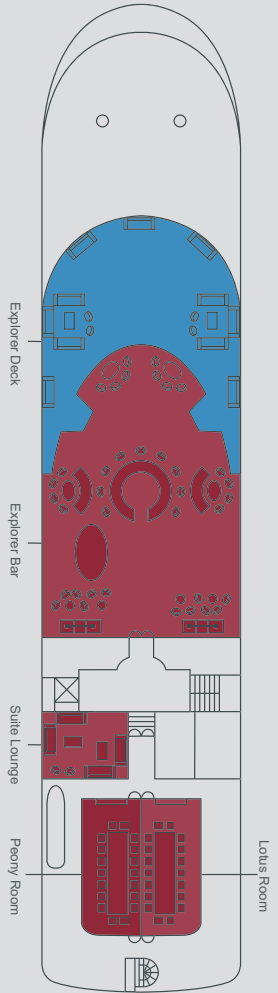




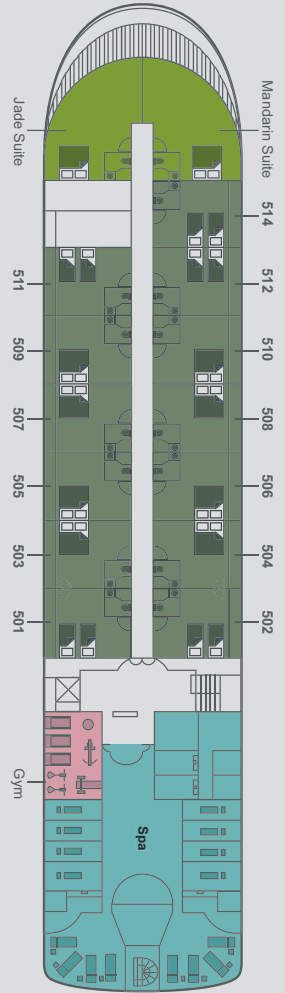
# DECK PLANS

Deluxe Cabin
  Suite Cabin

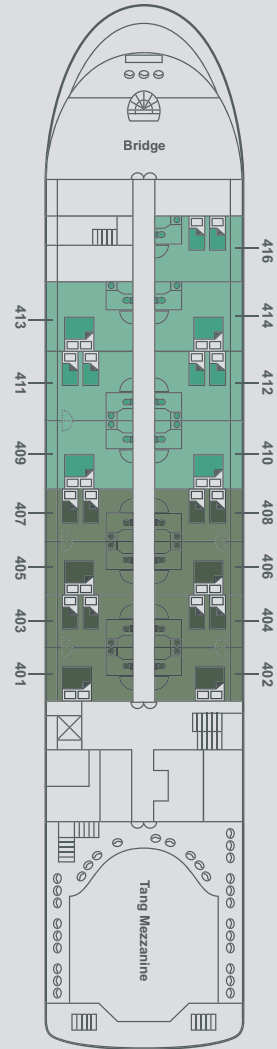
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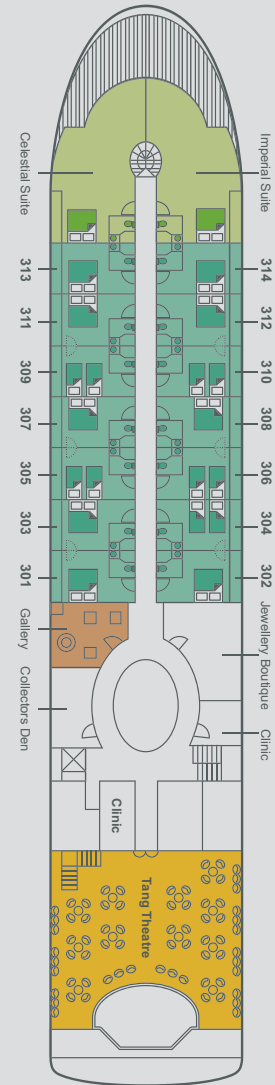
## QUTANG DECK



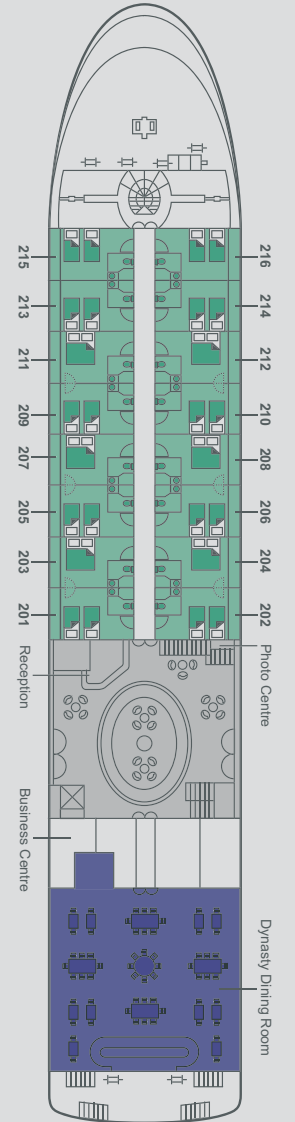
## WU DECK



## 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 over 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 lunch and dinner. 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, stationary bikes, cross-trainers, 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** | FENGDU – VISIT THE FAMOUS GHOST CITY

**DAY 3** | THREE GORGES – QUTANG GORGE, WU GORGE AND THE SHENNONG STREAM

**DAY 4** | THE THREE GORGES DAM/ YICHANG

### 4 NIGHT | YICHANG TO CHONGQING



**DAY 1** | DEPART YICHANG

**DAY 2** | XILING GORGE AND THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT

**DAY 3** | THREE GORGES – QUTANG GORGE, WU GORGE AND THE SHENNONG STREAM

**DAY 4** | FENGDU – VISIT THE FAMOUS GHOST CITY

**DAY 5** | DISEMBARK AT CHONGQING



## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS



### 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.



### FENGDU

This ancient river town presents a unique window into some of China's most remote communities. Fengdu Ghost City is a collection of historical shrines, temples and monasteries which celebrate the afterlife, drawing visitors from around the world. In Chinese legend, this stone Bridge of Helplessness from the Ming Dynasty is said to provide the ultimate test of good and evil.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Three Gorges Dam is the world's largest hydropower project constructed in between the breathtaking cliffs of Xiling Gorge. The dam spans 1.2 miles in width, 600 feet in height, and is the largest and most expensive engineering project in the world. The 32 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 the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.

