

Tour Code: YRC003

## Ghifari X'clusif 14-Day Yangtze River & Tibet Muslim Tour



### Day 1 Arrival in Beijing, Greet & Meet at Airport, Transfer to Hotel (D)

Upon your arrival, our expert Muslim tour guide will greet you in the airport's arrival hall, ready to assist you as you embark on your journey in a private vehicle. Take the rest of the day to unwind and recharge from your travels, ensuring you're refreshed for the adventures ahead.

### Day 2 Beijing, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Niujie Mosque, Fresh Water Pearl, Temple of Heaven (B, L & D)

Start your day by immersing yourself in the grandeur of Beijing at Tiananmen Square, the largest city square in the world, steeped in profound cultural significance. This iconic site was the backdrop for pivotal moments in Chinese history, including Chairman Mao's historic declaration of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949. Next, stroll to the majestic Forbidden City, the royal residence of Ming and Qing emperors from the 15th to the 20th century. For over 500 years, this sprawling palace complex served as the epicentre of imperial power, witnessing the enthronement of 14 Ming and 10 Qing emperors. After a delicious lunch at a local Halal restaurant, visit a freshwater pearl shop before heading to the Temple of Heaven. This architectural masterpiece, built between 1406 and 1420 by the same emperor who commissioned the Forbidden City, was the sacred site where emperors prayed for bountiful harvests. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Temple of Heaven is a stunning example of architectural and landscape design, inviting you to explore its serene beauty and historical significance. Complete your day with Salat at the historic 900-year-old Niujie Mosque, deepening your connection to the rich tapestry of Beijing's heritage.



Beijing Forbidden City



Beijing Temple of Heaven



**Day 3 Beijing, Great Wall, Jade Carving, Sacred Way of Ming Tombs, Photo Stop at Olympic Venues (B, L & D)**

Begin your day by visiting the awe-inspiring Great Wall of China and a jade carving factory. This monumental structure, built over 1,700 years from the 3rd century BC to the 17th century AD, served as the formidable military defence of successive Chinese empires. Today, it stretches an astonishing 3,750 miles from the Bohai Sea to the Gobi Desert, standing as a powerful national symbol of security and resilience for the Chinese people. After lunch and Salat at a local Halal restaurant, explore the Sacred Way of the Ming Tombs. This remarkable stone-paved path, extending a kilometre from the main gate, is lined with majestic statues that evoke the grandeur of China's imperial past. Next, capture unforgettable memories with a photo stop at the iconic 2008 Olympic venues—the Bird's Nest (National Stadium) and the Water Cube (National Aquatics Centre). These architectural marvels stand as a testament to China's modern achievements and vibrant spirit.



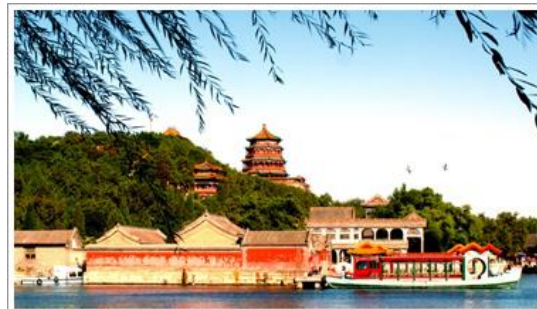
Juyongguan Great Wall of China, Beijing



The Sacred Way of Ming Tombs, Beijing

**Day 4 Beijing, Summer Palace, High Speed Train to Xian (about 5 hours) (B, L & D)**

In the morning, immerse yourself in the beauty of the Summer Palace, China's largest and best-preserved royal garden. This breathtaking site masterfully integrates Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill, reflecting the Chinese philosophy of harmonizing human creation with nature. Here, the stunning natural landscape of hills and serene waters is enhanced by exquisite pavilions, halls, palaces, temples, and bridges, creating a captivating ensemble of unmatched aesthetic value. In the afternoon, board a second-class high-speed train to Xi'an, the ancient capital of China and the legendary starting point of the Silk Road. Prepare to step into a city rich with history and cultural significance!



Summer Palace





Beijing National Aquatics Center



### Day 5 Xian, Terracotta Warriors & Reproduction Factory, Great Mosque, Muslim Quarter (B, L & D)

Start your morning with a visit to the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors and Horses, along with its reproduction factory. Recognized as one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, this 2,000-year-old army was unearthed by chance in 1974 when local farmers were digging a well. Comprising over 8,000 life-sized figures, these remarkable warriors stand guard over the tomb of Qin Shihuang, China's first emperor and a key figure behind the Great Wall and the unification of the nation. After lunch and Salat at the Xi'an Great Mosque, explore the vibrant Bell & Drum Tower Square and the nearby Muslim Quarter. This bustling area, home to an estimated 60,000 Muslims, features around seven ancient mosques, with the Great Mosque, built in 742, being the most famous. Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of Xi'an's Muslim Quarter, where you can wander through an endless labyrinth of street food stalls, restaurants, and the dynamic rhythms of local life.



Terra Cotta Warriors & Horses



Xian Great Mosque

### Day 6 Fly to Lhasa, Rest at Hotel in the afternoon (B, L & D)

Fly to Lhasa in the morning and prepare to be captivated by this enchanting city perched at 12,000 feet. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel to rest and acclimate to the high altitude of 3,700 meters. It's common to feel the effects of elevation, so we strongly recommend taking a 2-3 hour afternoon nap to help your body adjust. Remember to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water during your time in Tibet to ensure a smooth acclimatization process.

**Day 7 Lhasa, Tibet Museum,**

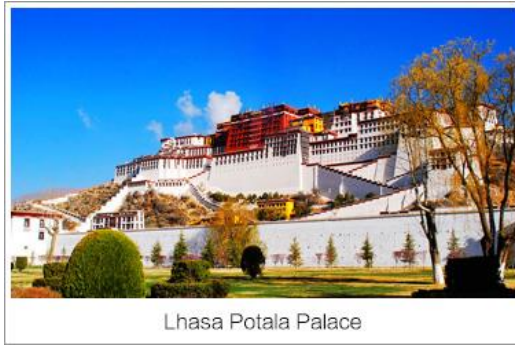
**Norbulingka, Potala Palace (B, L & D)**

Begin your exploration of Tibet at the Tibet Museum, where you can delve into the rich history and development of this unique region. This museum showcases a remarkable collection of treasures, including ancient religious texts inscribed in gold, silver, and coral powders, exquisite Buddha statues crafted from various materials, vibrant Thangkas, and distinctive Tibetan handicrafts. Next, visit the Norbulingka Park, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, where you can appreciate its serene beauty and cultural significance.

In the afternoon, prepare to be awestruck by the Potala Palace, the highest palace in the world. Perched on Red Hill in the heart of Lhasa, this architectural marvel features over 1,000 rooms, including the iconic Red Palace, which once served as the residence of the Dalai Lama. Experience the grandeur and spirituality of these remarkable sites as you immerse yourself in Tibetan culture.



Tibet Museum



Lhasa Potala Palace

**Day 8  
Lhasa,  
Jokhang**

**Monastery, Barkhor Bazaar, Salat at Lhasa Mosque, Sera Monastery (B, L & D)**

In the morning, visit the magnificent Jokhang Monastery, a 1,300-year-old gem founded by King Songtsen Gampo in 647 AD. As the most revered Buddhist temple in Lhasa, it has been a spiritual centre for pilgrims for centuries. Next, join local Tibetans for a Kora around the Jokhang Monastery, circling the vibrant Barkor Bazaar. After Salat at the Lhasa Mosque, head to Sera Monastery, established in 1419. Once home to over 5,000 monks and five monastic colleges, this site is rich in history and spiritual significance. One of the most captivating experiences at Sera Monastery occurs in the afternoon when monks engage in lively debates in the courtyard after their morning scripture classes. Their animated discussions are punctuated by energetic foot stomping and loud hand claps, showcasing a unique and time-honoured aspect of Tibetan monastic education.



Lhasa Jokhang Monastery





Lhasa Sera Monastery



### **Day 9 Fly to Chongqing, Salat at Chongqing Mosque, Ciqikou Old Town, Board the Cruise Ship (B, L & D)**

Fly to Chongqing in the morning, and after Salat at the Chongqing Mosque, immerse yourself in the charm of Ciqikou, known as Little Chongqing. This ancient town boasts a rich history tied to porcelain production during the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Once a bustling port along the Jialing River, Ciqikou has preserved its character over the centuries, serving as a vibrant symbol of old Chongqing. Wander through its lively streets filled with shops selling exquisite porcelain, handicrafts, and unique gifts. Stop by local restaurants and tea shops to experience the daily life and culinary delights of the region. In the evening, enjoy dinner in Chongqing before boarding the Victoria Cruise Ship, which departs at 21:00. Get ready for an unforgettable journey along the river!



Ciqikou Old Town



Ciqikou Old Town

### **Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise, Excursion to Jade Emperor Scenic Area (B, L & D)**

Embark on a shore excursion to the breathtaking Jade Emperor Scenic Area near Fengdu, home to the world's largest image of the Jade Buddha. Depending on river conditions, you may also could visit Shibaozhai, renowned for its striking wooden pagoda. If conditions allow, consider additional optional excursions: explore Fengdu's intriguing "Ghost City" during the day, or enjoy the elaborate evening performance of Fengyan Sanguo, celebrating the "Romance of the Three Kingdoms." Each experience offers a unique glimpse into the rich cultural tapestry of the region!



### **Day 11 Yangtze River Cruise, Excursion to Goddess Stream (B, L & D)**

Navigate the magnificent Yangtze Gorges. Enter the Three Gorges, one of nature's most extraordinary sculptures. Today you will pass through the first two - Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge. Qutang Gorge is the shortest (5 miles), narrowest (500 feet), and most dramatic. The 25-mile-long Wu Gorge is known for its quiet beauty, forest-covered mountains, and cliffs so sheer that the sun barely penetrates the precipices. Transfer to another vessel for a relaxing excursion through the attractive gorges of

Goddess Stream. Depending on river conditions, an alternate excursion may be substituted to the gorges of Shennong Stream. Enter Xiling Gorge, the longest (41 miles), and deepest of the Three Gorges. Additional optional shore excursion (available in the morning, river conditions permitting) to White Emperor City, an ancient city overlooking the western end of Qutang Gorge.

### **Day 12 Yangtze River Cruise, Three Gorges Dam, fly to Shanghai (B, L & D)**

Disembark this morning and embark on a fascinating tour of the Three Gorges Dam, one of the largest hydropower projects in the world and a remarkable feat of engineering. Visit the viewing platform on Tanzi Mountain for a stunning panoramic view of the dam, which plays a crucial role in flood control and power generation. After your tour, leave the cruise ship behind and fly to Shanghai in the afternoon, ready to dive into the vibrant energy and culture of this dynamic city!

### **Day 13 Shanghai, Yuyuan Garden, Silk Store, The Bund & Nanjing Road, People's Square, Shanghai Museum (B, L & D)**

Start your day with a visit to Yuyuan Garden, a stunning maze of Ming Dynasty pavilions, intricate rockeries, arched bridges, and serene goldfish ponds, all embraced by a winding dragon wall. After exploring the garden, take some time to shop at the vibrant Cheng Huang miao market just outside. Next, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Bund, Shanghai's iconic waterfront that stretches 1.6 km along the west shore of the Huangpu River. Continue to Nanjing Road, the bustling main shopping street, renowned as one of the busiest shopping destinations in the world. After lunch and Salat at Xiao Tao yuan Mosque, visit a silk store and then head to People's Square and the Shanghai Museum. Once Asia's premier racecourse before 1949, People's Square is now a lively public space where locals gather daily to practice Tai Chi and fly kites. The Shanghai Museum, celebrated for its extensive collection of over 120,000 exquisite works of art, showcases treasures such as ancient Chinese bronzes, ceramics, paintings, and calligraphy, making it a must-see highlight of your visit!



Shanghai Yuyuan Garden





Then Bund, Shanghai



### Day 14 Departure from Shanghai (B)

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. We wish you a safe and pleasant journey home. Thank you for choosing Ghifari X'clusive for your travels!

### Transportations

We will provide private air-conditioned vehicle during tours with service of experienced drivers. For 2 travellers, we will arrange a private sedan car; for 3-5 travellers we will arrange a private MPV; for 6-9 travelers we will arrange Joylong 15 seater mini bus; for 10-15 travellers we will arrange Kinglong 21 seater bus or Toyota Coaster Bus; for 16-25 travellers we will arrange Kinglong 33 seater bus; for 26-35 travellers we will arrange Kinglong 45 seater bus.



FAW Besturn Sedan Car



Joylong Mini Bus



Refine MPV



Toyota Coaster Bus



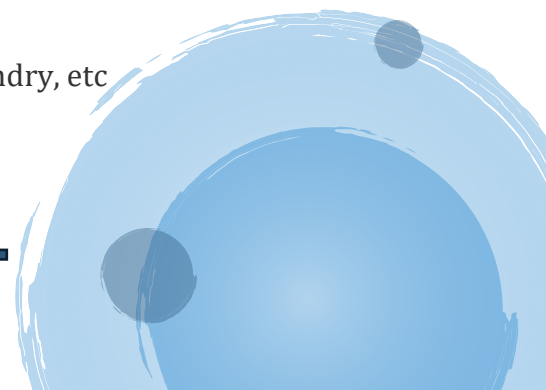
Standard Hotels for Yangtze River Cruise Tour 14 Days	
Beijing	5L Hotel Beijing or similar ★★★★★
Xian	Grand New World Hotel Xian or similar ★★★★★
Lhasa	Xinding Hotel Lhasa or similar ★★★★★
Yangtze River	Victoria Cruise Ships or similar ★★★★★
Shanghai	Ambassador Hotel Shanghai or similar ★★★★★

### What's Included

- Second class high speed train from Beijing to Xian
- Domestic flight airfare (Xian/Lhasa, Lhasa/Chongqing, Yichang/Shanghai) with tax included
- Hotel accommodations with daily breakfast
- Halal meals as specified in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned vehicle with experienced driver for land transportation
- Experienced private English language speaking tour guide
- All admission tickets to sightseeing places
- All government taxes

### What's Not Included

- International airfares
- Optional tour & travel insurance
- Gratuities or tips to guides and drivers
- Excursions & activities not included in itinerary
- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc







Standard Prices (4-star hotel accommodation)					
Valid Time	Room Type	2-3 Pax	4-5 Pax	6-9 Pax	10 Pax & Above
Mar to Nov	Double/Triple Occupancy	SGD 4,810	SGD 4,140	SGD 3,930	SGD 3,610
	Single Room Supplement	SGD 1,000	SGD 1,000	SGD 1,000	SGD 930
Dec to Feb	Double/Triple Occupancy	SGD 4,455	SGD 3,830	SGD 3,655	SGD 3,350
	Single Room Supplement	SGD 775	SGD 775	SGD 775	SGD 730

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