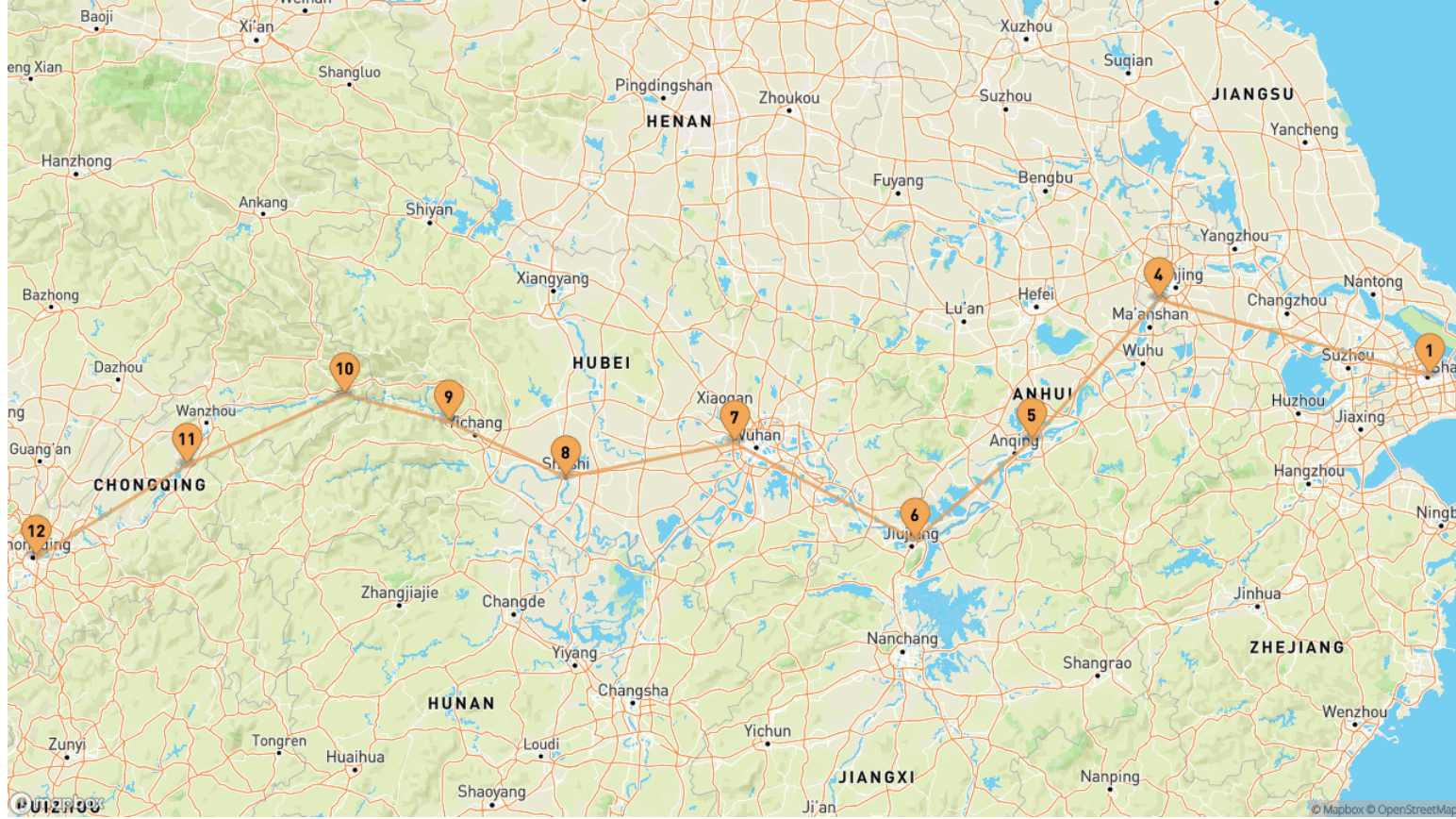




Along the Yangtze, from Shanghai to Chongqing

- Regions / Countries: **China**
- Duration: **12 Days / 11 Nights**
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Day 1



[China / SHANGHAI](#)

DAY 1: FRANCE - SHANGHAI

Departure to Shanghai on a scheduled flight with stopover. Overnight in flight.

Day 2



[China / SHANGHAI](#)

DAY 2: SHANGHAI

Arrival at Shanghai airport and transfer to the city center. Departure for the visit of the economic capital of China. Discovery of the old city and visit of the splendid Yu garden. This peaceful classical Chinese garden is one of the three most beautiful in China. Dinner and overnight in a 4* hotel.

Day 3



China / SHANGHAI

DAY 3: SHANGHAI

After breakfast, visit the remarkable Shanghai Museum built on the edge of People's Square. Its exceptional collection presents objects of great richness and diversity. Walk on the Bund whose many elegant buildings, inherited from the Western concessions of the 19th century, border the Huangpu River, thus facing the skyscrapers of Pudong. Lunch at the restaurant. Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and stop at a silk factory. Then, continue through the former French Concession. Administered by France between 1849 and 1946, this district with its authentic charm is home to very beautiful and old historic houses. Finally, walk in the pedestrian district of Tianzifang, typical and lively with its craft shops. Dinner at the restaurant and night at the hotel.

Day 4

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[China](#) / [Nankeen](#)

City

DAY 4: SHANGHAI - NANKIN

In the morning, transfer by fast train to Nanjing, one of the richest Chinese megacities which was capital several times. Lunch at the restaurant, then visit the mausoleum of Sun Yat Sen, the founder of the Republic of China. His imposing tomb has become a place of meditation for all Chinese. At the end of the day, board the Yangzi Explorer II. Check into the cabins. Dinner and night on board.

Day 5



Navigation

DAY 5: NAVIGATION

Day dedicated to navigation on the Yangtze. Arrival in the evening in Jiujiang. Lunch, dinner and night on board.

Day 6



[China / Lushan](#)

Mountain, Greenery

DAY 6: JIUJIANG - LUSHAN

Disembark at Jiujiang and depart for a day trip to Lushan National Park. Bordered to the north by the Yangtze and to the south by Lake Poyang, the site is of striking beauty: strange peaks, waterfalls, caves, lakes with transparent waters, steep cliffs and a sea of clouds with sudden metamorphoses. The park, registered as a World Heritage Site, has some 200 historic buildings, thus being considered the "cradle of pastoral poetry and landscape painting in China". Discovery of the park: the flower path on the edge of a lake, the celestial bridge, the always very flowery Brocade Valley, the cave of the immortal. Lunch at the restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the Meilu villa, the most famous on Mount Lu, built in 1903 by a British woman and witness to important meetings of the Chinese Communist Party. Walk in the town of Guling. Located in the center of the mountain, Guling is surrounded on three sides by mountains and has beautiful villas in eclectic styles. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 7



[China / Wuhan](#)

DAY 7: WUHAN

In the morning, the Yangzi Explorer II docks in Wuhan, capital of Hubei province. Wuhan was home to former foreign concessions, some of which still remain today. City tour and visit to the Yellow Crane Pavilion, the city's most emblematic monument. This building, rebuilt many times, is 5 stories high and is a valuable testimony to the history of Chinese art. Its current location offers a breathtaking view of the Yangtze River. Lunch at the restaurant during the excursion. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 8



Navigation

DAY 8: NAVIGATION

Day dedicated to navigation on the Yangtze. Lunch, dinner and night on board

Day 9



[China / Three Gorges Dam](#)

Village, Greenery, Secluded

DAY 9: THREE GORGES DAM

Departure in the morning from Yichang for a guided tour of the imposing Three Gorges Dam. This monumental construction, a feat of modern engineering, is the largest hydroelectric dam in the world. Visit the museum linked to the project, which was commissioned in stages between 2003 and 2012. Return on board for lunch and resume navigation. In the afternoon, passage of the gigantic 5-level lock staircase, then passage of the Xiling Gorge, the longest of the Three Gorges. It is actually made up of a series of seven gorges with austere peaks and rocks. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 10



[China / Wushan](#)

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DAY 10: WUSHAN

Early in the morning, passage of the Wu Gorge, famous for its steep slopes and its peaks with inspiring names: Goddess Peak, Flying Phoenix Peak, Climbing Dragon Peak. Lunch on board. Disembarkation at Wushan and discovery, aboard sampans, of the Three Small Gorges of the Daning, a tributary of the Yangtze. As you sail, you will discover an extraordinary landscape composed of peaks, green hills where golden monkeys play, and waterfalls. The cliffs seem within reach and on the walls, the hanging coffins of the Ba people bear witness to a thousand-year-old human presence. In the late afternoon, passage of the Qutang Gorge, the shortest and narrowest of the Three Gorges. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 11



[China / Shibaozhai](#)

DAY 11: SHIBAOZHAI

In the morning, discover Shibaozhai, literally "fortress of precious stones", an island hill located near the river bank. Visit the spectacular 9-storey wooden pagoda, crowned by a Buddhist temple, "the pavilion of the purple rain". This jewel of imperial China, facing the river, seems to cling to the side of the islet. Return on board for lunch. Navigation in the afternoon. Dinner and night on board.

Day 12



[China / CHONGQING](#)

DAY 12: CHONGQING - FRANCE

Disembarkation and transfer to Chongqing airport. Flight to France on a scheduled flight with stopover.

