

# THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

## DYNASTIES OF CHINA AND TIBET\*

### FEATURING A YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Deluxe Yangtze River Ship M.V. VICTORIA JENNA

April 14 to 28, 2018

From \$5195 USD plus air

## ITINERARY\*

### Beijing, Xi'an, Lhasa, Yangtze River Cruise, Three Gorges, Shanghai

Day Destination

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada/Cross the International Date Line
- 2 Beijing, China
- 3 Beijing
- 4 Beijing
- 5 Beijing/Fly to Xi'an
- 6 Xi'an
- 7 Xi'an/Fly to Lhasa, Tibet
- 8 Lhasa
- 9 Lhasa
- 10 Lhasa/Fly to Chongqing, China/Embark M.V. VICTORIA JENNA
- 11 Cruising the Yangtze River/Shibaozhai
- 12 Three Gorges/Cruising the Goddess Stream and Three Lesser Gorges/Cruising Three Gorges Dam locks
- 13 Sandouping for the Three Gorges Dam visit/Yichang/Disembark ship/Fly to Shanghai
- 14 Shanghai
- 15 Shanghai/Cross the International Date Line/Return to the U.S. or Canada

*\*Cruise itinerary is subject to change.*

## Activity Level

Active

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Custom-designed and exceptional 15-day journey.
- View the imperial splendors of Beijing, the dynastic treasures of Xi'an and the architectural heritage of Shanghai.
- Visit mysterious **Lhasa, Tibet**, the "Sun City" and one of the world's highest cities, with an elevation of 11,450 feet.
- Carefully selected Five-Star accommodations in the best locations in Beijing, Xi'an, Lhasa and the historic FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL in Shanghai.

- Three-night cruise aboard the M.V. VICTORIA JENNA, refurbished in 2016, along the fabled Yangtze River, from Chongqing downstream to Yichang, through the magnificent Yangtze River Gorges.
- Great value for a deluxe travel program to China.
- All excursions included.
- Experience six UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Victoria Cruises maintains a Five-Star fleet as officially rated by the China National Tourism Administration.

## **DELUXE YANGTZE RIVER SHIP**

### **M.V. VICTORIA JENNA**

The deluxe M.V. VICTORIA JENNA provides modern cruise comfort on the Yangtze River. Designed by a U.S. architectural firm and custom-built to conform to Western standards, the ship underwent a complete renovation in 2016.

There are only 189 spacious, river-view Suites and Cabins, decorated in contemporary Chinese and Western styles. All accommodations feature floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony, from which guests can view the stunning scenery of the Three Gorges and the Yangtze River; air conditioning; private bathroom with bathtub/shower; telephone; satellite television with English and international channels; safe; closet; and hair dryer.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in single, unassigned seatings in the Dynasty Restaurant. Chinese and Western cuisine feature local ingredients. Complimentary house wine and beer are included with lunch and dinner. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are served throughout the cruise.

There are two lounges and three bars, an Observation Deck, library, Wi-Fi hotspots for Internet access, gift shop, spa and beauty salon, and fitness center. Shipboard entertainment and exercise programs feature traditional Chinese culture. There is a doctor on board. Laundry service is available.

The M.V. VICTORIA JENNA has a highly trained, English-speaking crew that provides personalized, amiable service.

## **INCLUDED FEATURES**

### **IN BEIJING, CHINA**

- Three nights in the **Five-Star HILTON BEIJING WANGFUJING**, centrally located near the Forbidden City.
- Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception and Peking duck dinner in the hotel.
- Excursion to the magnificent **Great Wall of China**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lunch is included en route.
- Walking tour of the mysterious **Forbidden City**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit to **Tiananmen Square**.

- Visit to the towering **Summer Palace**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated 15<sup>th</sup>-century **Temple of Heaven**.

### IN XI'AN

- Two nights in the **Five-Star HILTON HOTEL**, located within the ancient city walls.
- Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Visit to the **Yangling Imperial Tombs**, a unique discovery.
- Excursion to the vast complex of the legendary Xi'an **Terra Cotta Warriors**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Tour of **old Xi'an**, including the city's inner walls, and the ancient **Huimin Quarter**.
- Traditional Chinese dumpling (*jiaozi*) dinner in one of Xi'an's most famous restaurants.

### IN LHASA, TIBET

- Three nights in the **Five-Star SHANGRI-LA HOTEL**.
- Full Western breakfast each morning.
- One dinner featuring traditional Tibetan music and two lunches.
- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage-designated **Potala Palace**, **Norbulingka Palace** and **Jokhang Temple** (including Barkhor Square).
- Excursion to the 15<sup>th</sup>-century **Sera Monastery**.
- Visit to the serene **Canggu Nunnery**.

### IN CHONGQING, CHINA

- Lunch in the **Five-Star InterContinental Hotel**.
- Visit to the Chongqing Zoo to observe **giant pandas**.

### ON BOARD THE M.V. VICTORIA JENNA

- Three-night Yangtze River cruise from Chongqing to Yichang, with port calls at Shibaozhai and Sandouping for the Three Gorges Dam.
- River-view Suite or Cabin with a private balcony and private bathroom.
- Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner Banquet.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
- Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner; complimentary soft drinks, coffee and tea are available throughout the day.
- Complimentary Executive Lounge access, including Internet usage; Wi-Fi; and beer, wine and spirits one hour before dinner.
- T'ai chi exercise sessions during the cruise.
- Excursion to **Shibaozhai** to see its impressive wooden pagoda.
- **Private boat cruise** on the picturesque **Goddess Stream** in Wu Gorge.
- Transit and tour of the **Three Gorges Dam**, the world's largest hydroelectric dam complex.

### IN SHANGHAI

- Two nights in the historic, **Five-Star FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL**, located on the famous Bund waterfront.
- Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Farewell Reception.
- Panoramic tours of the famed **Bund** and **Pudong** districts.

- Visit to the renowned **Shanghai Museum**.

### **ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES**

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Cabin aboard ship and on excursions.
- Tibet travel permit.
- Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

*Internal program air (Beijing/Xi'an, Xi'an/Lhasa, Lhasa/Chongqing and Yichang/Shanghai) is required and is purchased individually at an additional cost.*