

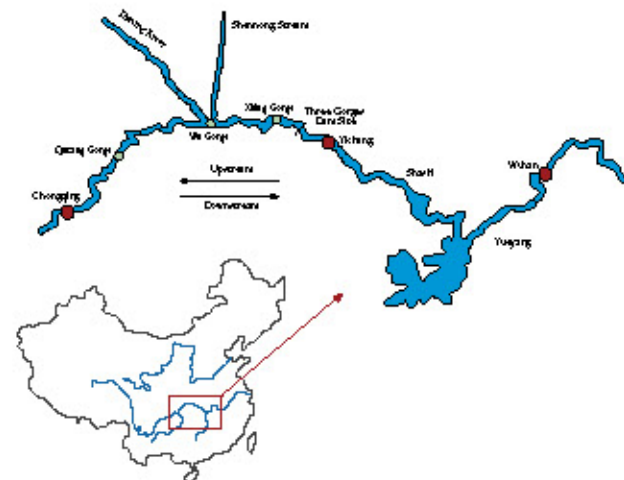
## Yangtze River and Three Gorges Dam

Cruise the magnificent Yangtze River with 5-Star Century Cruises and China Discovery Tours.

A compelling way to add to the exciting adventure of China is to include the Yangtze River in your travel plans. As the longest river in China, the Yangtze is a significant part of Chinese history, culture and economy. Its picturesque gorges, valleys and vistas have been admired and written about in Chinese lore for thousands of years. As "the cradle of Chinese civilization" the Yangtze and Three Gorges Dam provide for cargo shipping, hydroelectric power, flood control, and water for agriculture - all of which are vital to China's economic growth.

A downstream cruise on the Yangtze starts in Chongqing - a municipality of nearly 30 million people. From here the cruise passes through the beautiful Three Gorges: Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, and Xiling Gorge. The cruise ends in Yichang City, an ancient city with more than 4,000 years of history. Yichang is also known as the "Throat between Sichuan and Hubei" where it acts as a transportation center that connects Eastern and Western China.

*Daily shore excursions are also available to allow travelers to get an up-close look at life in rural China.*



## Cruise the Yangtze with Century Cruises

China Discovery Tours is proud to announce that we are working exclusively with Century Cruises, the only cruise line with its five cruise ships all built after 2003. Century Cruises is also the only cruise line with its spacious cabins all installed with private balcony for viewing the Three Gorges scenery.

Century Cruises offers a highly advanced water filtration process that enables the use of purified water throughout all aspects of the cruise. It is the only cruise line that has installed a superb bar on deck 6 with a panoramic view. The cruise ship is also endowed with midship observation elevators providing convenience and unparalleled view of the Yangtze.

The facilities include a business center, reading room, fitness area, sauna and massage room, internet café, gift shop and beauty salon. Onboard activities feature lectures on Chinese History and culture, Tai Chi lessons, and calligraphy demonstrations. Narratives by knowledgeable river guides, latest satellite communications and HBO/CNN make it that much more enjoyable onboard.

In each cabin is a deluxe king-sized bed (or two large single beds) with 5-Star Hilton Hotel Standard linens and personal grooming articles. A good night's sleep is further assured by the distance of each cabin from the engine.

Century Cruises brings you a sophisticated restaurant with a capacity of more than 300 people, serving both Chinese and Western cuisine. The vessels also installed advanced central ventilation systems and anti-vibration systems onboard. According to the China National Tourism Administration, all its cruisers have been recognized as 5-Star cruisers on the Yangtze.

### About the ships:

**Century Diamond** began her maiden voyage in the end of August 2008. 110m long, 17m wide, with a capacity of 264, Century Diamond possesses the largest cabins with private balcony of river-view.

**Century Sky** is designed and equipped according to international 5-star hotel standards. The total length of the ship is 126.8 meters with a width of 18.02 meters. There are 153 cabins onboard, accommodating a total capacity of 306 passengers. Each cabin has a private balcony with full-length observation window and a European style bathroom.