Travel with
The Met

China: Horizons Along the Yangtze River
on the Sanctuary Yangtzi Explorer
with Christopher Noey, Lecturer

October 16–31, 2019
Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Since the days of Marco Polo, Westerners have been intrigued by China, one of the world’s most influential civilizations. Please join me next autumn on an exceptional program delving deep into the country’s unique culture. In addition to the cosmopolitan cities of Shanghai and Beijing, we will spend a day in Suzhou, explore the ancient capital of Xi’an, and take a three-night cruise along the Yangtze River. Everywhere we travel, museum directors and private citizens will extend warm welcomes, making our journey a truly remarkable one.

In Shanghai, see the outstanding collections at the Shanghai Museum and meet some of the city’s artists in their galleries. In breathtaking Suzhou, discover the Master of the Fishing Nets Garden, inspiration for The Met’s Astor Court, before flying to Xi’an. Enjoy a private dinner at the Xi’an Qujiang Museum of Fine Arts, see the Tang Dynasty Murals on an exclusive visit to the Shaanxi Provincial Museum, and meet with the Chief Imam of the Grand Mosque in the city’s Muslim Quarter, home to 70,000 ethnic Chinese Muslims.

Discover Dazu, home to UNESCO-listed ancient rock carvings, before boarding our luxury vessel for a three-night Yangtze River cruise that includes the Three Gorges. Conclude in Beijing with an exclusive tour of a Forbidden City palace not open to the public, a visit to a private home, and much more.

With all its ancient splendors, China is in the midst of an extraordinary transformation, so even if you have been to China before, this itinerary offers much that is new and special. Travel with The Met programs are limited to a small number of guests, to maintain the intimacy and camaraderie that are hallmarks of our trips. I urge you to reserve your space as soon as possible, so that you can meet us next October in Shanghai.

Sincerely,
Christopher Noey
Lecturer
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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**Trip Highlights**

— Admire ancient gardens and the modern museum by I.M. Pei during a day in Suzhou
— Meet artists and gain special access to some of Shanghai’s dynamic art galleries
— Enjoy a special visit to the Xi’an Qujiang Museum of Fine Arts, with a special private dinner at the museum
— Meet with the Chief Imam at the Grand Mosque in Xi’an and learn about Islamic practice in China
— Take a three-night cruise on the Yangtze River that includes the fabled Three Gorges
— See Beijing’s awe-inspiring Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven, the Ming Dynasty’s architectural wonder
— Tour the Forbidden City’s Shu Fang Zhai Palace, which is closed to the public, with a local expert

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**Traveling with You**

Christopher Noey

Christopher Noey is an art historian, curator, and an Emmy award-winning producer of films on art and culture. At The Metropolitan Museum of Art, he created video installations for a diverse array of exhibitions, including *Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty*, and *Jerusalem 1000-1400: Every People Under Heaven*, and he was series director of the innovative online features “The Artist Project” and “82nd & Fifth.” A specialist in Asian art, Mr. Noey has taught at Williams College and at the City College of New York.

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Departure
Wednesday, October 16
Depart by air for Shanghai on an overnight flight.

Shanghai, China
Thursday, October 17
Arrive this afternoon in Shanghai and transfer to the elegant Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai. Gather this evening for a welcome reception with lecturer Chris Noey.

Shanghai
Friday, October 18
This morning explore the Shanghai Museum, housing masterpieces of Chinese art dating back to the Neolithic period. Next visit the Museum of Contemporary Art. Following lunch, enjoy a lecture by Chris Noey on “Contemporary China and the Chinese Garden.” Return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure before a festive welcome dinner.

Shanghai / Suzhou / Shanghai
Saturday, October 19
Travel to nearby Suzhou, renowned for its classic gardens. Visit the Humble Administrator’s Garden, considered one of China’s finest, and the Garden of the Master of the Fishing Nets, the inspiration for The Met’s Astor Court. Suzhou is the ancestral home of I.M. Pei, and, following lunch we will see the museum he designed. Return to Shanghai, where dinner is at leisure.

Xi’an
Monday, October 21
Visit the Forest of Stele Museum, which houses a large collection of ancient stone tablets containing examples of early Chinese calligraphy. Inside Xi’an’s Muslim Quarter, see the Grand Mosque and meet with the Chief Imam. After lunch, see the ancient city wall and Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Dinner is at a restaurant with a view of the stunning city wall.

Xi’an
Tuesday, October 22
Today visit the 3rd-century tomb of the first Emperor Qin Shihuangdi in the Terra-cotta Warriors Museum, which contains an army of more than 7,500 painted terra-cotta warriors and horse-drawn chariots. After lunch, take a private curator-led tour at the Shaanxi Provincial Museum, housing one of China’s richest collections of ancient artifacts, including the impressive Tang Murals. On this exclusive tour visit the Tang Dynasty Murals restoration and preservation center, which is not open to the public. The rest of the evening is at leisure.

Xi’an / Chongqing
Wednesday, October 23
This morning explore the Han Yangling Tomb Museum, the mausoleum of Emperor Jing, the fourth emperor of the western Han Dynasty, and his empress Wang. Continue to the airport for your flight to Chongqing. On arrival, transfer to the Westin Chongqing before dinner at a local restaurant.

Chongqing / Dazu / Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer River Cruise
Thursday, October 24
Depart the hotel for Dazu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch visit the Three Georges Museum, housing antiquities and cultural treasures that would have been lost due to rising waters from the new dam. Following dinner, board Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer for a three-night cruise to Yichang.

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer River Cruise
Friday, October 25
This morning, choose between two excursions. Visit the 816 Underground Project, a military project hidden in the mountains. Alternatively, see the White Crane Ridge Underwater Project, which takes you underwater to view the river bed. With both options, tour a local market. After lunch aboard ship, Chris Noey will lecture on Chinese landscape paintings. This evening, enjoy a Captain’s welcome reception, dinner, and performances.

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Sicily by Sail: Valletta to Catania Aboard Sea Cloud II Oct 3–11, 2019

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Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer River Cruise
Saturday, October 26
Today pass through and learn about the striking Three Georges: Qutang, Wu, and Yiling. There will be an opportunity to board boats for an excursion along the Shennong Stream. Before returning to the ship, visit a traditional trackers village to get a glimpse of rural Chinese life. Enjoy a farewell dinner on board.

Yichang / Wuhan / Beijing
Sunday, October 27
After breakfast disembark Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer and visit the Three Gorges Project Dam Site and Exhibition Center. Afterwards, board a high-speed train to Wuhan to fly to Beijing. Upon arrival, transfer to the luxurious Waldorf Astoria.

Beijing
Monday, October 28
This morning visit the Temple of Heaven, a fine example of Ming Dynasty architecture. Watch the locals doing morning exercises, then enjoy a private Taichi class. Chris Noey will lecture on Imperial China and the Forbidden City during lunch at a mansion that belonged to an early Qing Dynasty prince. Continue to the Summer Palace to stroll the grounds of this beautifully preserved retreat before dinner.

Beijing
Tuesday, October 29
Depart the hotel for a morning visit to the Forbidden City. A local expert will accompany us on an exclusive tour of the Shu Fang Zhai Palace, an Imperial lodge usually closed to the public. After lunch, take a trishaw ride through Beijing’s Hutongs (traditional neighborhoods), followed by a visit to a private home. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Beijing
Wednesday, October 30
This morning visit the legendary Great Wall. After lunch, visit the Polly Art Museum, with an impressive collection of rare Chinese bronzes and Buddhist stone sculptures. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner, featuring traditional Peking duck, followed by a performance.

Beijing/ Return
Wednesday, October 31
Depart the hotel this morning for flights home.

Accommodations

Fairmont Peace Shanghai Hotel
Iconic landmark reinvented for the 21st century

The Westin Xian
Steps from ancient sites and bustling culture

Westin Chongqing
Short stroll from People’s Liberation Monument

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer
Intimate and luxurious river vessel

Waldorf Astoria Beijing
Located in the heart of China’s dynamic capital

Program Rate

$12,999 per person, double occupancy

$16,599 single rate

Rate Includes

— Fourteen nights accommodations as per itinerary
— Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at included dinners
— Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
— Escort sightseeing by private motor coach; entrance fees for included visits
— Enrichment program of lectures and special events
— Taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

Not included in rate

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; baggage in excess of one suitcase, any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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Reservation Form

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