



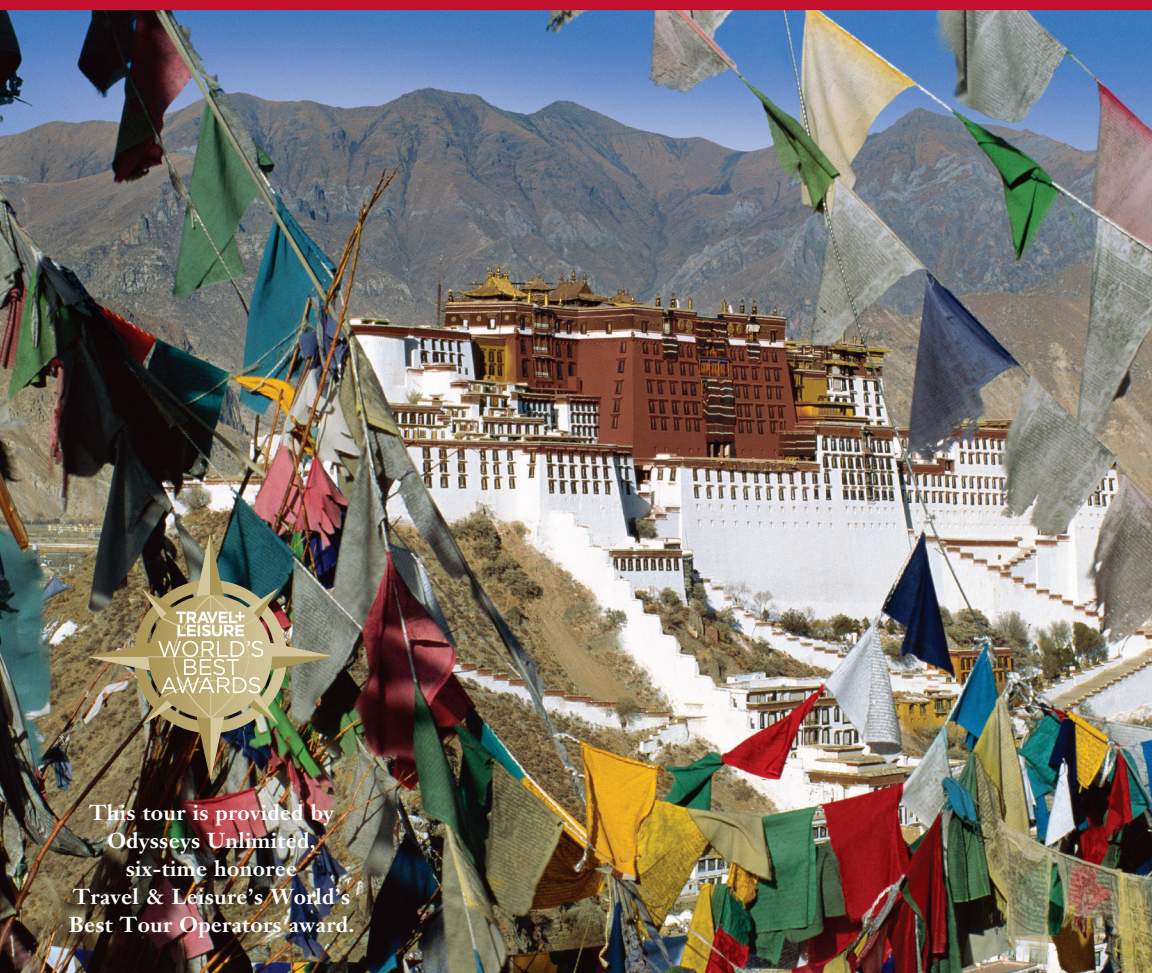
# VMFA

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

## CHINA, TIBET & THE YANGTZE RIVER

April 17-May 5, 2019

**19 days for \$7,287 total price from Washington, DC**  
(\$6,795 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$492 airline taxes and fees)



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Odysseys Unlimited,  
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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour  
for Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**

*With Li Jian, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter  
Curator of East Asian Art at VMFA*



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Dear VMFA Members,

Journey with VMFA on an exclusive 19-day journey to discover the highlights of China, including the mysteries of Tibet, the grandeur of the Yangtze River, and the Terracotta Army in Xian. Traveling with you will be Li Jian, VMFA curator of East Asian Art and curator of two recent VMFA exhibitions: The Forbidden City, and Terracotta Army: Legacy of the First Emperor of China.

Our journey takes us from the Great Wall to giant pandas, and from the pinnacle of Himalayan spirituality to the cosmopolitan splendors of Shanghai. We begin in 2,000-year-old Beijing, site of Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the legendary Great Wall. Next, we fly to Xian where we see treasures of the ancient capital of China, including the Terracotta Army. From Xian, we fly to Lhasa to absorb Tibet's pervasive Buddhist spirituality, with visits to the vast Potala Palace, and Tibet's most sacred Buddhist site, the 7th-century Jokhang Temple. We continue to Chongqing, where we will have a full day excursion to Dazu, to view the UNESCO World Heritage site Wall Carvings before boarding our ship for a three-night cruise on the Yangtze River, and conclude our tour in Shanghai. To make the adventure even more memorable, travelers on this tour can opt for two extra nights in Shanghai at journey's end.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Adele "Hutch" Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM: CHINA, TIBET & THE YANGTZE RIVER

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on China, Tibet & the Yangtze River departing April 17, 2019. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Shanghai – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for China, Tibet & the Yangtze River, April 17-May 5, 2019, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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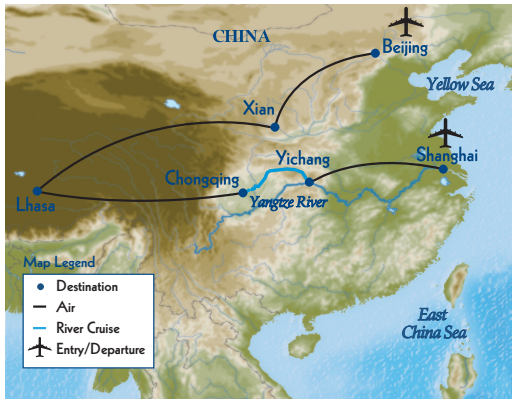
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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**Days 1-2: Depart U.S. for Beijing, China** We arrive in the Chinese capital and transfer to our hotel. After time to relax, we embark on a brief walking tour. Dinner tonight is on our own.

**Day 3: Beijing** After this morning's briefing about the journey ahead, we begin our discovery of this 2,000-year-old city at vast Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, seat of imperial power from 1368–1911. Tonight we enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 4: Beijing/Great Wall** This morning we enjoy a small group highlight, as we ride rickshaws through Beijing's ancient back roads and alleys (*hutongs*) and enjoy a home visit, giving us a glimpse of the traditional communal lifestyle. Then we stop at Olympic Park, site of the 2008 Olympic Games. This afternoon we head to the Mu Tian Yu section of the Great Wall, the network of ancient defense installations that stretches more than 5,500 miles. *B,L,D*

**Day 5: Beijing** This morning we tour the splendid Temple of Heaven complex, where China's rulers once worshipped. This afternoon we visit the Summer Palace, the former royal retreat, now a lovely park. *B,L*

**Day 6: Beijing/Xian** We fly this morning to Xian, a provincial backwater until the accidental discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors in 1974. Upon arrival we visit the Yangling Mausoleum, a Han Dynasty tomb dating to 153 CE. After lunch at a local restaurant we tour Xian's impressive nine-mile city wall and moat. Tonight we enjoy a special dumpling dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 7: Xian** Our day begins with a visit to the revered Small Wild Goose Pagoda (c. 652 CE). After lunch we tour the museum housing the army of 7,000 life-sized Terra Cotta Warriors that had lain buried and forgotten for more than two millennia. *B,L,D*

**Day 8: Xian** This morning we tour the Shanxi Provincial Museum, with an acclaimed collection of historic and cultural artifacts. We eat lunch in a local restaurant then visit a typical farming village where we meet the local people and see their lifestyle up close. *B,L*

Avg. High (°F)	Apr	May
Beijing	70	81
Lhasa	60	66
Shanghai	66	74

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Beijing touring, including Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall • Beijing *hutong* tour and home visit • Dazu Rock Carvings • Three-night visit to fascinating Tibet • Lhasa's 1,000-room Potala Palace • Visit with a Tibetan family • Three-night Yangtze River cruise, including Three Gorges • Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian • Shanghai touring

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Beijing		
2-5	Beijing	Wanda Vista Beijing Hotel	Deluxe
6-8	Xian	Wyndham Grand Xian South	Deluxe
9-11	Lhasa, Tibet	Shangri-La Hotel Lhasa	Deluxe
12	Chongqing	JW Marriott Chongqing	Deluxe
13-15	Yangtze Cruise	Victoria Cruises	Sup. First Class
16-18	Shanghai	The Kunlun Jing An Hotel	Deluxe
19	Depart Shanghai for U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.*

Cover Photo: On Day 11, we tour Tibet's Potala Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



China's Great Wall winds across deserts and grasslands, mountains and plateaus for more than 5,500 miles.

**Day 9: Xian/Lhasa** Early today we fly to Lhasa, Tibet's capital and only major city. Sitting on a plateau between two Himalayan ridges, the Chinese province of Tibet covers an area as large as Western Europe. On the way to our hotel we stop to visit with a Tibetan family in their home. Since the altitude here is approximately 12,000 feet above sea level, we spend the remainder of the day acclimating. *B,L,D*

**Day 10: Lhasa** Our day begins in the heart of the old city at Jokhang, Tibet's holiest temple. Built in 647, Jokhang is an intriguing complex that attracts pilgrims day and night. Surrounding Jokhang is Barkhor, a plaza lined with chanting monks, street performers, and vendors. Later we tour the summer palace of the Dalai Lamas at Norbulinka; tonight, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

**Day 11: Lhasa** Opened to foreigners only since 1984, Tibet is a profoundly spiritual place where Buddhism has infused all aspects of life for 13 centuries. We see evidence of this at 17<sup>th</sup>-century Potala Palace, with 200,000 Buddha images and 1,000 rooms, some of which we explore this morning. This afternoon we visit the vast Sera Monastery. *B,L,D*

**Day 12: Lhasa/Chongqing** We fly today to Chongqing, where we visit the local zoo to see the beloved pandas. *B,L,D*

**Day 13: Chongqing/Dazu/Board Ship** Today's excursion features the Dazu Rock Carvings dating back more than a millennium — and now a UNESCO World Heritage site. These cliffside carvings reflect Buddhist teachings, tenets of Confucianism, and local folklore. Tonight we board our river ship and set sail downstream. *B,L,D*

**Day 14: Yangtze Cruising – Shibaozhai or Fengdu**

Prized for its haunting natural beauty, the Yangtze is one of the world's longest (3,600 miles) and busiest rivers. This afternoon we visit either the Red Pagoda in Shibaozhai or the "ghost city" of Fengdu. *B,L,D*

**Day 15: Yangtze Cruising – Qutang Gorge/Wu Gorge/Small Gorges/Xiling Gorge**

Today we pass through narrow Qutang Gorge followed by tranquil Wu Gorge. Then we board a small *sampan* for a cruise through the stunning Small Gorges. Back on board our Victoria Cruises ship this afternoon, we enter 42-mile Xiling Gorge. *B,L,D*

**Day 16: Yangtze Cruising – Three Gorges Dam/Shanghai**

After visiting the site of the immense Three

## Post-Tour Extension

May 5-7, 2019

### SHANGHAI – ON YOUR OWN

3 days/2 nights  
for \$195 total price

Single Supplement: \$165

*Spend additional time exploring dynamic Shanghai, China's most prosperous, vibrant, and cosmopolitan city.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at The Kunlun Jing An Hotel (Deluxe)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to the airport

“TRAVEL IS FLIGHT AND  
PURSUIT IN EQUAL PARTS.”

– PETER MATTHIESSEN

Gorges Dam we continue on to Yichang, where we disembark and fly to Shanghai, the “Paris of the East.” *B,L*

**Day 17: Shanghai** Our day begins with a walking tour of the Xin Tian Di shopping and entertainment area of reconstituted traditional homes. We continue on to beloved 16<sup>th</sup>-century Yu Yuan Gardens, whose plantings, courtyards, and pavilions create the illusion of mountains, caverns and lakes. Then after lunch together we tour the acclaimed Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art and artifacts. Tonight we dine on our own then attend a lively acrobatics show. *B,L*

**Day 18: Shanghai** This morning we visit the Bund, the mile-long riverside embankment where foreign investors – and their buildings – once held sway. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we toast our China adventure at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Day 19: Depart for U.S.** We depart Shanghai for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

## Victoria Cruises Premier Ships



**Launched/Rebuilt:** 2004–2011  
**Registry:** Chinese  
**Crew:** 121–189

**Air Conditioning:** Yes  
**Decks:** 5 or 6  
**Passenger Capacity:** 218–378

*All Cabins: Private balcony; satellite TV with HBO*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 17 nights' accommodations: 3 nights aboard Superior First Class ship of Victoria Cruises; 14 nights in Deluxe hotels
- 43 meals: 17 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 12 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip, including on shore excursions
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

## Guest Curator



Li Jian is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Curator of East Asian Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Previous to joining VMFA in August 2007, she served as Kettering Curator of Asian Art at the Dayton Art Institute from 1995, and before that as a Mellon Fellow at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. She received a BA in English and management in Beijing, and an MA degree in the history of art from the University of Minnesota. Since completing the installation of VMFA's new East Asian galleries, Li has focused on strengthening the museum's Chinese, Japanese, and Korean holdings. She has organized the major exhibition *Forbidden City*, which featured the imperial art collection from the Palace Museum, Beijing.

## Tour Departs: April 17, 2019

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco	\$6,987
Portland (OR), Seattle	\$7,187
Boston, Chicago, New York, Phoenix, Washington, DC	\$7,287
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$7,387
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$492, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: \$3,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

**Please note:** This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour. Lhasa's altitude (12,090 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. You should consult with your physician if you have concerns.

**For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**  
**For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

### Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airlines(s) prior to departure.

### Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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### Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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