

China Discovery



Explore The Real China With Viking



Viking's move into China with the Viking Yi Dun is not only exciting for adventurous travellers but also for the residents of some of the villages passengers visited—where many inhabitants had never before seen a European, at least not up close!

The 465-stateroom, 930-guest ship has several new China itineraries for 2025, some also taking in Japan. Among these are 20-day *Classic China Discovery* (Hong Kong to Beijing); and four 22-day options. See more about Viking Yi Dun as well as an interactive deck plan [HERE](#).

Rich And Famous



The port of Pingtan is located on the southern tip of Fuzhou, across the strait from Taiwan. It's a holiday mecca during the summer months for domestic tourism, due to its pristine beaches and numerous under-sea reefs.

A two-hour drive away is the historic neighbourhood of Fuzhou's rich and famous. Consisting of buildings from the Ming and Qing Dynasty, many of the residences were once occupied by notable figures. Clients on Viking's Three Lanes and Seven Alleys excursion can explore the centuries old lanes of well-preserved traditional architecture and ancient temples. There's even a tea shop (or two) along the route that are well worth a visit.

The Fine Art Of Tea

A tea ceremony in China has its roots back to the Tang Dynasty, 1200 years. Usually reserved for special occasions, guests onboard Viking Yi Dun can witness the elaborate tea ceremony most afternoons in the Explorer's Lounge. Four important elements will always be present: utensils, said to be the Father of the Tea; setting up the tea set; tea classification; and lastly, water, said to be the Mother of the Tea. The tasting includes observing the colour of the tea, the aroma and the flavour, and these include notes of tobacco, rye, brown sugar, lacquered wood and others.

Currency Exchange

The local currency in China is the Chinese Yuan. Clients are advised to pre-order before leaving New Zealand, or use an ATM in a hotel lobby (if available) or at a bank. If wanting to exchange cash, USD is the best currency to bring. For those wanting to go cashless, suggest they download the Alipay app and link to a preferred bank card. Credit card is not widely accepted outside the main cities. However on board Viking Yi Dun everything is charged via credit card.

Viking's Style



Clients onboard Viking Yi Dun can take a seat with a view in one of the many comfortable Scandinavian inspired spaces on board.

There is a selection of games available including Chinese checkers, dominos and cards. Or they can glance through the curated collection of books ranging from art history to destination-focused reading.

In The Living Room



If clients are after an early cappuccino or late night espresso martini, the Living Room Bar on level one on Viking Yi Dun is the go-to. Open 0600 to midnight, the light food options change throughout the day, but the custard tarts and open sandwiches come highly recommended.

Yoga, Weights & Row



The well-equipped gym on board Viking Yi Dun is a popular space during each voyage. It's a great place to burn off those extra calories or just to keep active. Clients can use the bikes, rower, stepping machine and treadmill, or take to the weight room. There is a regular yoga class for a small fee, and bookings can be made on board.

The Nordic Way



Who doesn't love a massage? Clients on board Viking Yi Dun can choose from the Liv Nordic Spa menu, which is designed around the four customs of the Nordic way of life. Bade (the ritual of bath); Koz (the art of cozy); Lagom (the art of optimal) and friluftsliv (the ritual of roaming).

The *Nordic Restart* comes highly recommended and includes a body scrub, deep tissue massage and a Nordic scalp ritual.

Clients can also book a manicure, pedicure or try the *Royal Nordic Hair* treatment. Other spa facilities are free of charge, including the Scandinavian Snow Grotto (temperature of -10), a steam room, sauna, cold plunge pool, a hydro-therapy pool and heated beds.

Nordic Bathing Night



Viking's traditional Nordic Bathing Ritual is a small group session (max 10) designed to detox, decompress and boost the immune system.

Clients experience the contrast of the hot steam and cold snow, as well as a dry body scrub, facemask and a traditional birch broom that massages the skin to generate heat. Bookings are made on board and the ritual takes place after the spa is closed.

See more on Viking's new China offering [HERE](#)