

Classical Discovery of North Yunnan

Kunming - Dali - Weishan - Xizhou - Shaxi - Shangri La - Benzilan - Lijiang - Shuhe - Kunming

Day 1: Arrival in Kunming ~ 1h transfer. Altitude: 1800m.

Arrival in Kunming during the day. Welcome by your driver, then transfer to Grand Park Hotel 5*, well located in the center of Kunming. Rest of the day free without guide or car. You can easily stroll to the emerald lake, where locals enjoy walking, singing, dancing and playing music in the evening and the weekends. Possibility to extend on foot to Yuantong Temple not far from there. In the evening, watch the beautiful Yunnan minority dance and song show entitled " Dynamic Yunnan " (7.30pm-9:10pm / no shows on sundays), dinner at your expense. **Overnight at Grand Park 5***



Day 2: Kunming - Stone Forest - Golden Temple (B) ~ 3h30min drive. Altitude: 1900m.

Meet your English-speaking guide at 8am. Road to Shilin, to discover the site of the Stone Forest. We suggest you a walk of about 2 hours inside the site, between rocky peaks and through sometimes narrow paths, away from the trails walked by the many Chinese tourists. Lunch at your expense. One the way back to Kunming, visit the Golden Temple and its gardens. In the evening, stroll on the flowers and birds market and dinner at your expense in one of the numerous restaurants. **Overnight at Grand Park Hotel**



Day 3: Kunming - Weibaoshan - Weishan (B) ~ 2h drive. Altitude: 2500m.

Transfer to Kunming railway station for train C4302, departing at 08:30 and arriving at 11:05 (first-class seats). Meet your new English-speaking driver-guide and set out to explore Weibaoshan Mountain, located at an altitude of 2,500m. Part of one of the 13 sacred Taoist mountains of China, the site is quiet, exudes a certain serenity, and it is good to walk there to discover its small temples where Taoist monks reside. Transfer to your hotel, well located in Weishan. Still preserved from tourism, this city hosts a population quite charming, and smiling, for a very pleasant free walk in its small alleys. Dinner at your expense and **overnight at Weishan Laoguan**



Day 4: Weishan - Weibaoshan - Dali (B) ~ 2h drive. Altitude: 1900m.

After breakfast, drive towards the Dali region with a stop at the Hui (Muslim minority) village of Donglianhua to visit the small museum and the mosque. Continuation to Dali, quick visit of the city center, including its church built in the traditional Bai style. Dinner at your expense in the old city, then transfer to the great temple of the Three Pagodas and its many altars dedicated to the deities of Han Buddhism. Dinner at your expense. Before going up to Cangshan Mountain next to Wuwei Temple (Wuwei : Non action). **Overnight at Wuweishanju.**



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Day 5: Tea making - Wuwei Temple - Xizhou (PDJ) altitude: 1900m.

After breakfast, head to the tea fields next to the hotel to pick up some leaves that you can dry yourself and bring back with you. You can also drink some tea and discover the processes of making the different teas. Next, visit the Wuwei Temple located right next to the hotel. Afterwards, transfer to Xizhou. Once you have settled into your hotel, set out for a walk, a bike ride, or an electric scooter ride along the shores of Erhai Lake (bicycles are available at the hotel, and electric scooters can be rented for 50 RMB per scooter). Dinner at your expense. **Overnight at Linden Center.**



Day 6: Xizhou - Shaxi (B) ~ 2h30 drive. Altitude: 2050m.

Meet at 9h with your driver for the transfer by private vehicle to the great Shaxi Valley, with a stop on the way to a nice Bai mansion, to experiment the making of batik fabrik. Before arriving in Shaxi, discover the Shibaoshan Mountains, a superb set of Buddhist sculptures engraved in the rock and very zen temples. Continuation to Shaxi. Accommodation in the heart of the old town of Shaxi in an old traditional courtyard beautifully refurbished with all the necessary comforts, having once served to house traders using the great route of caravans of tea and horses of which Shaxi was one of the major commercial centers. The hotel has a good restaurant. **Overnight at the Aoding Courtyard.**



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Day 7: Shaxi – Tiger Leap Gorges - Shangri La (B) ~ 4h drive. Altitude: 3200m.

Meeting at 9h with your driver for transfer by private vehicle to the Naxi region of Lijiang. Stop on the way to the village of Shigu (site of the first curve of the Yangtze) and to the Tiger Leap Gorge. You will make a short walk of about 40 minutes down the gorges and the famous rock of the Tiger jump on which the waters of the Yangtze burst in impressive sheaves. Great views of the gorges from the balcony road. Then drive to the Tibetan plateau and arrive in the afternoon at Shangri La. First walk in the streets of the old town. Meals at your expense. **Overnight at Khimtsang Hotel.**



Day 8: Shangri La (B) Altitude : 3200m.

Start around 9am and go for a tour of Shangri La and its region, starting with the beautiful Tibetan monastery of Songzanlin. Walk to the local market, then walk through the Old Town, including Bai Ji Si Temple with beautiful views of the surroundings of Shangri La and Shika Mountains. Note that the central part of the Old Town was ravaged by fire on January 11, 2014, it is already nearly fully rebuilt. Lunch at your expense. In the afternoon, discover the Tibetan countryside in the Ringha Valley. Return to Shangri La at the end of the day. If you would like to, you can attend and participate to spontaneous dances on the evening of the locals in the Old Town Square. Dinner at your expense. **Overnight at Khimtsang Hotel.**



Day 9: Benzilan (B) ~ 2h30 drive. Altitude: 2200m.

Meet your guide at 9am and route to the Benzilan area. Stop at the village of Nixi, known for its potters using the black earth of the region which is known for its qualities. New stop at the village of Gonjo, where you can visit a craftsman making traditional lacquered wooden containers. Visit the Tibetan monastery of Dongzhulin, located in line with the Yangtze. It is a popular place for locals, known for hosting several "living Buddhas". Discover a small local nunnery not very far from there. Return to Shangrila at the end of the day. **Overnight at Khimtsang Hotel.**



Day 10: Shangri La - Lijiang - Shuhe (B) ~ 3h drive. Altitude: 2400m.

Meet at 9am with your driver for transfer by private vehicle to Lijiang. Lunch at your expense. Arrive for around noon at Lijiang Old Town, which you can explore on foot throughout the afternoon, including Black Dragon Pond Park. Continuation to the small village of Shuhe, and installation at the amazing hotel the Bivou. Dinner at your expense. **Overnight at the Bivou.**



Day 11: Lijiang Valley (PDJ)

This morning, discover the small village of Lunagu, still preserved from mass tourism and retaining its authenticity. Visit a traditional Naxi house to experience the local way of life, then continue with a visit to Zhiyun Temple and a walk along the shores of Lashihai Lake. (Alternatively, you can hike to the "milk lake" from Yuhu village, or alternatively a via ferrata followed by a visit to Yuhu village, or a day in a traditional Dongba house in Wenhai (rates on request, consult us). Meals at your expense. **Overnight at the Bivou hotel.**



Day 12: Shuhe - Train pour Kunming (B) ~ 40min transfer

Free day in Shuhe, without a guide or driver, rent bicycles or electric scooters (about RMB 50 per scooter) to explore the area at your own pace. Transfer around 5pm to Lijiang Station to take the C88 train to Kunming, departure at 18:41 and arrival at 22:04 in Kunming (first class seats). Transfer to your hotel. **Overnight at Grand Park 5***

Day 13: Departure from Kunming

Free start of the day in Kunming to go for example to the flower and bird market, then transfer to Kunming airport for the flight to your next destination. End of our services, we wish you a pleasant return home, beautiful memories in mind!



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Our selection of hotels for your tour in Yunnan:

Kunming : Grand Park Hotel 5*

Well located hotel in the center of the city in the Emerald Lake district. This is not a boutique hotel but a great value hotel with a good comfort to start and end your stay at Yunnan in the best way possible. with easy self-organized tours, free walking distance from the hotel.



Weishan: Weishan Laoguan

Next to the central gate of the city, this completely renovated inner courtyard combines comfort with the unspeakable charm of China of yesteryear. The rooms have been furnished with care, the location is ideal.

Alternative : Weishan: The Dawn of Yihe Hotel (more refined option)

Ideally located in the heart of Weishan Old Town, this recently opened hotel is the only upscale address in Weishan, featuring a spa and a restaurant serving both Chinese and Western cuisine—everything is in place for a relaxing stay in an elegant setting.



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Dali: Wuwei Shanju

Opened by a Taiwanese tea lover, located next to Wuwei Temple in Cangshan Mountain, the view from the heights of the lake is superb. Possibility to organize tea harvesting and making activities.



Alternative : Dali: Taoxi Manor Hotel

Set within a meticulously restored courtyard, the hotel showcases noble wooden beams, elegant stone accents, and serene gardens. Its rooms and suites blend traditional charm with modern comfort, offering a peaceful retreat just steps from the lively Fuxing Street. With its intimate atmosphere and attentive service, Taoxi Manor provides travelers seeking heritage and convenience in Yunnan with an authentic yet refined experience.

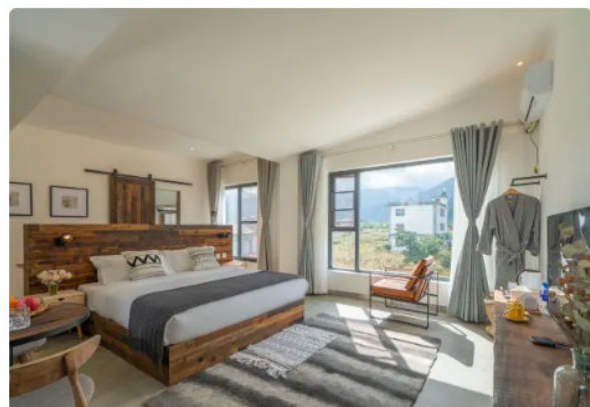
Xizhou : Linden Center (superior boutique hotel)

Consistently rated the best hotel in China on Trip Advisor, Linden Center is a traditional Bai mansion, consisting of 3 courtyards, located in the village of Xizhou, a pleasant village on the shores of Lake Erhai. Good service from the hotel staff, the restaurant serves pleasant dishes typical of the region.



Option: Xizhou : Jiyisi Xiangyu Art Hotel (RMB 75 reduction per person/night)

Jiyisi Xiangju Art Hotel is an ideal place for travelers who want to discover the city. Jiyisi Xiangju Art Hotel is an ideal choice for travelers wishing to discover the sights and sounds of Dali. According to our guests, this hotel offers a very high level of service. For guests traveling with the family, this hotel is always one of the most popular choices.



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Shaxi : Aoding Courtyard (boutique hotel)

Pleasant hotel located 1 minutes from the central square of the old town of Shaxi, old house tastefully renovated by the former manager of the late Laomadian Inn. Good breakfast and meals served in the hotel restaurant.

Alternative : Shaxi : Landscape Hotel (supplement of 400 RMB/room/night)

Conveniently located in the heart of Shaxi, with three recently renovated traditional Bai courtyards, this hotel offers a beautiful view of the countryside, a sense of serenity and tranquility.



Shangri La : Khimtsang Hotel (charming guest house)

In the heart of the old town, this recent establishment combines traditional architecture (massive beams, natural materials) with high energy efficiency processes (skylights, solar underfloor heating) for great comfort. The service is provided by an experienced team.

Alternative : Shangri-La: Shangrila Resort 5*

Shangri-La Resort is a luxury resort on the Yunnan Plateau, located very close to the ancient city of Shangri-La Dukezong surrounded by mountains. The architectural decoration of the hotel adopts the light luxury style combined with the ethnic style. When you choose the Shangri-La Hotel, you will enjoy an unparalleled luxury experience and create precious memories.



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Shuhe : The Bivou Lijiang 4* (superior boutique hotel)

Beautiful accommodation opened at the end of 2012 by a team of Singaporeans who fell in love with the region. Amazing fusion of local Naxi architecture, contemporary design and modern comforts, overlooking quiet countryside on one side, Shuhe Old Town, in the heart of Lijiang Valley on the other.



If you prefer Lijiang Old Town :

Lijiang Fine Art.

Lijiang Fine Art · Ancient Town Panorama Art Resort Hotel (Old Town Waterwheel Store of Lijiang) is an excellent choice for guests looking for accommodation in Lijiang, recently opened in 2023.



Alternative: Lijiang : Indigo Hotel 5* (charming hotel)

In our opinion, the best 5* hotel in Lijiang area, due to its location directly at the entrance of Lijiang Old Town, which allows you to visit the Old Town at any time of the day on foot, and of course the comfort of its rooms, and the range of services offered by the hotel. Guests staying at Hotel Indigo can use the large heated swimming pool at cousin Intercontinental Hotel, located next door.





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Associative engagement

€2 per traveler donated to 2 charities:

- Colors of China: Sponsorship for the schooling of girls in northern Guangxi
- Children of the Mekong: Schooling of children in Upper Yunnan

+ **planting a tree per traveler** with the Yves Rocher Foundation "Plantons pour la Planète"

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RATES - based on 2/ 4 or 6 travelers in 1-2-3 rooms:

INCLUSIONS and exclusions:

North Yunnan Classic Tour 12 days

- Two people : RMB14450 (EUR1806) per person
- Four people : RMB10700 (EUR1275) per person
- Six people : RMB10200 (EUR1275) per person

Applied exchange rate : €1 = RMB 8

- Deposit on reservation of 50% of travel expenses, by transfer or credit card in France

- Balance 3 weeks before departure, again by bank transfer or credit card in France

This rate includes:

- Accommodation in the mentioned hotels with breakfast (except when noted)
- All transfers by private vehicle as mentioned in the program
- Fast trains Kunming - Weishan and Lijiang - Kunming in first class seats
- French-speaking guide on day 2 for the Stone Forest (1 day)
- English-speaking driver-guide from day 3 to day 11 (9 days)
- Tickets for visits mentioned in the program
- Dynamic Yunnan show in Kunming (we recommend it!)
- 24/7 assistance from our agency in Kunming, insurance and guarantees from our French agency

This rate does not include:

- Meals and drinks
- Personal expenses and activities not explicitly mentioned in the program
- Personal travel insurance and Chinese visa fees
- Flights to and from Kunming

Program subject to slight change due to schedule changes or cancellation of airlines, availability of guides and hotels or bad weather.



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