

South and North-West Yunnan and Classic Sichuan Tour

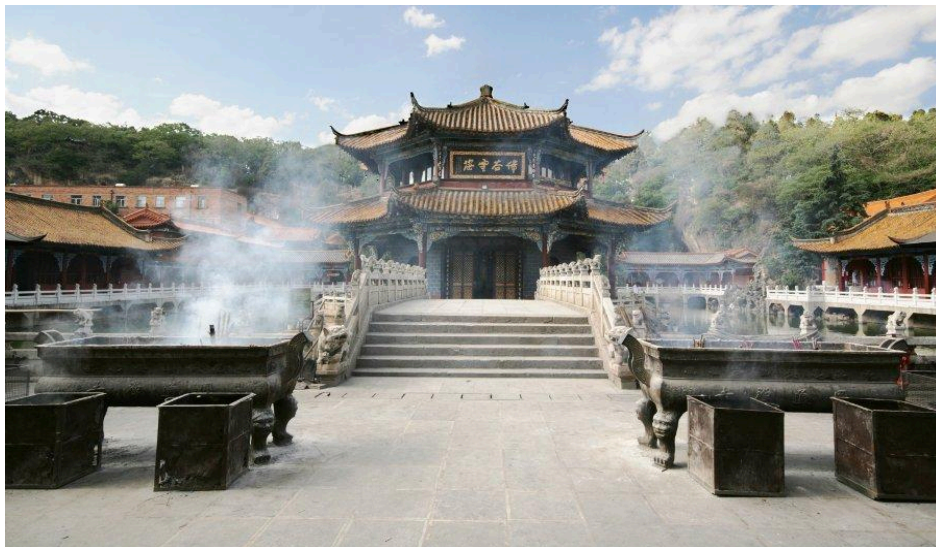
On the loose, 21 days, 2025 - 2026

Kunming - Stone Forest - Yuanyang - Duoyishu - Jianshui
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Chengdu - Dujiangyan - Emeishan - Leshan

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

Arrival in Kunming during the day (flight reference to be precised). Welcome by your driver, then transfer to your well-located accommodation 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 or to the flower and bird market. In the evening, watch the beautiful Yunnan minority dance and song show entitled " Dynamic Yunnan " (19.30pm-21.30pm / No show on Sundays) Dinner at your expense.

Overnight at Grand Park Hotel.



Day 2: Kunming - Stone Forest - Yuanyang (B) ~ 7h drive. Altitude: 1800m.

Meet your driver at 8:00 am at your hotel, for transfer to the Stone Forest site. Visit the site without a guide (entrance: 175RMB per person). Continuation of the road to Yuanyang then the small village of Dovish. You will have to pay an entrance fee to the area of 100RMB per person along the way. Meals at your expense.

Overnight at 12 Manor Terraces, located directly opposite the rice terraces.



Day 3: Yuanyang (B, L) ~ 2h drive

This morning, go catch some fishes with the locals for a while. Next, you will go to a small village where lunch will be served at one of the local families, followed by some traditional songs and dances. In the afternoon, 2h to 3h hike through beautiful landscapes of rice terraces, and small villages. Dinner at your expense.

Overnight at 12 Manor Terraces.



Note: Yuanyang rice fields are filled with water from mid-December to late February every year. From the beginning of March, the land is prepared for plantations that will last the entire month of April. Rice begins to grow in May. From June, the rice fields turn green, then yellow for the months of July to September. The harvests last all October, then the rice fields are cleaned and then put back in water in November / early December. If you are interested, it is possible for us to organize, with local farmers, a planting activity (April) or rice harvesting (October), over half a day or a full day.

Day 4: Yuanyang (B) ~ 2h30 drive. Altitude: 1800m.

Meet your driver. Head towards Niujiangzhai Market, where you will walk freely, you will most probably meet different minorities, such as the Yi, the Hani, the Dai. Then, you will move forward with the visit of the typical Hani village of Azheke and discovery of the thatched-roof houses called 'mushrooms'. Meeting with the inhabitants of the village and visit the small museum of Hani culture (entrance: 20 RMB). In the afternoon, 2h to 3h hike through beautiful landscapes of rice terraces, and small villages, until the must go to viewpoint of the tiger's mouth: Laohuzui. Dinner at your expense.

Overnight at 12 Manor Terraces.



Day 5: Yuanyang - Jianshui (B) ~ 3h drive. Altitude: 1500m.

Breakfast at the hotel. Possible visit of another market in the vicinity of Yuanyang, before taking the road to Jianshui. Lunch at your expense along the way. Check-in at Hanlinyuan. Rest of the day free to visit the famous Confucius Temple (entrance: 60RMB per person), and Jianshui old town. Lunch and dinner at your expense.

Overnight at Hanlinyuan



Day 6: Jianshui - Tuanshan – train to Weishan (B) ~ 3h30 drive

On the road to Kunming, stop at Tuanshan Village (entrance: 50RMB per person) and take a nice walk in this very typical village. Discovery also of the nearby Double Dragon Bridge. Return to Kunming, transfer to Kunming Station for the D8114 train departing at 18:10, arrival in Weishan at 20:37 (first class seats) and transfer to your conveniently located hotel 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.

Overnight at Weishan Laoguan



Day 7: Weibaoshan – Dali - Xizhou (B) ~ 2h drive. Altitude: 1900m.

Meet your new driver and discover this morning the Weibaoshan mountain (entrance: 40 RMB) located at 2500m altitude. 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. Then drive towards Dali and its region. On the way, stop at Hui village (Muslim minority) of Donglianhua (entrance: 20 RMB) and visit the mosque and the small museum. Lunch at your expense in the small village. Then drive to the Dali region and the picturesque village of Xizhou. Accommodation at the superb and comfortable boutique hotel Linden Center, built in a beautiful traditional Bai mansion, and equipped with all modern comforts. In the afternoon, you can relax at the hotel, discover by bike or electric scooter, the surrounding countryside to Lake Erhai, or walk through the village of Xizhou, home to beautiful old houses. Note that a tour of the hotel is organized by the Linden Center every day at 5pm, in English, presenting the history and architecture of the place. Dinner at your expense.

Overnight at Linden Center.



Day 8: Xizhou – Dali - Putuoquan (B) ~ 1h30min drive Altitude: 1900m.

Visit Xizhou's morning market before a short transfer toward the Three Pagodas Temple (entrance: 120RMB per person). Quick visit of Dali old town center if you would like to, featuring its church built in the traditional Bai style, then transfer towards Cangshan Mountain and Wuwei temple, that you will be able to visit freely. Then, take a short drive towards the north of Erhai lake and Putuoquan hot springs, where you can relax and cool down after all these walks, and recharge your energy for what's next to happen. Dinner at your expense (the resort offers an all you can eat buffet for a very attractive price).

Overnight at Putuoquan Hot Spring Resort.



Day 9: Putuoquan- Shaxi (B) ~ 2h30 drive. Altitude: 2050m.

Meeting at 9h with your driver for transfer by private vehicle to the great valley of Shaxi. Also, before arrival in Shaxi, discover Shibaoshan Buddhist mountain (entrance: 65RMB per person + Shuttle: 40RMB per person), beautiful 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 Landscape Hotel.



Day 10: Shaxi - Tacheng (B) ~ 4h drive. Altitude: 3200m.

Meeting at 9h with your driver for transfer by private vehicle to the Tibetan region of Tacheng. Stop on the way at Shigu Village (first curve of the Yangtse River), then follow on along the Yangtse river towards Tacheng, through a few small villages, arrival in the afternoon and check-in at Habuda Hotel. Rest of the day free to wander around. Dinner at your expense.

Overnight at Habuda Hotel.



Day 11: Tacheng - Cizhong (B). 3h30 drive. Altitude: 2200m.

Leave your hotel around 8.00 and go towards Baima Mountain Natural reserve (entrance: 100RMB + shuttle bus: 50 RMB), to observe the Yunnan Golden Monkey, a protected species. Drive back, possible visit along the way to Naxi minority villages, as well as the village near the hotel, beautifully surrounded by vineyards, which also produces very good traditional honey! After lunch, drive to the amazing village of Cizhong, populated by Catholic Tibetans. **Dinner at your expense.**

Overnight at the kawakajiu Guest House.



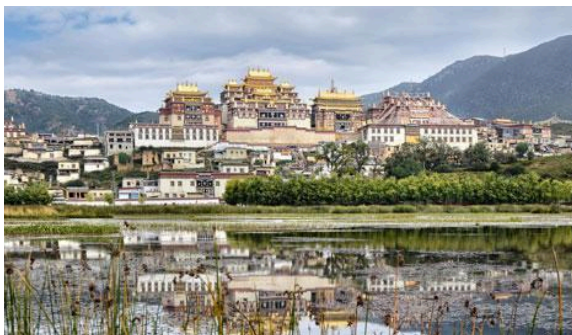
Day 12: Cizhong - Meili (B). Altitude: 3300m.

This morning, head towards Meili Mountain. Road towards Mingyong village. Discover the Mingyong Glacier using a local shuttle to get there (entrance: 55RMB, shuttle bus: 75 RMB), you can take the occasion to visit the Lotus Temple. Continuation to Feilaisi village. Accommodation at the superb Xuelong Meili Yiju offering a magnificent view of the Meili mountain range. Dinner at your expense on site.

Overnight at Xuelong Meili Yiju Hotel (superior panoramic Queen Room).



Day 13: Meili – Benzilan - Shangri La (B). 5h drive. Altitude: 2300m.



Superb sunrise over the Meili Mountains. Road to Benzilan. On the way, very nice view on a curve of the Yangtze. Visit of Dongzhulin monastery (entrance: 30RMB), located just above the Yangtse river. It is a popular place for locals, known for hosting several "living Buddhas". Discover a small local nunnery not very far from there. Another few stops are possible along the way, including the village of Gonjo where you

can visit a craftsman making traditional lacquered wooden containers, as well as among the potters in the village of Nixi, the black earth of the region is well known for its qualities. Dinner at your expense.

Overnight at Khimtsang Hotel.

Day 14: Shangri La (B)

Meet your driver at 9am. Day tour of Shangri La and its region, starting with the beautiful Tibetan monastery of Songzanlin (entrance: 90 RMB). Leisurely walk on the local market, then through the old town, including Baijisi Temple (entrance: 20RMB) featuring nice views on the surroundings and Shika Mountain. 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. Try Yak butter tea, Tsampa and Yak butter cheese, local specialties and bases of their daily food. In the afternoon, discover the Tibetan countryside in the Ringha Valley. Return to Shangri La. 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 15: Shangri La - Lijiang - Shuhe (B) ~ 4h drive. Altitude: 2400m.



Meet at 9am with your driver for transfer by private vehicle to Lijiang. Stop one the way at the tiger Leap Gorge (entrance: 45RMB per person + 75 RMB for the electric stairs). Arrive for lunch (at your expense) at Lijiang Old Town, which you can explore on foot throughout the afternoon, including Black Dragon Pond Park (entrance: 80 RMB). Continuation to the small village of Shuhe, and installation at the amazing hotel the Bivou. Rest of the day free. **Overnight at the Bivou**

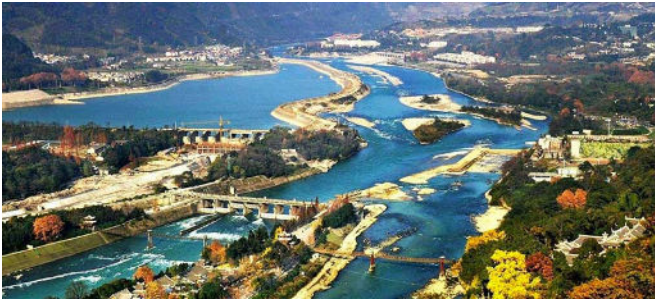
Day 16: Lijiang Valley (PDJ)

Discovery this morning of the small village of Wenbi, still preserved from the tourist masses and which keeps its authenticity, then visit the Zhiyun temple and walk on the shores of Lake Lashihai. *(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 17: Lijiang – Chengdu - Dujiangyan (B) ~ 2h drive



Free start of the day in Shuhe before heading to Lijiang Airport for flight CA2568 to Chengdu, taking off at 15.50 and landing at 17.20 (included in our services). Welcome at Chengdu airport and transfer towards Qingcheng Shan (1h30). Check-in at your hotel.

Overnight at Z Hotel (Qingcheng Mountain)

Day 18: Dujiangyan- Emeishan (B) ~ 4h drive



Visit of Dujiangyan Panda Park (entrance: 55RMB) close to the Qingcheng Mountain, then transfer towards Dujiangyan (40 minutes), and visit the irrigation system (entrance: 80 RMB). Continuation to Emeishan (3h).

Overnight at Leling Nianhuaxi Guest House.

Day 19: Emeishan

Take the shuttle bus to Mount Emeishan tourist center to go to Wanniansi station (40 minutes). Visit the Wannian temple (cable car ride). Go down on foot (2h30) along the mountain path down to Wuxiangang station (entrance on the site: 160RMB, shuttle bus: 40RMB, cable-car: 65RMB (way up), Wannian temple: 10RMB).

Overnight at Leling Nianhuaxi Guest House.



Day 20: Emeishan-Leshan-Huanglongxi-Chengdu

Road to Leshan (1h). River cruise to enjoy the view on the Giant Buddha (entrance: 70 RMB). Walk up to the head of the Buddha (entrance: 80 RMB). Visit Lingyun Temple. Continuation to Huanglongxi (1h30), stroll through the old town. Drive back to Chengdu (1h).

Overnight at the charming Buddha Zen Hotel.



Day 21: Departure from Chengdu

Transfer to Chengdu Airport for flight to your next destination (reference to be precised). End of our services, we wish you a pleasant return home, beautiful memories in mind!

Our selection of hotels for your tour in Sichuan and Yunnan:

Kunming: Grand Park Hotel 5*

Well located hotel in the center of the city in the Emerald Lake district. This is 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.



Yuanyang: Twelve Manor terraces

Conveniently located between Jingkou and Bada, this newly opened boutique hotel offers rooms with panoramic views of the rice fields and other services such as local tea tasting, traditional barbecue and outdoor baths with local medicinal plants. The best charming address in the area.



Jianshui: Hanlinyuan Boutique Hotel

Conveniently located in the heart of Jianshui, and decorated with refinement, you will have easy access to all the points of interest of the city within a 30-minute walk from your hotel. Chinese breakfast.



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.



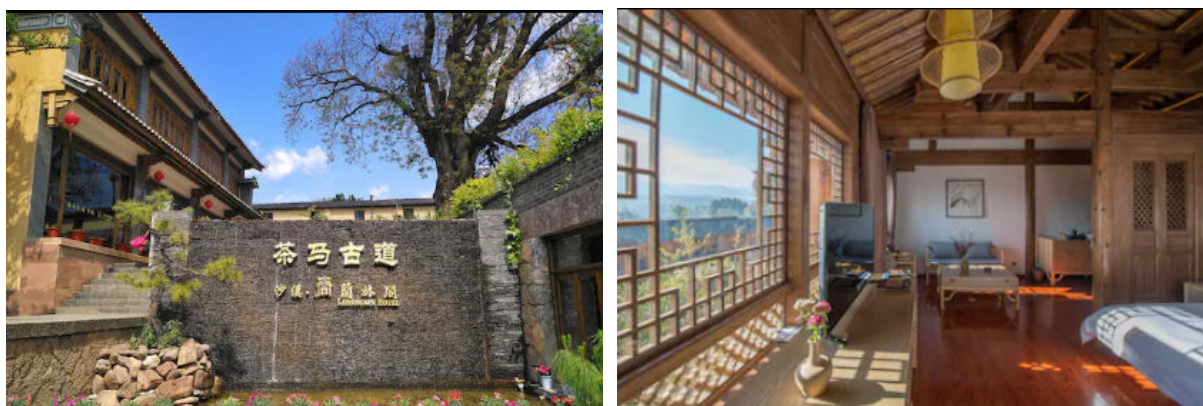
Xizhou: Linden Center (superior boutique hotel)

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.



Shaxi: Landscape Hotel

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.



Tacheng: Habuda Hotel

Habuda Hotel is a large property that has recently opened, set in a natural environment surrounded by rice paddies, vineyards, corn, and tobacco fields. Located away from the small village of Tacheng. On-site quality restaurant for your dinner (100 RMB per person) and generous breakfast. Professional hospitality, with owners who speak perfect English.



Cizhong: Shengjing Yiju

Recently renovated and located just a few steps from the Cizhong church, this warm guesthouse offers excellent value for money in the village. Chinese-style breakfast.



Meili Mountain: Xuelong Meili Yiju Hotel

A recently built and tastefully decorated hotel, with stunning views of Meili Mountain. A charming and comfortable stop in a highly scenic setting in this remote region of Yunnan.



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.



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.



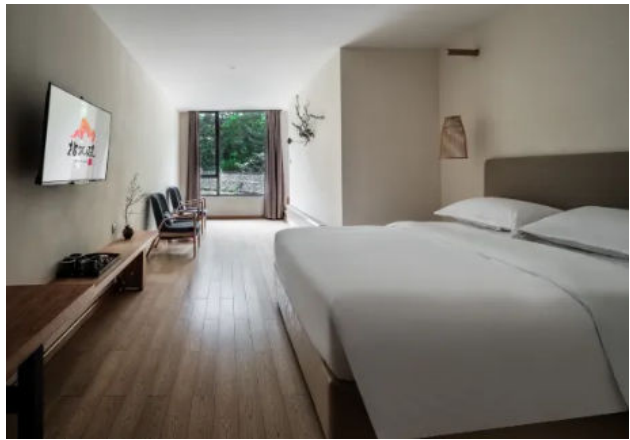
Qingcheng: Z Hotel

Opened in 2023, this is an excellent accommodation choice in Dujiangyan, with many nearby attractions such as the Tao hot springs.



Emeishan: Lelinghuaxi

Renovated in 2020 and located close to the region's main points of interest, this is an ideal place to relax after a day of sightseeing.



Chengdu: Buddha Zen Hotel

Located next to the Wenshuyuan Buddhist temple, in a small shopping area, this is a traditional building with many courtyards, Tuina massage service in the hotel, clean and comfortable rooms, Asian and Western breakfast.



3 days possible extension: Yubeng Region hike (rates available on demand)

Day A: Cizhong - Xidang - Yubeng (B). Altitude: 3200m.



Drive to the Tibetan village of Xidang (2500m), following the Mekong Valley. Start of the hike, first up to Namzong La Pass at 3.600m, then down to Yubeng village (3200m), located at the foot of the mountain. Dinner included and overnight at the family hostel. About 2 hours' drive and 6 hours walk today.

Day B: Yubeng (B)



4 to 5 hours of hiking today to reach a sacred waterfall for the Tibetans. Whoever bathes there will be blessed by Buddha... Return to the same hostel.

Day C: Yubeng (B)



5h to 6h walk to the Kawagebo Glacier Base Camp, with an extension to the lake at the foot of the glaciers (an additional 1 to 2h). Return to Yubeng. Dinner and overnight in your local Tibetan cottage.

Day D: Yubeng - Ninong - Meili (B). Altitude: 3300m.



5 to 7 hours hike to the village of Ninong, following the Yubeng River, to the junction with the Mekong River, along impressive gorges. Road towards Mingyong village. Discover the Mingyong Glacier using a local shuttle to get there. Continuation to Feilaisi village. Accommodation at the superb Meili

Lodge hotel offering a magnificent view of the Meili mountain range. Meals at your expense. Overnight at Xuelong Meili Yiju Hotel.

Take back to day 13 in the original itinerary



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€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:

Yunnan and Sichuan tour, on the loose 21 days

- Two people: RMB 21 900 (EUR 2 808) per person
- Four people: RMB 17 400 (EUR 2 231) per person
- Six people: RMB 15 900 (EUR 2 038) per person

Applied exchange rate: €1 = RMB 7.8

- *Deposit on reservation of 50% of travel expenses, by transfer or credit card*
- *Balance 3 weeks before departure, again by bank transfer or credit card*

This rate includes:

- Accommodation in the mentioned hotels with breakfast (except when noted)
- All transfers by private vehicle as mentioned in the program
- Flight from Lijiang to Chengdu
- The fast train from Kunming to Weishan, first class seats
- Dynamic Yunnan show in Kunming (we recommend it!)
- Fish catching, lunch and traditional show with the local in Yuanyang, and guide for the hikes in the fields
- 24/7 assistance from our agency in Kunming, insurance and guarantees from our French agency

This rate does not include:

- Meals and drinks
- Tickets for visits mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses and activities not explicitly mentioned in the program
- Personal travel insurance and Chinese visa fees
- Flight to Kunming and from Chengdu.

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