

## Journey across Southern Yunnan (8 days)

Kunming – Tuanshan - Jianshui – Yuanyang, its ethnical markets and terrace rice fields – Pu'er – Galanba – Menglun – Jinghong – Menghai – Nannuoshan



**This tour across Southern Yunnan links up Kunming city to Jinghong city in the Xishuangbanna region, and goes through Jianshui Old Town, Yuanyang region and its superb terrace rice fields, as well as Pu'er which is the famous city for Yunnan tea. This will also be an opportunity to discover beautiful markets of ethnic minorities still wearing traditional outfits. An ideal itinerary as an extension after discovering the Mountain in Northern Yunnan, or for families living in China's hectic cities and willing to come enjoy the southern countrysides full of identity and traditions.**

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### **Day 1 : Arrival in Kunming** ~ 50mn drive. Altitude : 1800m

Arrival at Kunming International Airport. Welcoming by your driver (they will have a board at your name) in the arrival hall, then transfer to Grand Park Hotel 5\*, ideally located in the heart of Kunming. Rest of the day free to explore at your own pace. Easy stroll towards the Emerald Lake where local people like to wander around, sing, dance or play music, alone or together with their lover, friends or family; the park is full of life from dusk to dawn and especially on the weekends; sceneries of happy and quiet lives will give you a very good first impression of Yunnan, its people and their culture. Welcome to Yunnan! Not far from there, you can carry on and go visit the Yuantong Temple (entrance : 6 rmb / person). Dinner at your expense and transfer around 19.00 with your local driver to assist to a very beautiful show of Yunnan minorities songs and dances called " Dynamic Yunnan " (20.00-21.40). Back to the hotel afterwards. Overnight in Kunming.



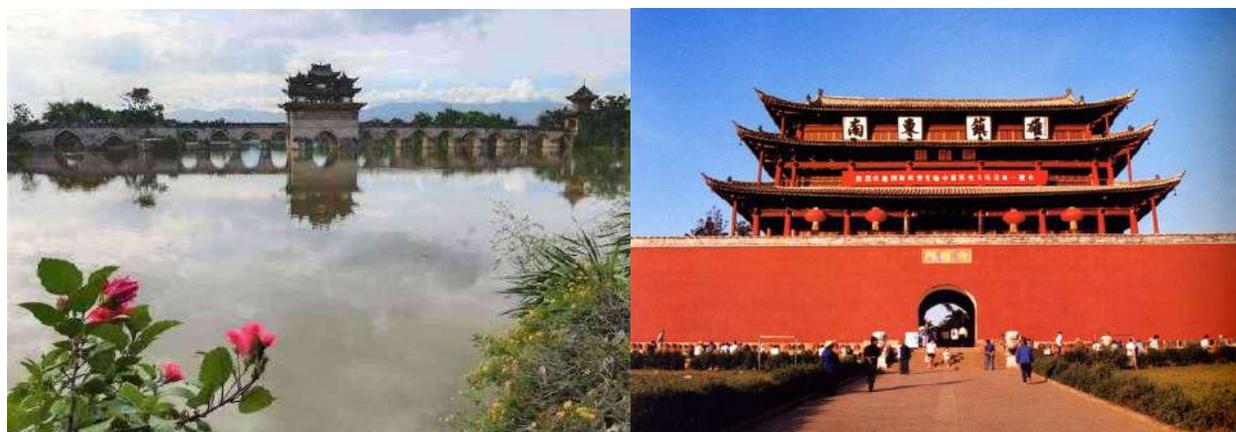
### **Day 2 : Kunming - Tuanshan - Jianshui (B)** ~ 4h drive. Altitude : 1500m

Breakfast and meeting with your english-speaking driver and guide at 08.30 am. Then, take the direction to the picturesque village of Tuanshan (entrance : 35 rmb / person), located about 15km from Jianshui. The village has stayed like out of time and most of the buildings date back from the Qing Dynasty. Stroll

in the picturesque small streets. Then you will take the road to Jianshui, one of the oldest and most remarkable city in Southern Yunnan. On the way, stop at the Double Dragon bridge, which is beautifully reflected in the waters of a small lake. In Jianshui, check in at the charming Hanlinyuan 4\* Residence. End of the day free for a stroll at your own pace in the shopping small streets in the city center. You can try the famous tofu, which is Jianshui's special food. Dinner at your expense and overnight in Jianshui.

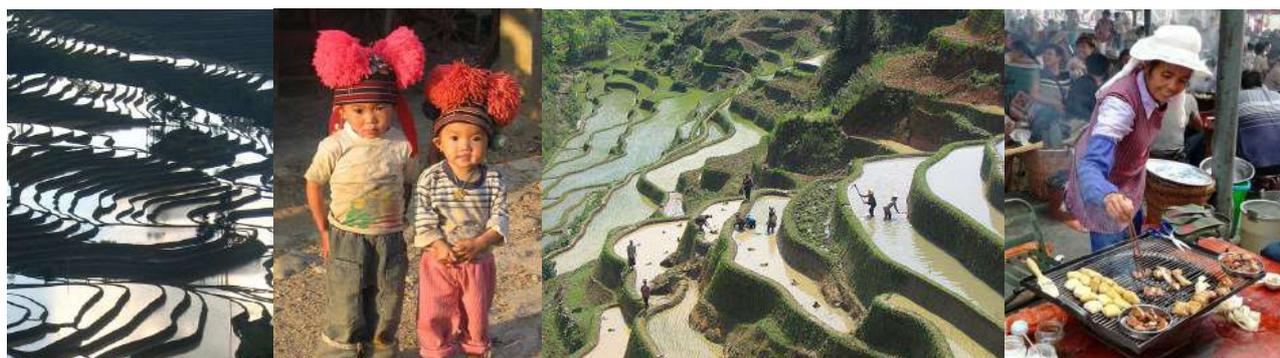
**Day 3 : Tuanshan - Jianshui – Yuanyang (B) ~ 4h drive. Altitude : 1800m**

Breakfast before you can explore the local Confucius Temple (entrance : 40 rmb/ person), which is the second largest in China after the Qufu Temple, the master's native city. The temple consists in a big park with a pond, many courtyards, magnificent gantries, temples and pavillions. Stroll through Jianshui city up to the Chaoyang Arch, where locals hold a small bird market. Road towards Yuanyang Region. On the road you will get to a checkpoint where you will need to settle the entrance fee for the region (70rmb/person). First overview of different viewpoints over the amazing terrace rice fields, such as the Bada Viewpoint. Check in at the nice Havre de Paix Guest house, in the heart of Duoyishu village which rice fields all around. Dinner at your expense and overnight.



**Day 4 : Yuanyang (B ; L)**

Enjoy your breakfast watching the rice fields, those are often flanked by the morning mist, a mystical and relaxing atmosphere. Today's market will take place in Niujiashai (the market place might however change according to the day). Short drive to the market. You will be able to meet with Yi and Hani minority people still wearing their traditional outfit. Keep on towards a small village where a dance and songs show has been put in place by the villagers belonging to the Yi minority. Charming and touching... Please note that the income from the show will be directly given to the families. A local special dish lunch will be served then at one of the families taking part to the show. This afternoon if you wish you can go for a small 2 to 3 hours hike across beautiful rice fields landscapes, going through some very scenic villages. Back to the hotel at the end of the day. Dinner at your expense and overnight at Havre de paix.



**Day 5 : Yuanyang – Pu'er (B) ~ 6h drive. Altitude : 1300m.**

Breakfast and visit of Shengcun market (this might change according to the Lunar Calendar). Long road then along the Red River, through Honghe and Yuanjiang. You will go through Dai minority villages. Visit Nakeli's small village (entrance : 50 rmb / person), that used to be an important waypoint on the Tea and Horses Road. Discover by foot the wooden houses, the big mill and the covered way, meet the friendly inhabitants and wander along the small river in a yesteryear atmosphere. Dinner at your expense and overnight in Jiangshanlong Inn 3\* in Pu'er.

**Day 6 : Pu'er – Jinghong (B) ~ 2h30 drive. Altitude : 500m.**

Petit-déjeuner, et ce matin route le long du Mékong jusqu'à Ganlanba. Possible stops on the way at different Dai minorities villages around Galanba, then explore the Minorities Park (entrance : 80 RMB/person). This afternoon, you will enjoy a nice stroll in the heart of Menglun tropical garden (entrance : 180 RMB/person), to learn more about the local biodiversity. Check in at Crown hotel 4\* . In the evening you will explore the night market along the Mekong River. Dinner at your expense and overnight in Jinghong.



**Day 7 : Jinghong / markets, villages Xishuangbanna's old tea trees (B)**

After breakfast, visit Menghai's market, then the Jingzhen Pagoda. Continue towards Manzhao Dai village where people still produce paper in a traditional way. Then you will set off towards Nannuoshan Mountain, one of the six team mountains that have made Pu'er Tea very famous. Two hours walk through the tea fields, fully organic, up to the king of tea trees, a 800 years old tree. Back to town, dinner at your expense and overnight at Crown 4\* hotel, à Jinghong.

**Day 8 : Jinghong / Departure (B)**

Breakfast and free time before the transfer to Jinghong's airport and the flight towards your next destination. Say goodbye to your English Speaking driver.

Note : Your room will have to be freed before noon. Your luggage can be kept at the hotel.

End of our services. Our team wishes you a pleasant way back home or a nice continuation of your trip.

## Our hotels selection for your Yunnan tour :

### **Kunming** : Grand Park Hotel 5\*

Well located hotel in Kunming downtown in the emerald lake district. It is not a charming hotel properly speaking, but it has a very good quality/price ratio and a very good comfort to begin or end your stay in Yunnan the best way possible, with easy visits on foot from your hotel.



### **Jianshui** : Hanlinyuan residence (charming 4\*)

Again a very beautiful traditional residence consisting in spacious rooms around beautiful inner yards.



### **Duoyishu** : Havre de Paix (charming guest house)

A simple guest house but still one of the best choice in terms of comfort in the Yuanyang Region, and especially welcoming thanks to the very nice French speaking and English Speaking owner and his charming wife in the kitchen. Its localization is perfect, just in front of the rice fields in the heart of Duoyishu village. Access through a small path way down the parking lot. 8 rooms total, all with private bathrooms.



**Pu'er** : Jiangshanlong Inn

Recently opened in Pu'er, well located close to the Xima lake's park, it was opened by a tea business company and decorated with many relics from the region, this hotel will give you the feeling to go back 50 years ago, when the tea and the horses were still the main activity in the region. The house is fully dedicated to tea culture and equipped with all the modern commodities, you can discover the numerous kind of teas that Yunnan has to offer.



**Jinghong** : Crown Hotel 4\*

One of the oldest addresses in the city just next to the local market, with a nice garden and a swimming pool, comfy and with a neat service, clean bathrooms, buffet breakfast.







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- Receptive local agency in Kunming, China, since 2007
- 1 only contact person all through your tour's conceiving phase and until your way back from China.
- Direct booking for all our services across China.
- Trustworthy and respectful relationships with our various partners all around China
- Constant improvement mindset for the creation of itineraries every time more astonishing and authentic.
- Availability and reactivity on site, 24/24
- Local French Speaking guides with experience and chosen for their skills.
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### **Our agency in China**

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### **Guarantees offered by our French Agency**

- Pay the tour to our agency in France by wire transfer or bank card (Visa, Mastercard and Amex) through our secure website, avoiding you some expensive transfer costs towards China where the usual extra charge is generally 4% to 5% of the tour price for a bank card payment to China.
- Our agency is registered by Atout France, as a guarantee for our professionalism
- HISCOX civil responsibility insurance
- IATA agreement allowing us to include international flights at a negotiated rate
- Financial guarantee registered by the APST that guarantees you full refund of the already paid amounts in case of failure from our team, otherwise your tour will be taken in charge in the same conditions as those agreed with our agency

### **Our agencies in France (Dinan, Paris, Nice)**

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Phone : 09-83-07-44-60 ou 06-40-27-64-22 / weekdays from 13h then 14-19h

VOYAGEOS, 50 rue de la Justine, 75020 Paris FRANCE (appointment only)

Phone : 06-63-78-72-03 / weekdays from 9-17h

VOYAGEOS, 26 Bld Maréchal Joffre, 06310 Beaulieu-sur-Mer FRANCE (appointment only)

Phone : 07-87-67-02-27 / weekdays from 9-17h

### **Associative involvment**

. 3€ per traveler to 3 charities :

- Couleurs de Chine : sponsorship for the scolarization of young girls in northern Guangxi
- Lab Dra Khampa : help for development and child scolarization in Dzongar (West Sichuan)
- Enfants du Mékong : Scolarization of kids in northern Yunnan
- + 1 treeplanted by traveler with the Yves Rocher foundation "Let's plant for Earth"

### **"Housemade" itineraries - Genuine comments from travelers.**

Our tours, and generally speaking all the contents we create are the result of a long research and more than 10 years experience. But they are regularly, not to say constantly, copied particularly by one of our competitor agency based in China. Don't be surprised, but just know how to recognize the copy from the original!

We don't publish fake comments from travelers like this has sadly become regular practice in the Internet. All the comments you will find on forums or on our websites are guaranteed genuine! Here are some feedbacks from our travelers here : [Comments from travelers in China](#)

**RATES.** Private tour on a 2, 4, 6 travelers basis in double/twin rooms :

**Private tour on a 2 travelers basis – Flights not included -** :7300RMB per person, that is 935€ per person

**Private tour on a 4 travelers basis – Flights not included -** :4735RMB per person, that is 607€ per person

**Private tour on a 6 travelers basis – Flights not included -** :5050RMB per person, that is 647€ per person

- On a 6 travelers basis, you will enjoy the service of an English speaking guide plus a driver from day 2 to 8.

Exchange rate : 1€ = 7,80RMB

- *Deposit on booking of 50% of the tour amount, by wire transfer or bank card in France*

- *Balance 3 weeks before arrival, again by wire transfer or bank card in France*

**This rate includes :**

- ▶ Charming hotels with breakfast (B) included everyday on site
- ▶ English-speaking driver and guide from day 2 to 8. On a 6 travelers basis, you will enjoy the service of an English - Speaking guide plus a driver.
- ▶ Every other transfers in private vehicles with Chinese speaking driver
- ▶ Meals as mentioned in the program (B = breakfast ; L = lunch ; D = dinner)
- ▶ Payment by bank card in France so you can benefit from the travel insurance included with your bank card service
- ▶ Guarantees from our French travel agency (professional insurance, guarantee for the transferred funds)
- ▶ 24/7 assistance from our Kunming office

**This rate doesn't include :**

- ▶ Flights to and from Yunnan (we can offer you a rate on demand)
- ▶ Meals and drinks to get according to your wishes and your guide's recommendation
- ▶ Distant Chinese Visa application (our agency can offer it for 140€ per person)
- ▶ Entries on site as mentioned within the itinerary, to settle directly on site (about 460 RMB per person, that is 59 EUR. Possible reductions up to 50% at some sites for travelers above 60 years old on presentation of a valid ID)
- ▶ Tips (you can count 120RMB/day total for the guide-driver)
- ▶ Personal expenses

This itinerary is subject to slight modifications due to schedule changes or cancellation from airline companies, to guides and hotels' availabilities or to bad weather conditions.



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