

CHINA

UNIQUE YUNNAN

DALI > LIJIANG > SHANGRI-LA > KUNMING



12 DAYS FROM

\$2,799

Early bird special (economy)

\$4,999

First 5 booking (business class)



This is a small group tour that takes you from the by now well-known cities of China. Long considered a wild borderland of exotic animals and populated by communities that resisted integration into the rising and falling empires of the 'Middle Kingdom', Yunnan remains a land of myth and of legend. Home to the cities Kunming, Dali, Lijiang, and 'Shangri-La', From ancient towns and grand old temples, to limestone 'forests', you will absorb the many marvels of nature and culture on this tour.

Image: Sumtsenling Temple

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Single supplement: \$599

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Dali's Old Quarter and Three Pagodas
Explore and stop on the ancient Southern Silk Road
Get close to the 16 peaks of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
See Ganden Sumtsenling Tibetan monastery
Experience the poetically-named Tiger Leaping Gorge
Step in the incomparable UNESCO-listed Limestone Forest

Day 1: Depart for Dali

Board your overnight flight via a connecting city.

Day 2: Dali

Arrive in Dali, and be transferred to your hotel to rest after your flight.

Day 3: Dali (B, L)

Take a boat tour of Erhai Lake, followed by a visit to Chongsheng Temple, is famous for its three pagodas, the central and tallest tower was built around 1200 years ago.

Day 4: Dali Lijiang (B, L)

Travel to Lijiang, was once an important stop on the 'Tea Horse Caravan Trail', that transported Yunnan-grown tea into India, and brought back Buddhist texts and pilgrims along this 'Southern Silk Road'.

Day 5: Liliang (B,L)

Visit Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. In the vicinity of the mountain are a number of natural attractions, such as Whitewater (Baishui) River in Blue Moon Valley.

Day 6: Liliang (B,L)

Visit White Sand Village, is famous for the Ming-era murals inside Dabaoji Palace. These painted frescoes depict a combination of esoteric Buddhist deities, historical figures such as Guru Rinpoche Daoist sages, and everyday people going about their daily lives.

Day 7: Lijiang Shangri-la (B, L)

Drive to Shangri-la, and visit one of the deepest and most dramatic gorges in the world, Tiger Leaping Gorge. Legend has it that a tiger escaped capture by leaping across at the narrowest point, which is 25 metres across!

Day 8: Shangri-la (B, L, D)

Visit Shika Snow Mountain. Shika refers to the red deer, an auspicious animal in Buddhism. One of the eight sacred snow-capped mountains, Shika provides amazing views of the surrounding area.

Day 9: Shangri-La (B, L)

Visit the White Water Terraces, located at the base of Haba Snow Mountain, and covering an area of around three square kilometers. This scenic area with its terraced pools formed by calcium carbonate in the water, is reminiscent of Pamukkale in Turkey.

Day 10: Shangri-La Kunming (L, D)

Travel to the Stone Forest. This is a huge (500 sq. KM) collection of limestone 'trees', 'mushrooms', and other dramatic shapes, that were formed by erosion over a period of 270 million years.

Day 11: Depart Kunming

Enjoy the day at leisure before departing Kunming for home, or begin your post-tour extension.

Day 12: Arrive Home

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD: Airfare included
Other cities: fr \$400

INCLUSIONS

- China Eastern Airlines economy international airfares & taxes
9 nights hotel accommodation (twin-share)
7 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 2 dinners (D)
Coach transportation & hoel transfers
Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
English speaking tour guide(s)

EXCLUSIONS

- Prepaid tipping: \$140
China visa
Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Break fee: fr \$250
Hotel w/breakfast: \$75 twin-share, \$150 single

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (local rating)

Table with 3 columns: Location, Hotel Name, Rating. Includes Dali Zhong He Fang Jiu Dian Hotel, Lijiang Guangfang Hotel Lijiang Garden, Shangri-la Hilton Garden Inn Shangri-la, Kunming Kunming Kai Wah Plaza.



Images: 1. Stone Forest, 2. Erhai Lake, 3. Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, 4. Chongsheng Temple.

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