

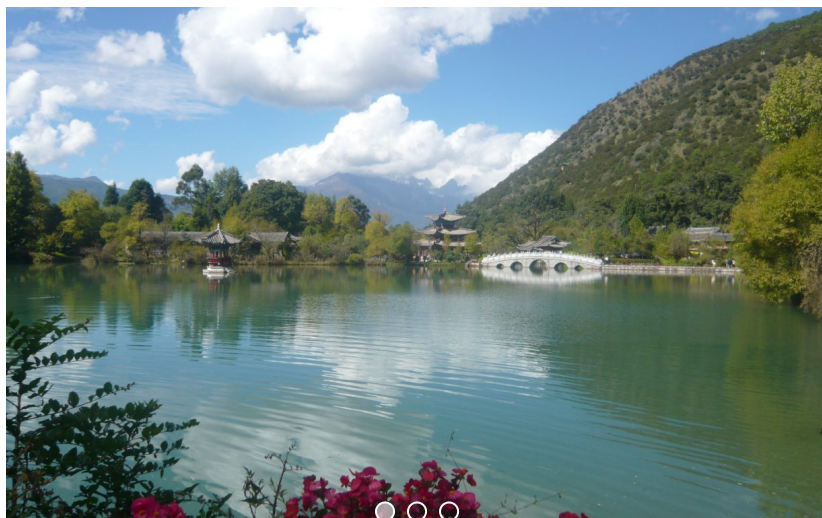
Explore Yunnan Province

Tailor-Made Journey

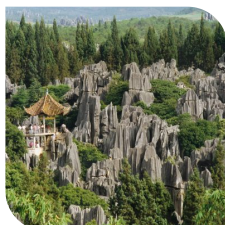
EXPLORE YUNNAN PROVINCE

Dramatically *picturesque* landscapes and *traditional* cultures

Discover China's Yunnan Province, located in the south-west of the country, it is home to a varied landscape of snow-capped mountains, rice terraces, lakes and deep gorges. The province borders Tibet, Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar and comprises a diverse mix of cultures and customs. There are many communities in Yunnan, still following ancient traditions and ways of life. This itinerary explores all the highlights that Yunnan has to offer, including breathtaking scenery and a visit to the inspiring Songzanlin Monastery, the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery in the region.



Locations *you will* be visiting



Kunming, China

Known in China as the "City of Eternal Spring", Kunming lies at an almost-tropical latitude but its ...

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2 Days



Dali, China

An ancient city on the shores of Lake Erhai, and home to the Bai minority people

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2 Days



Shaxi, China

A traditional town in the foothills of the Himalayas, on the road to Lijiang

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2 Days



Lijiang, China

A city with a history dating back at least 800 years and possibly as far back as the Song Dynasty.

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2 Days



Shangri-La, China

A delightful town, living up to its name - Shangri-la

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2 Days



Chengdu, China

Chengdu, home to the Giant Panda, is the capital of Sichuan province

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2 Days

YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

Explore Yunnan Province

15 day Tour Itinerary

An overview of your trip

DAY 1 **Fly to Kunming**

Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Kunming.

- Transport: Airplane

DAY 2 **Arrive Kunming**

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.



DAY 3 **Stone Forest**

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Stone Forest with its limestone formations covering an area of around 500sq km. This is followed by an enjoyable afternoon visit to Green Lake Park.

- Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 4 **Kunming to Dali**

Transfer to the station for your bullet train to Dali. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your



accommodation to check in. Dali has played an important role in the history of south China and was once a post on the old Burma Road. Your Dali City Tour starts with exploring the old quarter, followed by the Three Pagodas. In the evening why not discover the delights of Foreigners' Street.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Bullet train

DAY 5 Erhai Lake

This morning will include a visit to Erhai Lake to enjoy a cruise on its crystal clear waters with the spectacular Cangshan Mountains in the background. The afternoon is at leisure with the option to take the cable car up the Cangshan Mountains.

- Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 6 Xihou

Spend the morning on a half-day excursion to Xihou, a lively market town half an hour's drive north of Dali on Lake Erhai. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

- Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 7 Shaxi

Visit the region's most picturesque and interesting fresh produce market at Shaping Village in the morning (Mondays only). Later, drive north with your guide to the beautiful Shaxi Valley, an important way stage on the old Tea-Horse Road that served as a strategically important source of salt.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Drive



DAY 8 Shaxi

A full day to explore the valley at your leisure, with the help of your local guide. Perhaps hire a bike for a cycle along the Heihui River and out across the surrounding rice fields to discover Shaxi's neighbouring satellite villages.

- Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 9 **Lijiang**

Travel to the ancient town of Lijiang, at the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Rest of the day at leisure.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Drive



DAY 10 **Jade Dragon Snow Mountain**

Today visit Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and take a cable car to the halfway point up the mountain. Afterwards visit Baisha Naxi minority village to admire the ancient wall paintings. The afternoon is free for you to explore Lijiang Old Town at your leisure.

- Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 11 **Shangri La**

After breakfast, climb the stone steps leading to the Songzanlin Monastery, then tour the adjacent lake, before heading out to explore the wonderful mountain scenery.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Drive



DAY 12 **Shangri La**

After breakfast, climb the great flight of stone steps leading to the Songzanlin Monastery, then complete a circuit of the adjacent lake, before heading out of town to explore some of the wonderful mountain scenery that dominates this enclave in the far north of Yunnan.

- Meals included: Breakfast
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DAY 13 Shangri La to Chengdu

Rise early to visit the Buddhist temple overlooking Shangri-La's old town, where local people go en masse to leave offerings of juniper incense. Transfer to the airport, for your flight to Chengdu.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Airplane



DAY 14 Giant Pandas

In the morning travel to the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre, where naturalistic habitats have been created to provide the best possible environment for rearing and breeding pandas. Also visit Kuangzhai, Wide Alley. One of the three ancient city alleys, the Wide Alley (and Narrow alley) is now a popular entertainment and nightlife area, brimming with restaurants, tea houses, pubs and souvenir shops.

- Meals included: Breakfast

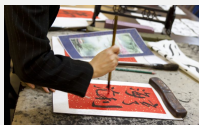
DAY 15 Fly to UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Airplane

Optional Extras - Cultural Experiences

There is some free time in your itinerary for you to explore on your own, or treat yourself to an excursion. Use the links below to create a to-do list, or, if you'd prefer us to book you onto one of these or any other excursions, please let us know when booking your tour.




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YOUR HOLIDAY DETAILS

China: Explore Yunnan Province

price
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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

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| ✓ International and domestic flights in economy class | ✗ Tips |
| ✓ Bullet trains in first class | ✗ Personal Spending |
| ✓ 4★ accommodation based on twin share | ✗ Travel Insurance |
| ✓ Transfers | ✗ China visa and fees |
| ✓ Transportation | |
| ✓ Tours as stated | |
| ✓ Meals as stated | |
| ✓ Airport taxes | |

Price from £3,325

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(sole passenger prices on request)

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(excludes international flights)

Prices and products are subject to availability at the time of booking.

The deposit for these arrangements is £300 per person. Balance is due 12 weeks before departure.

When making an enquiry or reservation we will request your contact details, however no payment will be required at this stage. We will contact you for payment details and to confirm your booking, your details and the details of those travelling with you along with any extras you'd like to add.

TOUR MAP



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