

YUNNAN

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1. **Classical Yunnan north circuit** 9 days / 8 nights
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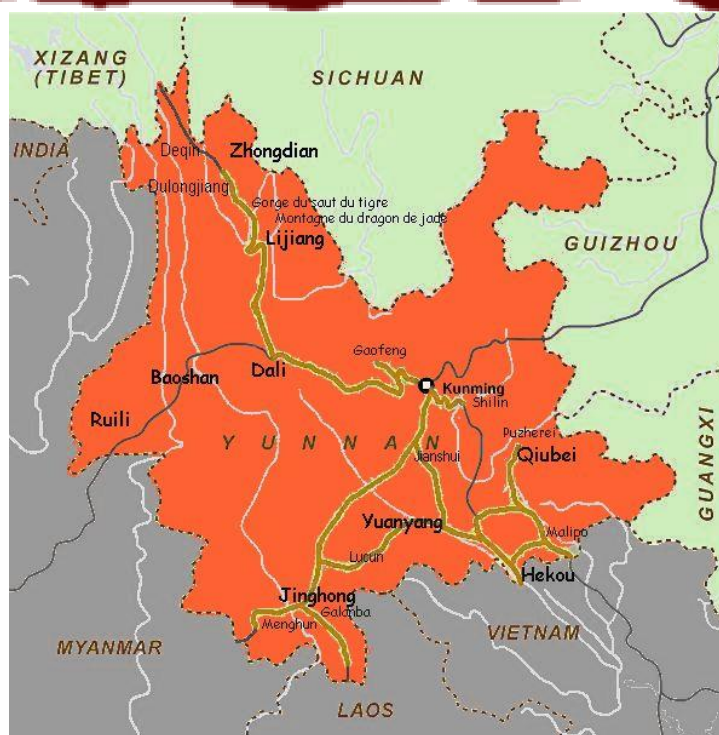
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Yunnan

Far from the splendor of the Middle Kingdom, there is another China, full of charm and exoticism, with tropical accents, that of the mountains and high hills of Yunnan. Of course, the influence of the Mandarins was felt there, who also left temples, pagodas and rich dwellings, but the originality of Yunnan lies above all in the fruitful mixture of Tibetan and Mongolian cultures with that of the local ethnic groups – Baisha, Dongba, Yi and Hani – and the influences of neighboring countries, Vietnam, Laos and Burma.





...a country of innumerable wealth



An original culture that is also part of grandiose landscapes due to the patient labor of man like the terraced rivers of Yuanyang, to the terrible forces of nature like the Tiger Jump Gorges or to the subtle alliance of the art of man and the generosity of nature like Lake Erhai... A journey that will remain an unforgettable experience.



Classical YUNNAN

NORTH CIRCUIT



Strengths of the trip | 9 days / 8 nights

- *Visit of the Western mountains*
- *Yunnan minority singing and dancing shows*
- *Visit of several small villages*
- *Traditional fishing party*
- *Meeting with a family of Naxi minorities*



Classical North Yunnan circuit

Day 1 : Arrival in Kunming

(1 hour of road. Altitude: 1800m)

Arrival at mid-day in **Kunming**. Welcome by your french speaking guide, and then transfer to the **New Era 4* hotel**, well located in the city center of Kunming. Visit in the afternoon of the **Western moutains**, constituted of lots of small Taoist temples and oratories, offering beautiful views on the city of Kunming and the great Dianchi Lake. Welcome dinner at the excellent Laofangzi restaurant located in a beautiful traditional Chinese residence in the old neighborhood of Kunming. In the evening, **attend the magnificent singing and dancing show "Dynamic Yunnan"**, great choreographies and minority songs from Yunnan (8.00pm to 9.50pm).

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 2 : Kunming. Night train to Dali

(2 hours and 30 minutes of road)

In the morning, you will visit the Stone's forest, unusual site made up of astonishing stones of elongated shapes... Picnic lunch planned in the park in a quiet place away from tourists, otherwise just next to the park in a classic chinese restaurant. Upon your return to Kunming, visit the **Yuantong temple**, the oldest Buddhist temple in Kunming, then walk to **Emerald lake**, where the locals like to meet to sing, dance and play music. Free dinner before the transfer to Kunming station for the night train to Dali. Night spent in the train in a soft sleeping compartment.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 3 : Dali - Xizhou

(1 hour of road. Altitude : 1900m)

Meeting with your new guide and driver at your arrival in **Dali's train station**. Transfer to the **old town of Dali**, and it's small still quiet streets, to have breakfast. Stroll by foot through the

old town of dali, and then transfer to the pleasant Zhoucheng village. Walk through its old streets to meet its inhabitants (learn more about the process of dyeing batik, exercised here for generations) and its small obsolete but charming temples. Lunch during the visit. Then discover the small and quiet **Xizhou village**. We suggest you to spend the night in a superb and very comfortable traditional house in local Bai style. Then take a local **ox-driven cart** to access your small boat for a cruise on the large Erhai lake, and a **traditional fishing party with the cormorants**. Return to the hotel. Small **ceremony of traditional tea** (three teas ceremony). Free dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4 : Xizhou - Shaxi

(3 hours of road. Altitude : 2050m)

Visit the **morning market of Xizhou** not far from your hotel. Morning road to **Shaxi**. Lunch of local specialties at your arrival in a beautiful familial home in a small secluded village surrounded by ricefields. In the afternoon, discovery of the **Shibaoshan mountain**, a superb whole buddhist sculptures engraved in rock and very peaceful temples. After the visit, **possible descent by foot by a small path leading to the old town of Shaxi, if not by vehicle**. Accomodation in the heart of the old town of Shaxi in an ancient caravanserai superbly reaccomodated with all the necessary comfort, which have formerly been usefull to accommodate the merchants borrowing the main tea caravane road and the horses in which Shaxi has been one of the great commercial exchanging center. Free dinner at the very tasty hotel's restaurant.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 5 : Shaxi –Lijiang

(3 hours by road. Altitude : 2300m)

In the morning, road to the main valley of **Lijiang**, with along the way a stop in the **old town of Jianchuan**, still unknown. Arrival for lunch taken in a Naxi minority family in the small village of Yuhu, located at the foot of the Jade's dragon mountains (summit at 5600m). In the afternoon, you will be visiting through the **Baisha village**, and **meeting with the locally famous Doctor Ho**, speciality of medicinal plants (possible consultation!). Also discover the small **Puji temple**,

isolated, offering great views of the **Lijiang valley**. First discoveries of the **old town of Lijiang**. Accommodation in a charming little hotel in the heart of the old town, in a still quiet area.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6 : Lijiang

Discovery by foot in the morning of the **old town of Lijiang**, starting with **Lion hill**, offering beautiful views of all Lijiang with 360°, then a descent to the **Mu palace**, a former ruling family on the prosperous Lijiang area. Visit the **Lijiang market**. Lunch in the old town. Also discovery in the afternoon at the **Black Dragon pond park**, located just outside the old town. Free time remaining for an individual discovery of this charming old town.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7 : Lijiang - Zhongdian

Today's program : look out further for the first turn of the Changjiang, Shigu Pier, and Tiger Leaping Gorges. Our guide and driver will take you from Lijiang to Zhongdian. Look further for the first turn of the Changjiang : surrounded by rivers and mountains, with an altitude of 1850 meters above the sea level, the first bay of the Yangtze has a picturesque landscape. In addition, it is an important ferry that the joints inside and the old route to trade tea and horses in Tibet. Shigu pier : located 68 km away west of Shigu next to the Jisha River which is a part of the Yangtze River. The Shigu pier has become an important place for a very long time. Tiger Leaping Gorges : one of the four great gorges of the world - It is located in the village of Hutiaoxia and in the Zhongdian county and honored as one of the deepest and marvelous gorges in the world .

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 8 : Zhongdian

Today's program : Songzanlin temple, visit of a Tibetan family and campfire in their home.

Songzanlin temple : it is the largest Tibetan buddhist lamasery in Yunnan Province. In Shangri, many Tibetans live there. Covering an area of 33.3 hectares, the Songzanlin lamasery was built in the style of the Potala Palace in Lhasa and represents the Tibetan culture. The statue of Buddhists and many precious cultural treasures will leave you with an unforgettable memory. Visit to a Tibetan family which allows to experiment the life of the local Tibetan people, you will be greeted with a Tibetan tea and local snacks. Visit to a Tibetan family and bivouac fires in their

home, which allows to experience the life of the local Tibetan inhabitants, you will be greeted by Tibetan tea and local snacks.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 9 : Zhongdian – Flight to Kunming

Transport from the hotel to Zhongdian's airport for the flight to reach Kunming's airport.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

ESTIMATED PRICE

(Depending on season, types of accommodation and activities)

- The estimated budget for this trip is from 1290 € / person.
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Price of the trip

(Price per person in USD)

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<i>Name of the city/ hotels list</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Superior</i>	<i>Deluxe</i>
Kunming (2 nuits)	<i>Kunming Home Inn Plus Cuihu</i>	<i>Kunming New Era Hôtel</i>	<i>Kunming Green Lake Hôtel</i>

Dali (1 nuit)	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel The Commons</i>	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel The Commons</i>	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel</i>
Shaxi (1 nuit)	<i>Shaxi AodingCourtyard Hôtel</i>	<i>Shaxi WuliuHotel</i>	<i>Shaxi WuliuHotel</i>
Lijiang (2 nuits)	<i>Lijiang E-outfitting Boutique Hotel</i>	<i>The BivouLijiang Boutique Hotel</i>	<i>Lijiang Anyu Hotel</i>
Zhongdian (2 nuits)	<i>Shangri-La Konggu Youlan Guesthouse</i>	<i>Zinc Journey Arro Khampa Shangri-La</i>	<i>Songtsam Shangri-La Lvgu Lodge</i>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accomodation in hotels mentioned in the program or similar, breakfast included • Every transports and transfers in private vehicle • Night train between Kunming and Dali, and flight from Zhongdian to Kunming and every taxes • French speaking guide's assistance • Refreshments in the bus and fruits along the road • Entrances for visits mentioned in the program and in the protected zones • Every meals during the trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa fees • International flights • Dinners according to your desires and guide's advices (except the welcome dinner in Kunming) • Beverages, tips, personal expenses • Insurance and assistance • Every other service not mentionned above



Active North YUNNAN Circuit





Strengths | 9 days/ 8 nights

- *Visit of several temples*
- *Visit of the morning market of Xizhou*
- *Discovery of the mountains of Shibaoshan*
- *Discovery of many small villages*
- *Hiking*
- *Meeting with a Tibetan family*



Active Yunnan north circuit

Day 1 : Kunming . Night train to Dali

(1 hour of road. Altitude : 1800m)

Arrival at mid-day in **Kunming**. Welcome by your guide, and then transfer to the **New Era 4* hotel**, well located in the city center of Kunming. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Yuantong temple, most ancient buddhist temple of Kunming**, and then by foot until the **Emerald lake**, where the locals love to gather with each other to sing, dance and play some music. Welcome dinner at the excellent Laofangzi restaurant located in a beautiful traditional Chinese residence in the old neighborhood of Kunming before the transfer to Kunming's station for the **night train towards Dali**. Night spent in the train in a soft sleeping compartment.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 2 : Dali – Xizhou

(30 minutes by car + 3 hours in bicycle. Altitude : 1900m)

Meeting with your new guide and driver at your arrival in **Dali's train station**. Transfer to the **old town of Dali**, and it's small still quiet streets, to have breakfast. Stroll by foot through the old town of dali, and then transfer to the pleasant Zhoucheng village. Walk through its old streets to meet its inhabitants (learn more about the process of dyeing batik, exercised here for generations) and its small obsolete but charming temples. Lunch during the visit. Then discover the small and quiet **Xizhou village**. We suggest you to spend the night in a superb and very comfortable traditional house in local Bai style. Not far from there, you will access to a promontory offering nice views on all **Erhai lake**. Return to the hotel by bicycle. Small ceremony of traditionnal tea (three teas ceremony). Free dinner adviced at the hotel's restaurant.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 3 : Xizhou – Shaxi

(3 hours of road. Altitude : 2050m)

Visit the **morning market of Xizhou** not far from your hotel. Morning road to **Shaxi**. Lunch of local specialities at your arrival in a beautiful familial home in a small secluded village surrounded by ricefields. In the afternoon, discovery of the **Shibaoshan mountain**, a superb whole buddhist sculptures engraved in rock and very peaceful temples. After the visit, **possible descent by foot by a small path leading to the old town of Shaxi, if not by vehicle**. Accomodation in the heart of the old town of Shaxi in an ancient caravanseraï superbly reaccomodated with all the necessary comfort, which have formerly been usefull to accommodate the merchants borrowing the main tea caravane road and the horses in which Shaxi has been one of the great commercial exchanging center. Free dinner at the very tasty hotel's restaurant.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4 : Shaxi – Lijiang

(2 hours and 30 minutes of road. Altitude : 2300m)

In the morning, road to the main valley of **Lijiang**, with along the way a stop in the **old town of Jianchuan**, still unknown. Arrival for lunch in the heart of the old town of Lijiang. Installation in a superb charm hotel in a calm area. In the afternoon, discovery by foot in the morning of the **old town of Lijiang**, starting with **Lion hill**, offering beautiful views of all Lijiang with 360°, then a descent to the **Mu palace**, a former ruling family on the prosperous Lijiang region.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 5 : Lijiang

(4 hours of bicycle)

Bicycle day in the Lijiang's surroundings. Departure to the small **village of Shuhe**, that you will cross by bike, to then join the one of **Yuhu**. Lunch taken in a Naxi family's minority in the Yuhu small village, located at the foot of the Jade mountain's dragon (summit at 5600m). Back through the small **village of Baisha**, and meeting with the locally famous Doctor Ho, speciality of

medicinal plants (possible consultation!). Back to Lijiang, with a stop at the **Black Dragon pond park** if the weather allows it. Accomodation in a charming hotel in the heart of the old town.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6 : Lijiang - Zhongdian Tiger Leaping Gorges

(2 hours by car + 5 hours of walking. Altitude : 2100m)

Morning road towards **Qiaotou village**, marking the beginning of the hiking through the Tiger Leaping Gorges. Rising path during 2 hours and 30 minutes, then straight path for two more hours of walking. You will need to bring your personnal stuffs with you for this night in the mountains. One or several mules (according to the size of the group) will be planned to carry your luggages. Stop for lunch along the way. Take your time to rest from the long path , and admire the views on **the Jade Dragon's mountains**. Arrival in the afternoon at the **Tea Horse Guest House** located in a natural and pleasant frame. Dinner on site.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 7 : Lijiang - Zhongdian

Today's program: Hiking from Halway hostel to Tina's. Hiking from Tina's to half-slope of Tiger Leaping Gorges. Hiking from Xincun Village to the bottom of Tiger Leaping Gorges (Daju). Our guide and driver will conduce you from Lijiang to Zhongdian. Hiking from Halfway hostel to Tina's : go down to Tina's guest house (aproximately 2 hours), where you are able to admire some pretty waterfalls and canyons along the way. Hiking from Tina's to half-slope of Tiger Leaping Gorges. One hour's walk through the steep cliff on the bank of the Jinsha River, the cult of the dangerous shoal "Starriness", it is the narrowest part of the gorge, where a tiger can easily jump over the Jinsha River. Hiking from Wincun village at the bottom of the Tiger Leaping Gorges (Daju). From Xincun village to the inferior section of the gorge (aproximately 1h30-2 hours) where you will be able to take the ferry crossing the Daju River.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 8: Zhongdian

Today's program: Songzanlin temple, visit of a Tibetan family.

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Day 9 : Zhongdian – Flight to Kunming

Transport from the hotel to Zhongdian's airport for the flight to reach Kunming's airport.

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ESTIMATED PRICE

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Price of the trip

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Name of the city/ hotels list	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
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Dali (1 nuit)	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel The Commons</i>	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel The Commons</i>	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel</i>
Shaxi (1 nuit)	<i>Shaxi Aoding Courtyard Hôtel</i>	<i>Shaxi Wuliu Hotel</i>	<i>Shaxi Wuliu Hotel</i>
Lijiang (2 nuits)	<i>Lijiang E-outfitting Boutique Hotel</i>	<i>The Bivou Lijiang Boutique Hotel</i>	<i>Lijiang Anyu Hotel</i>
Zhongdian (1 nuit)	<i>Tiger Leaping Gorge Tea & Horse Guesthouse</i>	<i>Tiger Leaping Gorge Yachajiao Manor</i>	<i>Tiger Leaping Gorge Yachajiao Manor</i>
Zhongdian (2 nuits)	<i>Shangri-La Konggu Youlan Guesthouse</i>	<i>Zinc Journey Arro Khampa Shangri-La</i>	<i>Songtsam Shangri-La Lvgu Lodge</i>

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Circuit from KUNMING to HEKOU





Strengths of the trip | 5 days / 4 nights

- *Visit of the oldest buddhist monastery of Kunming*
- *Discovery of the “Yunnan Dynamic” show*
- *Discovery of the Stone forest*
- *Visit of the Confucius temple*
- *Sunset on the terraced ricefields*
- *Visit of minority markets*



Circuit from Kunming to Hekou

Day 1: Hanoi - Kunming

(30 minutes transfer)

Arrival at mid-day in **Kunming** coming from Hanoi, and then transfer to the **New Era 4* hotel**, well located in the city center of Kunming. In the afternoon, you will visit the Yuantong temple, the oldest Buddhist monastery of Kunming. Visit while going forward by foot the Emerald Lake where the locals like to gather with each other to sing, dance and play some music. Go on towards the old neighborhoods of Kunming. After the dinner in town, in a Chinese traditional residency (Yunnan typical cooking), attend the fabulous “Yunnan Dynamic” show (8.00pm to 9.50pm) tracing legends, dances and Yunnan’s chants, superb potpourri of choreography. Back to the hotel by foot or bus.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 2: Kunming – Stone forest - Jianshui

(280 km - 4 hours of road)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Stone forest. We will suggest a 3-hour walk inside the site, between rocky peaks sometimes through narrow paths. Picnic lunch in a quiet place of the park. Road in the afternoon towards Jianshui (3 hours of road). Installation in your 3* hotel, which has been accommodated in the superb residency of Zhu family, one of the better conserved in Yunnan, shaped of a whole of interior courses, pavillons and gardens. Dinner in a local restaurant.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 3: Jianshui - Yuanyang

(3 hours of road, 160 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. **Stroll by foot this morning through the old town of Jianshui**, particularly until **Chaoyang’s big gate** which shelters a small birds market. Visit the old wells of Jianshui. Then go to the **Confucius temple**, which is the second biggest temple in China, after the Qufu one, the

native city of the master. **The whole is constituted of a large park with pond**, several courtyards, beautiful porticos, temples and pavilions. Lunch in the old town. **Drive to Yuanyang (3 hours). Crossing the red river (Honghe) before climbing to the old town of Yuanyang**, located at the top of the Ailao Mountains. Installation at the Yunti hotel 3* in the heart of the old city. If the weather allows it (weather and "timing"), **sunset at the terraced ricefields**. Dinner in town.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4: Yuanyang

(2 hours of bus)

After breakfast, departure to a visit of the minority market in the Yuanyang region (market fixed according to the lunar schedule). Going on until a small village where a **singing and dancing show** has been set up by the villagers belonging to the Yi minority. Charming and touching... Note that the benefits of the show will be directly reserved to the families. A lunch will be served by one of the family who participated at the show. **Sunset on the terraced ricefields on Laohuzui site**. Dinner in town. Overnight at the 3* Yunti Hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 5: Yuanyang –Hekou

(5 to 6 hours of road, 350 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit in another market of minority in the Yuanyang region, then long road to Hekou, a city located at the boundary with Vietnam and the city of Lao Cai. Simple lunch along the way. Passing the boundary, arrival in Lao Cai, Vietnam.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

ESTIMATED PRICE

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Jianshui (1 nuit)	Han Shu Xiang Yuan Hostel	Lin An Hotel	Jianshui Tingziyun Resort
Yuanyang (2 nuits)	Yuanyang Jacky's Guesthouse	Shengcun Village Yunti Hôtel	Yuanyang The Twelve Manor Terraces Lodge

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Complete circuit

YUNNAN





Strengths of the trip | 12 days / 11 nights

- *Visit of several temples*
- *Discovery of many small villages*
- *Meeting with the inhabitants of different villages*
- *Discovery of the Lion hill*
- *Discovery of the Tiger Leaping Gorges*
- *Visit of the Stone forest*
- *Hiking through terraced ricefields*



Complete circuit Yunnan

Day 1 : Arrival in Kunming. Night train to Dali

(1 hour of road. Altitude : 1800m)

Arrival at mid-day in **Kunming**. Welcome by your french speaking guide, and then transfer to the **New Era 4* hotel**, well located in the city center of Kunming. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Yuantong temple**, most ancient buddhist temple of Kunming, and then by foot until the **Emerald lake**, where the locals love to gather with each other to sing, dance and play some music. Welcome dinner at the excellent Laofangzi restaurant located in a beautiful traditional Chinese residence in the old neighborhood of Kunming before the transfer to Kunming's station for the **night train towards Dali**. Night spent in the train in a soft sleeping compartment.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 2 : Dali - Xizhou

(1h30 of road. Altitude : 1900m)

Meeting with your new guide and driver at your arrival in **Dali's train station**. Transfer to the **old town of Dali**, and it's small still quiet streets, to have breakfast. Stroll by foot through the old town of dali, and then transfer to the pleasant Zhoucheng village. Walk through its old streets to meet its inhabitants (learn more about the process of dyeing batik, exercised here for generations) and its small obsolete but charming temples. Lunch during the visit. Then discover the small and quiet **Xizhou village**. We suggest you to spend the night in a superb and very comfortable traditional house in local Bai style. Then take a local **ox-driven cart** to access your small boat for a cruise on the large **Erhai lake**, and a **traditional fishing party with the cormorants**. Return to the hotel. Small **ceremony of traditional tea** (three teas ceremony). Free dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 3 : Xizhou - Shaxi

(3 hours of road. Altitude : 2050m)

Visit the **morning market of Xizhou** not far from your hotel. Morning road to **Shaxi**. Lunch of local specialties at your arrival in a beautiful familial home in a small secluded village surrounded by rice fields. In the afternoon, discovery of the **Shibaoshan Mountain**, a superb whole Buddhist sculptures engraved in rock and very peaceful temples. After the visit, **possible descent by foot by a small path leading to the old town of Shaxi, if not by vehicle**. Accommodation in the heart of the old town of **Shaxi** in an ancient caravanserai superbly reaccomodated with all the necessary comfort, which have formerly been useful to accommodate the merchants borrowing the main tea caravan road and the horses in which Shaxi has been one of the great commercial exchanging center. Free dinner at the very tasty hotel's restaurant.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4 : Shaxi - Lijiang

(3 hours of road. Altitude : 2300m)

In the morning, road to the main valley of **Lijiang**, with along the way a stop in the **old town of Jianchuan**, still unknown. Arrival for lunch in the heart of the old town of Lijiang. Lunch taken in a Naxi family's minority in the Yuhu small village, located at the foot of the Jade Mountain's dragon (summit at 5600m). Visit in the afternoon through the small **village of Baisha**, and meeting with the locally famous Doctor Ho, specialty of medicinal plants (possible consultation!). Also discover the small **Puji temple**, isolated, offering great views of the **Lijiang valley**. First discoveries of the **old town of Lijiang**. Accommodation in a charming little hotel in the heart of the old town, in a still quiet area. Free dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 5 : Lijiang

Discovery by foot in the morning of the **old town of Lijiang**, starting with **Lion hill**, offering beautiful views of all Lijiang with 360°, then a descent to the **Mu palace**, a former ruling family on the prosperous Lijiang area. Visit the **Lijiang market**. Lunch in the old town. Also discovery in the afternoon at the **Black Dragon pond park**, located just outside the old town. Free time remaining for an individual discovery of this charming old town. Free dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6 : Lijiang - Zhongdian

Today's program: look out further for the first turn of the Changjiang, Shigu Pier, and Tiger Leaping Gorges. Our guide and driver will take you from Lijiang to Zhongdian. Look further for the first turn of the Changjiang : surrounded by rivers and mountains, with an altitude of 1850 meters above the sea level, the first bay of the Yangtze has a picturesque landscape. In addition, it is an important ferry that the joints inside and the old route to trade tea and horses in Tibet. Shigu pier: located 68 km away west of Shigu next to the Jisha River which is a part of the Yangtze River. The Shigu pier has become an important place for a very long time. Tiger Leaping Gorges : one of the four great gorges of the world - It is located in the village of Hutiaoxia and in the Zhongdian county and honored as one of the deepest and marvelous gorges in the world. Back to the pier. Road to Giang Mo. Dinner and overnight in homestay.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 7 : Zhongdian

Today's program: Songzanlin temple, visit of a Tibetan family in campfire in their home. Songzanlin temple: it is the largest Tibetan Buddhist lamasery in Yunnan Province. In Shangri, many Tibetans live there. Covering an area of 33.3 hectares, the Songzanlin lamasery was built in the style of the Potala Palace in Lhasa and represents the Tibetan culture. The statue of Buddhists and many precious cultural treasures will leave you with an unforgettable memory. Visit to a Tibetan family which allows to experiment the life of the local Tibetan people, you will be greeted with a Tibetan tea and local snacks.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 8 : Zhongdian – Flight to Kunming – Jianshui

Today's program: Transport from the hotel to the airport (Zhongdian), Kunming Hand Workshop, Stone forest. Our guide and driver will take you from Kunming to Jianshui. Stone's forest hotel Chinese restaurant: located inside the Stone's forest landscape area, the restaurant

is famous for the Stone forest lacquered duck. Stone forest: located at 90 km away from the city of Kunming, Stone forest is a place representative of Karst. The stones from different styles are shaped by the rain and wind erosion. The region where Stone forest is located is a Sani's agglomeration, their dance and suit give you an unforgettable impression.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 9: Jianshui - Yuanyang
(3 hours of road)

Breakfast at the hotel. **Stroll by foot this morning through the old town of Jianshui**, particularly until **Chaoyang's big gate** which shelters a small birds market. Then go to the **Confucius temple**, which is the second biggest temple in China, after the Qufu one, the native city of the master. **The whole is constituted of a large park with pond**, several courtyards, beautiful porticos, temples and pavilions. Lunch in the old town. **Drive to Yuanyang (3 hours). Crossing the red river (Honghe) before climbing to the old town of Yuanyang**, located at the top of the Ailao Mountains. Installation at the Yunti hotel 3* in the heart of the old city. If the weather allows it (weather and "timing"), **sunset at the site of Bada or Laohuzui**. Free dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 10: Yuanyang
(2 hours of road)

After breakfast, **departure to one of the small villages of the Yuanyang region to attend a market** (fixed according to a lunar schedule and the day of the week). **Meeting with different minorities**, including the Yi, Hani and Dai. Going on until a small village where a **singing and dancing show** has been set up by the villagers belonging to the Yi minority. Charming and touching... Note that the benefits of the show will be directly reserved to the families. A lunch will be served by one of the family who participated at the show. In the afternoon, from **2 to 3 hours of hiking through amazing terraced rice fields landscapes, and small villages**. You will also visit **Jingkou's village**, where a **small museum** has been opened and explains the traditions of the Hani minority. **Sunset on the terraced ricefields** in either **Bada or Laohuzui site**. Free dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 11: Yuanyang – Hekou. End of the trip

(5 to 6 hours of road)

Breakfast at the hotel. **Visit in another market of minority in the Yuanyang region**, then **long road to Hekou**, a city located at the boundary with Vietnam and the city of Lao Cai. Simple lunch along the way. **Passing the boundary**. Free dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

ESTIMATED PRICE

(Depending on season, types of accommodation and activities)

- The estimated budget for this trip is from 1566 € / person.
- Talking about fixed prices when discussing about a tailored trip makes little sense. Indeed, it varies depending on many factors (quality of services, period, turnaround time and many more).
- The only exact price will be the one of your personalized quote.

Price of the trip

(Price per person in USD)

These price are valid until 30/09/2025

Hotel category	Group of 2	Group of 3- 5	Group of 6- 9	Sgl Sup
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<i>Superior</i>	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us
<i>Deluxe</i>	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us

<i>Name of the city/ hotels list</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Superior</i>	<i>Deluxe</i>
Kunming (2 nuits)	<i>Kunming Home Inn Plus Cuihu</i>	<i>Kunming New Era Hôtel</i>	<i>Kunming Green Lake Hôtel</i>
Dali (1 nuit)	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel The Commons</i>	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel The Commons</i>	<i>Dali The Linden Centre Hotel</i>
Shaxi (1 nuit)	<i>Shaxi Aoding Courtyard Hôtel</i>	<i>Shaxi Wuliu Hotel</i>	<i>Shaxi Wuliu Hotel</i>
Lijiang (2 nuits)	<i>Lijiang E-outfitting Boutique Hotel</i>	<i>The Bivou Lijiang Boutique Hotel</i>	<i>Lijiang Anyu Hotel</i>
Zhongdian (2 nuits)	<i>Shangri-La Konggu Youlan Guesthouse</i>	<i>Zinc Journey Arro Khampa Shangri-La</i>	<i>Songtsam Shangri-La Lvgu Lodge</i>
Jianshui (1 nuit)	<i>Han Shu Xiang Yuan Hostel</i>	<i>Lin An Hotel</i>	<i>Jianshui Tingziyun Resort</i>
Yuanyang (2 nuits)	<i>Yuanyang Jacky's Guesthouse</i>	<i>Shengcun Village Yunti Hôtel</i>	<i>Yuanyang The Twelve Manor Terraces Lodge</i>

<i>The price includes</i>	<i>The price excludes</i>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Accommodation in hotels mentioned in the program or similar, breakfast included</i>• <i>Every transports and transfers in private vehicle</i>• <i>Night train between Kunming and Dali, and flight from Zhongdian to Kunming and every taxes</i>• <i>French speaking guide's assistance</i>• <i>Refreshments in the bus and fruits along the road</i>• <i>Entrances for visits mentioned in the program and in the protected zones</i>• <i>Every meals during the trip</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Visa fees</i>• <i>International flights and taxes at the airport</i>• <i>Dinners excepting the welcome dinner in Kunming</i>• <i>Beverages, tips, personal expenses</i>• <i>Insurance and assistance</i>• <i>Every other service not mentioned above</i>
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Information

These travel proposals have been studied for you carefully, according to the information you have given us: the number of participants, the holiday period, the hotels category... **Your travel will become definitive, therefore contractual, only after the order registration and the receipt of the deposit.**

The mentioned hotels above are for informational purposes only. Their confirmation depends on the quickness of your order. In case of reservation impossibility or cancellation by the hotel, **the quoted hotel(s) will be replaced by a hotel in similar category.**

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Health: No vaccine is required. However, we advise you to be **updated regarding your classical vaccinations** (diphtheria, tetanus, typhoid, poliomyelitis, hepatitis).

An appropriate antimalarial treatment may be necessary. Ask your doctor for advice. Do not forget to check your dentist before you leave - see the *General Information* section of our website.

Food / water: The Vietnamese cuisine is healthy, very varied and light. Westerners find common features with their daily food, but also typical Asian tastes.

Regarding **water**, we advise you to buy bottled water bottles (mineral water or purified) or take Pure Micro pellets. Note that tap water in hotels is not always drinkable.

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