



## China's Tribal Heartlands

Explore China's stunningly diverse regions of Upper Yunnan and Guizhou.

Stray from the standard route on this touring style exploration of China's stunningly diverse and scenic tribal regions of Upper Yunnan and Guizhou.

Our route will take us from the azalea scrublands of the Tibet Plateau to the rural forested region of Miao, Zhang and Dong homelands.

We take the back door into one of the China's most authentic and unspoiled regions where startling landscapes, fascinating tribal cultures and rich biodiversity make this such a memorable journey.

### ARRIVE EARLY ~ STAY LONGER

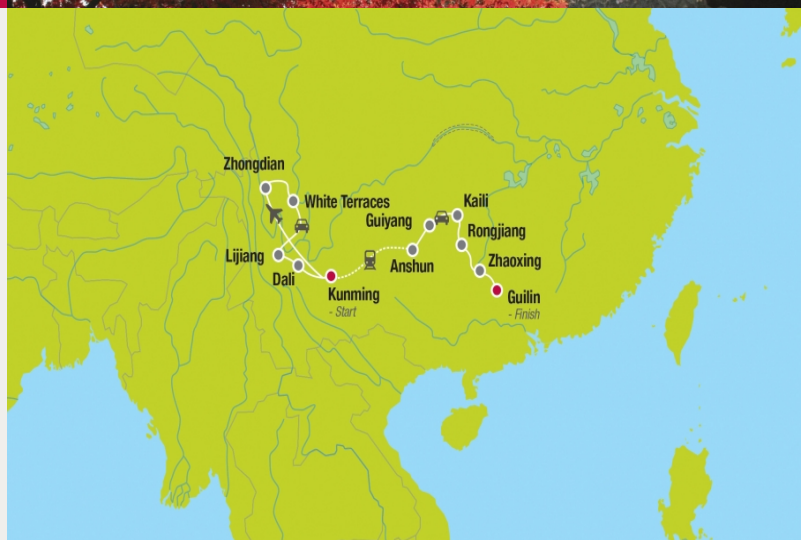
Talk to us about things to do if you would like to arrive in China a day or two earlier, or stay a little longer at the end of our tour.

## US\$ 4900

We plan to operate this itinerary in 2019 at a similar time and hopefully at a similar price. We will update this information later in the year.

all inclusive, prices subject to change.  
Based on twin share and minimum of 6 travellers.  
Single Room Supplement available

Escorted by SRA local tour leader



## Trip Details

DURATION - 19 days

AVERAGE TEMP - 10°C - 25°C

ACCOMMODATION STYLE  
- Hotels

SIGHTSEEING STYLE  
- Included

GROUP SIZE STYLE  
- 12

DATES OF TRIPS  
Commences Kunming  
2 September 2018  
Concludes Guilin  
19 September 2018

MEALS  
included

TRAVEL STYLE  
Tour coach, 1 domestic flight. 1 train  
journey

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrive Kunming

Met by our representative and transfer to hotel.

### Day 2 - to Shilan Stone Forest

Full day to visit the "Stone Forest" World Geo Park, 1 hour's drive from Kunming city. This is a large area of karst (limestone) pillars, some as high as 30 metres.

### Day 3 - Flight to Deqin/Shangrila

Morning flight to Shangri La (Zhogdian) on the Tibetan Plateau. Visit the Monastery, lunch with local family, rest of day to

explore the town.

#### **Day 4 - Drive to White Terraces**

Drive through the azalea, holly oak and fir forest to the White Terraces. This afternoon walk to the Silica Terrace area following the path through the Terrace area.

#### **Day 5 - Drive to Lijiang**

Continue down valley to join the Yangtze River. Drive through Tiger Leaping Gorge, time for a short walk along the road through the Gorge and down to the river at a narrow point in the gorge. Continue to Lijiang home to the Naxi people.

#### **Day 6 - Lijiang**

Sightseeing in Lijiang Old Town (World Heritage site). Rest of the day to explore at your own pace.

#### **Day 7 - Drive to Dali**

This morning a half drive to Dali, lunch in Dali. After lunch sightseeing in Dali old town including indigo dye workshop.

#### **Day 8 - Dali to Kunming**

This morning visit the morning market at Shizhou, also visit Jojang Village. This afternoon drive to Kunming.

#### **Day 9 - Train to Anshun**

Morning fast train to Anshun. This afternoon visit the Longgong caves.

#### **Day 10 - to Kaili**

Drive to Huangguoshu Waterfalls, the largest waterfall in Asia. Time to explore this area before continuing by road to Kaili.

#### **Day 11 - to Kaili**

Kaili is home to Miao and Ge nationalities renowned for their embroidery, brocade, wax printing and paper cut work. Sightseeing in Kaili area.

#### **Day 12 - to Leishan**

Drive to the Long Skirt Miao Village of Qingman, time in the village before continuing to Shiqiao, known for paper making. Next stop is Langde to see the wind and rain bridges before continuing to Leishan where we overnight.

#### **Day 13 - to Rongjiang**

Continue through the hill country to Rongjiang. En route we will visit Dantang village and Mt Leigong area.

#### **Day 14 - to Zhaoxing**

Continue through this tribal heartland via Zengchong Dong village and Tuomiao Miao village. Also visit Basha Miao Village before our final destination today of Zhaoxing village.

#### **Day 15 - to Chengyang**

Today we will visit Diping famous for the Wind and Rain bridge, visit Heli Bridge and Chengyang Bridge and the Dong villages around Chengyang our destination for tonight.

#### **Day 16 - to Longji Terrace**

Drive via Sanjiang to Ping'an where we overnight at a traditional Dong style "village in the clouds" at Long Ji terraces. An easy 40 min walk to the hotel located overlooking the rice terraces.

#### **Day 17 - Drive to Guilin**

Return downhill to our vehicle and continue to beautiful Guilin on the Li River, China's most historic tourist destination.

#### **Day 18 - to Yangshuo**

This morning a 3-4 hr cruise on the Li River amongst Guilin's inspiring limestone peaks and spires to Yangshuo.  
Afternoon to explore Yangshuo area.

## Day 19 - to Guilin and conclude

Return by road to Guilin this morning, transfer to the airport for departure flight.



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