



China to Nepal Overland

Join us on this *touring style* journey in beautiful Guilin and explore stunningly authentic southern Guizhou, the heartland of Miao and Dong minorities, before taking a Yangtze Three Gorge cruise and joining the Tibet Express train to Lhasa. At Lhasa we have time to explore the city and visit key cultural sites before resuming our journey across the Tibet plateau by road to Kathmandu by way of Yamdrok Lake, Gyantze, Shigatse, Xegar and Zhungmu. In Kathmandu we have time to explore the rich heritage of this fascinating city.

Visit Guilin, Longji Terraces, ZhaoXing, Rongjiang, Kaili, Yangtze cruise, Chongqing, Lhasa, Gyantze, Shigatse, Xegar, Zhungmu, Kathmandu.



Length of trip	23 days
Accommodation	Hotels.
Meals included	Yes
Travel Style	Coach, 1 domestic flight, train, river cruise boat.
Escort	SRA tour leader
Sightseeing and entry fees	Included
Maximum group	12
Minimum group	6
Commences	Guilin 15th May 2012
Concludes	Kathmandu 6th June 2012
COST	NZ\$8,500 based on twin share. Single Rm Sup NZ\$790 <i>(prices subject to change)</i>





Itinerary at a Glance :

Tue, 15 May 2012 arrive Guilin

Commence our itinerary in beautiful Guilin, China's most historic tourist destination on the beautiful Li River. Transfer to Hotel.

Wed, 16 May 2012 Guilin

This morning cruise on the Li River amongst the Guilin's inspiring limestone peaks and spires. Late afternoon arrive in Yangshuo, and return by road to Guilin.

Thur, 17 May 2012 to Long Ji Terraces

Morning drive to a traditional Dong style "village in the clouds" at Long Ji *Devils Backbone* terrace fields. Afternoon easy walks to stunning viewpoints above the village and terraces. Overnight in simple village hotel.

Fri, 18 May 2012 to Zhao Xing

Leave the terraced rice fields and drive through the heart of the Zhuang ethnic region to San Jiang, Longsheng and to Zhao Xing drum tower village. Late afternoon walk in village through the traditional wooden houses to the *Wind and Rain Bridges*.

Sat, 19 May 2012 to Rongjiang

Drive through the forested hills of the Duliu River valley past Dong and Miao traditional villages to Cong Jiang where the road climbs into the hills to a Biasha Miao Village. Spend time in the village before returning to Cong Jiang and follow the river road to Kaili.

Sun, 20 May 2012 to Kaili

Continue to Kaili. This morning we will visit a traditional long skirt Miao village. Time to visit craft shops selling traditional items and walk in the village. Late afternoon arrive in Kaili.

Mon, 21 May 2012 Kaili

Sightseeing in Kaili and surrounding villages. We plan to visit nearby villages specialising in batik and other traditional craft works. Overnight train to Songci

Tue, 22 May 2012 Yichang board boat

Arrive Songci and drive to Yichang. Sightseeing in Yichang before boarding our Three Gorge Cruise boat this evening.

Wed, 23 May 2012 on board

Our vessel departs Yichang early morning – our first shore excursion is to the Three Gorges Dam Site, before cruising up river through Xiling Gorge and Wu Gorge

Thur, 24 May 2012 on board

Shore visit today to the Lesser Three Gorges at either Daning River or Shennong Stream. Continue through Qutang Gorge

Fri, 25 May 2012 on board

Our shore excursion today is to Fengdu, the "City of Ghosts" from the Chinese classic "Monkey King".

Sat, 26 May 2012 arrive Chongqing

Continue up river to Chongqing, after breakfast disembark. Drive to Dazu Buddhist caves and late afternoon walk in the central park.

Sun, 27 May 2012 to Xining / train to Lhasa

Midday flight to Xining, afternoon sightseeing in Xining including a visit to Kumbun Monastery. After dinner board train to Lhasa.

Mon, 28 May 2012 on board train

The line from Golmud to Lhasa was opened in July 2006 and is the world's highest rail track – our journey will take us across high steppes with stunning mountain views. Evening arrival in Lhasa. Meet our Tibetan guide and transfer to our Hotel close to Bakhor Square.

Wed, 29 May 2012 Lhasa

Today we plan to visit the Potala Palace (World Heritage site) and Jokhang Temple. Late afternoon time to wander in the cities historic precinct around Jokhang monastery and Bakhor Square.

Thur, 30 May 2012 Lhasa

Today we will visit Ganden and later in the day visit Sera Monasteries to watch the monks take part in a traditional theological debate.

Fri, 31 May 2012 to Gyantze & Shigatse

This morning depart Lhasa for the drive to Shigatze via Yamdrok Lake, and the spectacular Karo La pass. We'll spend the afternoon in Gyantze and visit Tyantze Kumbum before continuing to Shigatse.

Sat, 1 June 2012 Shigatse

Sightseeing in Shigatse will include a visit to the Tashilumpo Monastery and bazaar area surrounding the Monastery.

Sun, 2 June 2012 to Tingri

Today we follow the Nepal Friendship highway to Lhatse, leaving the Yarlung valley to cross the Langpa pass to New Tingri.

Mon, 3 June 2012 to Zhungmu

Our destination tonight is the border town of Zhungmu perched in the forest at the top of the hairpin bends leading down to Nepal.

Tue, 4 June 2012 to Kathmandu

This morning complete border formalities and transfer to Nepal and Kathmandu. Arrive in Kathmandu late afternoon.

Wed, 5 June 2012 Kathmandu

Sightseeing today will include a walking tour of Thamel and Durbar square. Afternoon visit Bodnath. Evening farewell dinner.

Thur, 6 June 2012 Kathmandu / depart

Transfer to airport for departure flight.

Link to :

POKHARA-CHITWAN SAFARI

Head west from Kathmandu to scenic Pokhara and experience Nepal's wild side at Royal Chitwan National Park during a short nature watching safari.

DURATION – 6+/- days

PRICE— Available on application

INCLUDES – Quality 3*/4* hotels, meals and road transport according to your preference, all entries, Professional English speaking guides/naturalist guides in Chitwan.

VISIT– Pokhara, Chitwan.



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