

Journey Down South

10 days | Guilin to Tiger Leaping Gorge



Get off the beaten track and see the highlights of China's scenic south. Discover dramatic landscapes, trek in the beautiful Yunnan Province and meet the locals at eco lodges and homestays.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **Guilin/Yangshuo** - free time. Karst landscape, riverside villages, quirky street markets. Local fisherman and Cormorants. Sailing, rafting, hiking and outdoor pursuits
- **Kunming** - Stone Forest. Opt to visit Western Hills or Dragon Gate Grotto
- **Lijiang** - UNESCO-listed Dayan Old Town, Tiger Leaping Gorge - trekking/walking
- **Wenhai** - Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- **Lashishai District** - Naxi indigenous community, Yi Village
- **Liming** - Thousand Tortoise Mountain

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 3 dinners
- 5 nights Standard hotels (Superior and Deluxe available on request, 1 night simple Eco Lodge, 1 night Guesthouse & 1 night Homestay (with Naxi indigenous family)

- 1 night sleeper train (4-berth sort sleeper cabin) - Guilin to Kunming
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Guided trekking and guiding at points of interest
- Airport arrival and departure transfer day 1 & day 10
- English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- Entrance fees to all included sites

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Guilin

Welcome to Guilin, Guangxi Province! Airport arrival and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight - Guilin

Day 2 : Yangshuo

Guilin - Yangshuo. This morning drive onwards (approx 1.5hrs) to Yangshuo. Renowned for its striking, if bizarre scenery, vast areas of karst limestone outcrops which rise up from flat rice paddy fields. From Yangshuo it is possible to take a relaxing cruise by simple bamboo raft or motorised long boat along the Yulonghe River, passing an endless procession of peaks and remote

villages. The local fishermen use trained cormorants to catch fish and local village boys paddle out to the river boats with all manner of curios. **Overnight - Yangshuo (B)**

Day 3 : Yangshuo



Choose to go boating along the Yulonghe or Yu Long rivers, cycling, hiking, rafting or rock climbing or simply spend the day exploring this charming village laden with quirky shops, tea shops, antiques, art t-shirt designers and souvenir curios. Maybe take a calligraphers or beginners art class with a local painter or enjoy a morning class at the 'Cloud 9' cooking school. **Overnight - Yangshuo (B)**

Day 4 : Reed Flute Caves

Yangshuo - Guilin - Kunming. Returning to Guilin we tour the enormous Reed Flute Caves. Take an afternoon stroll along the picturesque riverside foot bridges and paths before our overnight train journey to Kunming. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, L)**

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Days 5-6 : Kunming & Lijiang



Kunming - Lijiang. Capital of Yunnan Province, Kunming lies 2000m above sea level. Its gentle weather and abundance of flowers have earned it the name 'City of Eternal Spring'. Arriving mid morning, hotel check in and free time. Visit the stunning Western Hills or the Dragon Gate Grotto if you choose. On day 6 visit the petrified Stone Forest, before flying onward to Lijiang. **Overnight - Kunming (1), Lijiang (1)** (B:2, L:2)

Day 7 : Trek to Wenhai

Lijiang – Wenhai. Seeing the reflection of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain on the surface of a picturesque lake, is the highlight of the 3 - 4 hour hike toward Wenhai Eco lodge. Upon arrival explore the village and drink tea with a local family. **Overnight - Wenhai Eco Lodge** (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Lashishai Homestay

Wenhai - Lashishai home stay. This morning you visit Yi Village before embarking on a 4 hour hike to visit the Lashishai community. Here, you'll meet and stay overnight with a traditional Naxi indigenous family. **Overnight - Lashishai homestay** (B, L, D)

Day 9 : Thousand Tortoise Mountain



Lashishai - Liming. En route to Liming (approx 3 hour drive) visit the town of Shigu, located

on the first bend of the Yangtze River. Here you undertake a 3 hour hike (or pony ride if you choose) to the 3000m summit of the Thousand Tortoise Mountain. After enjoying the spectacular panoramic views continue your walk (downhill) to Liming. **Overnight - Liming Guesthouse** (B, L, D)

Day 10 : Tiger Leaping Gorge

Liming – Tiger Leaping Gorge – Lijiang. After breakfast head to spectacular Tiger Leaping Gorge on the Yangtze River. Some 16km long and up to 3000m deep, it is the world's deepest canyon. The gorge is so narrow at various points that legend has it a tiger once escaped pursuit by leaping across. Visiting the gorge, you'll have a chance to walk a section and take in the dramatic, yet stark scenery. After lunch return to Lijiang for your onward flight or onward journey to Dali, should you choose. (B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply. Departs any day of the year except 01 - 07 May, 01 - 07 October and Chinese New Year.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
17 Jul	USD 2,945	USD 3,395

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