

Secrets of China's Yunnan

KUNMING ● SHANGRI-LA CITY ● LIJIANG ● DALI

The Offer

Discover the beauty and cultural heritage of China's Yunnan Province on an exciting 10-day adventure. Travel through breathtaking landscapes and historic towns: From mysterious Shangri-La to vibrant Kunming, Chuxiong, lakeside Dali and Lijiang, experiencing ancient traditions and natural wonders.

Your journey begins in Kunming, affectionately known as the 'City of Eternal Spring', where you will explore the vast shores of Dianchi Lake and the historic Golden Temple Park. Travel to Chuxiong to wander through the beautifully designed Yiren Ancient Town before continuing to the beloved destination of Dali. Here, nestled between the majestic Cangshan Mountains and the tranquil Erhai Lake, you will discover the cobblestone streets of Dali Ancient Town and the traditional Bai ethnic houses of Xizhou Town.

Ascend into the mountains to the mythical city of Shangri-La to explore the Tibetan architecture of Dukezong Ancient City. Finally, travel to Lijiang to admire the iconic Black Dragon Pool and navigate the canal-lined labyrinth of Lijiang Old Town and Shuhe Ancient Town.

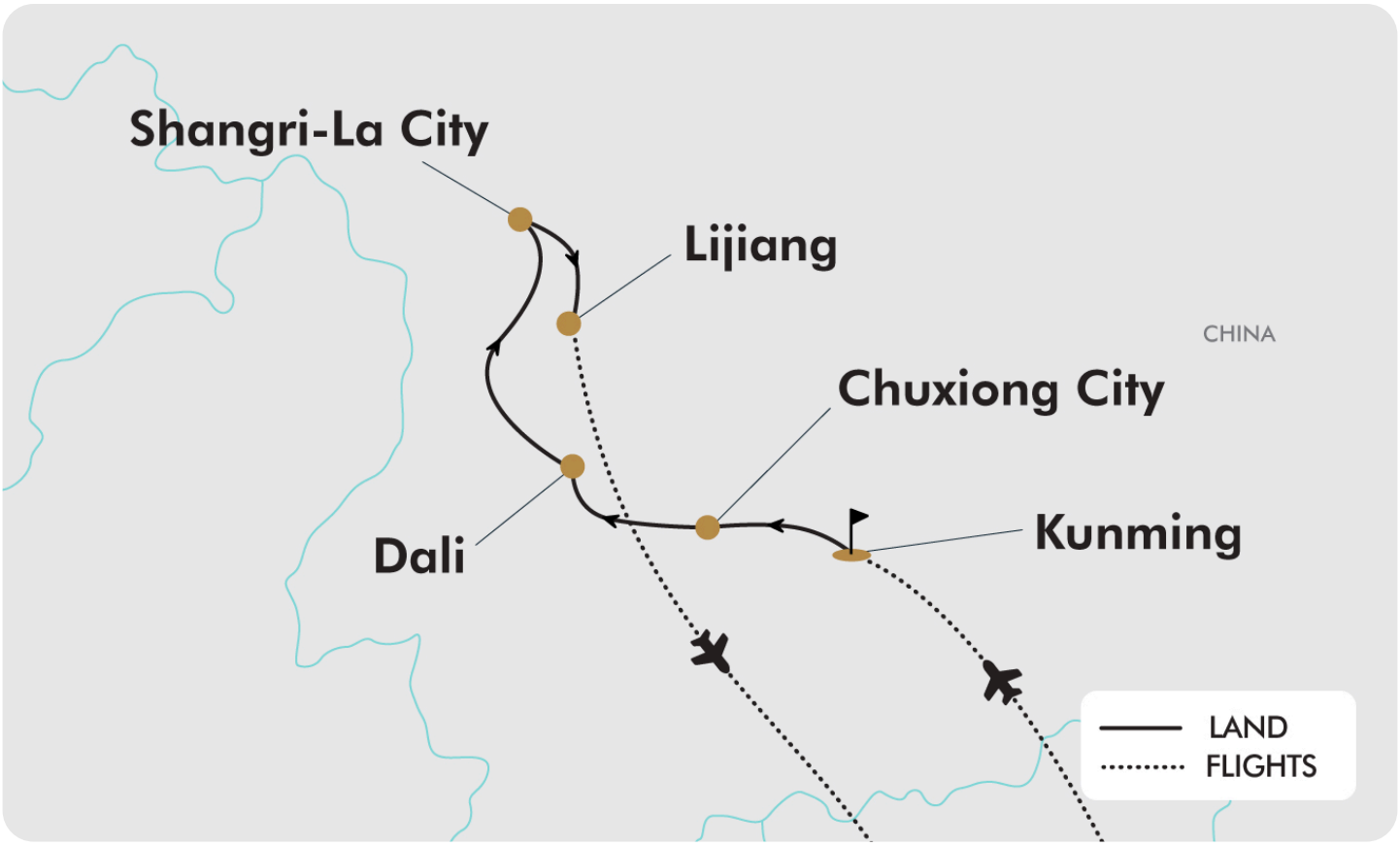
This unforgettable package includes return international flights, 8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, 8 meals, English-speaking guides, airport transfers and more.

Want more? Upgrade your flights to Business Class, or add optional cultural performances, traditional dinners and scenic excursions available to book while on tour.

Please note:• This travel offer is strictly valid for those 18 and over.• This travel offer is priced based on full participation in the itinerary by all travellers. Accordingly, as a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary or otherwise leave the group, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services (including accommodation and transfers) if you do. This does not apply to days with specified time at leisure.• Australian and New Zealand citizens qualify for Visa-free travel to China for stays up to 30 days. The visa exemption is currently valid until the 31st December 2026, and any extension to this exemption will likely be announced towards the end of 2026. Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.



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Lijiang
CHINA
Chuxiong City
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The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Kunming, China

Today, depart Australia (or New Zealand) for Kunming, China.

Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province, is known affectionately across China as the 'City of Eternal Spring'. Thanks to its moderate elevation of about 1,890 metres, the city enjoys a perpetually pleasant, mild climate and blooming flowers all year round.

Please note:

- *Some travellers may depart on Day 0.*
- *Some travellers may arrive very early in the morning of Day 2.*
- *Some travellers may have an overnight layover in China with accommodation and transfers provided by the airline.*
- *Some travellers may have an overnight layover in an Australian city with airport accommodation provided (excluding transfers).*

Overnight: Ramada Encore by Wyndham Kunming West or similar
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Kunming Sightseeing

This morning, enjoy an introductory tour of Dianchi Lake, the largest freshwater lake in Yunnan Province.

The lake is often called the 'Pearl of the Plateau' because of its vast size, beautiful scenery and important role in the region's ecology and culture. Here you will visit Daguan Park, a lakeside park where many locals come to relax and enjoy the lake.

Daguan Lou is the main attraction of Daguan Park. It is a square, three-storey building originally constructed to give the Kangxi Emperor a better view of the distant Western Hills. Today, it holds a collection of beautiful calligraphy that praises the beauty of the area. The tour will end at around midday, and you're free to explore this amazing city at your own leisure in the afternoon.

Optional Activity: Stone Forest & Yunnan Cultural Show

Stone Forest Scenic Area is a world-famous UNESCO World Heritage site located roughly 1.5 hours southeast of downtown Kunming. This staggering geological marvel features towering, knife-edged karst limestone formations that shot up from the earth over 270 million years ago, creating the illusion of a vast forest made entirely of stone. The area is deeply intertwined with the folklore of the local Sani people, a branch of the Yi minority. Tonight, enjoy a show which will showcase Yunnan's colourful performing arts. Booked and paid on tour.

Overnight: Ramada Encore by Wyndham Kunming West or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Kunming – Chuxiong City

After breakfast visit Golden Temple Park. Built during the late Ming Dynasty, it is the largest bronze temple in the country and among the oldest.

What makes exploring the Golden Temple Park so intriguing is the history and legend behind the construction and usage of the temple, more specifically, the story of Chen Yuanyuan, one of the eight beauties of Chinese history.



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Afterwards, depart Kunming and drive to Chuxiong City, which is positioned perfectly in the geographical centre of Yunnan Province, right between Kunming and Dali.

On arrival in Chuxiong City, visit Yiren Ancient Town, a beautifully designed, sprawling historical and cultural complex. Modelled after traditional Yi architectural styles and featuring distinctively carved timber facades, sweeping eaves and cozy stone courtyards, the town serves as an open-air cultural stage.

By day, Yiren Ancient Town is a peaceful heritage market, that transforms by night into a bustling centre of food, music and celebration.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or take part in an optional activity.

Today's travel distance is approximately 180 kilometres.

Optional Activity: Traditional Hot Pot Dinner & Yi Ethnic Performance

Tonight, enjoy Chuxiong's famous Wild Mushroom Hot Pot. The prefecture's pristine mountain forests yield an incredible variety of prized, edible wild fungi (especially during the rainy summer months), which are simmered together at your table in a rich, flavourful chicken broth. Other flavours of hot pot will be available for those who would prefer something different. Afterwards, enjoy a Yi ethnic performance, featuring vibrant, deeply rooted cultural traditions from Southwest China, celebrated for their elaborate costumes and a bonfire party. Booked and paid on tour.

Overnight: Vienna International Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Chuxiong City – Dali

Today, travel onwards to Dali, one of Yunnan's most famous and beloved destinations.

Tucked between the majestic, emerald-green Cangshan Mountains and the vast, ear-shaped Erhai Lake, Dali sits at an comfortable altitude of about 1,975 meters. Historically, the capital of the ancient Nanzhao and Dali Kingdoms, it is the homeland of the Bai ethnic minority. Today, Dali is famous across China for its distinct, slow-paced lifestyle, attracting an eclectic mix of artists, digital nomads and backpackers looking to escape the frenzy of the country's mega-cities.

On arrival, explore Dali Ancient Town, the historical hub of the area, enveloped by sections of preserved Ming-dynasty stonewalls and massive watchtower gates.

Clear mountain springs flow directly down from Cangshan, trickling alongside the cobblestone streets lined with traditional Bai homes made of gray brick and white wash.

The afternoon is free at leisure to explore, or alternatively you may take part in an optional activity.

Todays travel distance is approximately 180 kilometres.

Optional Activity: Jinsuo Island, Dragon Palace Tour & Dinner

Enjoy an optional tour to visit Jinsuo Island of Erhai Lake. The island is home to a small community of local people, and you can experience their simple and peaceful way of life. Your guide will take you on a walk around the island, introducing the traditional houses, the local crops and the unique customs of the islanders. Whilst on the island, visit The 'Dragon Palace', the natural karst



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cave system known for its stunning limestone formations, colourful lighting and cultural performances depicting local Bai folklore. Booked and paid on tour.

Overnight: Dali Manyue M Garden Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Dali Sightseeing

This morning, start your exploration of Erhai Lake, a breathtaking, high-altitude alpine lake that stretches over 40 kilometres from north to south. Its turquoise waters are bordered by an extensive eco-corridor trail that has completely banned motor vehicles, making it a peaceful sanctuary for outdoor exploration. Here, you will enjoy a walk along this ecological corridor.

Afterwards, visit nearby Xizhou Town, famous for its well-preserved traditional Bai ethnic houses, known for their grandeur and elaborate architecture. Your guide will take you to visit some of the most representative houses, where you can admire beautiful wood and stone carvings plus painted ceilings. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Dali Manyue M Garden Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Dali - Shangri-La City

Today is a big day of travel as you head further into the mountains to Shangri-La City, a mythical and stunning destination located in the Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of northwestern Yunnan Province, China.

Officially renamed after the legendary paradise in James Hilton's novel Lost Horizon, the city sits on a high-altitude plateau at 3,100 metres, surrounded by majestic snow-capped mountains, deep canyons, sacred Buddhist temples and tranquil lakes. It offers tourists an immersive blend of authentic Tibetan culture, remarkable alpine scenery and rich historical heritage.

On arrival, visit Dukezong Ancient City, which serves as the historical heart of the city and a living window into Tibetan architecture and tradition. With a history stretching back over 1,300 years along the Ancient Tea Horse Road, the old town features a maze of cobbled streets and traditional wooden houses. Although a significant portion of the town was carefully rebuilt following a fire in 2014, it retains its mesmerising highland charm and lively cultural energy, making it an excellent base for travellers.

The remainder of the day is at leisure, or alternatively you may take part in an optional activity.

Today' s travel distance is approximately 340 kilometres.

Optional Activity - Songzanlin Temple and local Tibetan Family Dinner

Visit Songzanlin Temple, Yunnan's largest Tibetan Buddhist temple, where you can explore three grand halls, witness Tibetan monks chanting, admire the architecture and learn about Tibetan religious culture. Afterwards visit a local Tibetan family's home to get a sense of how they live and understand their customs and traditions whilst enjoying a local dinner. Booked and paid on tour.



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Please note: Shangri-La City sits at a high altitude on the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, with the main urban area and Dukezong Ancient City, Shangri-La Administration Committee resting at an elevation of approximately 3,160 metres above sea level. High-altitude environments are classified as above 2,500 metres above sea level. Please consult a medical professional if you have any concerns around altitude sickness or to find out what preventative measures are available. Please refer to the 'Other Important Information' section of Important Information for further details.

Overnight: Elong Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Shangri-La City- Lijiang

Today, depart Shangri-La for Lijiang. Lijiang City is one of China's premier travel destinations, world-famous for its perfectly preserved UNESCO World Heritage ancient town, vibrant minority culture and breathtaking alpine landscapes. Sitting at an altitude of about 2,400 metres, it serves as a comfortable, scenic middle ground between the lower plains of Dali and the high-altitude plateau of Shangri-La.

On arrival, visit the Black Dragon Pool, which offers one of the most photographed views in all of China: the elegant, multi-tiered Moon Embracing Pavilion and a five-arched marble bridge, silhouetted perfectly against the snow-capped peaks of the mountains beyond. Afterwards, visit nearby Lijiang Old Town which is a mesmerising labyrinth of cobblestone streets, arched stone bridges and traditional timber-framed Naxi houses.

What makes Lijiang completely unique among Chinese old towns is its lack of a city wall; instead, an intricate network of clear alpine canals flows directly through every street, fed by mountain springs.

Tonight will be at leisure or you may enjoy an optional activity.

Todays travel distance is approximately 190 kilometres.

Optional Activity - Lishui Jinsha Show with Dinner

A breathtaking cultural performance that brings the vibrant traditions of Yunnan's ethnic minorities to life! Set in the enchanting ancient town of Lijiang, this spectacular show combines dazzling dance, mesmerising music and stunning costumes to tell the story of Naxi, Yi, Dai and other local cultures. Dinner is included. Booked and paid on tour.

Overnight: Wyndham Garden Lijiang or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Lijiang Sightseeing

This morning, visit Shuhe Ancient Town, one of the earliest habitats of the Naxi people. It is also an important and well-preserved post of the Ancient Tea Horse Route, an international trade route in Southwest China that uses the horse as its main vehicle. Enjoy the remainder of the day to explore Lijiang at your own pace or join an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Blue Moon Valley & Impression Lijiang Show & Dinner

Today is your chance to discover some of China's most wild and beautiful mountain scenery on a full-day tour of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. You'll drive approximately 40 kilometres to Jade



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Dragon Snow Mountain where you will explore Ganhaizi Meadow and Baishuhe River. You'll take a cable car to Spruce Meadow and visit the Blue Moon Valley which is home to a turquoise river passing over the beautiful terraced valley, forming four large colourful lakes and dozens of miniature whitewater waterfalls. The mountain is the southernmost snow-capped mountain in China and is the ocean glacier nearest to the equator of all the snow mountains in Eurasia. Jade Dragon Snow Mountain has 13 peaks, stretching 35 kilometres from north to south, while Shanzidou, the main peak, is 5,596 metres above sea level. All year round, snow falls on the peaks, which are frequently lost in clouds and fog. Looking from a distance, the mountain resembles a Jade Dragon, which is how it got its name. Afterwards watch the Impression Lijiang show, a massive, open-air cultural performance set against the majestic backdrop of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Booked and paid on tour.

Overnight: Wyndham Garden Lijiang or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Lijiang - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, you will be transferred to Lijiang Airport for your return flight back to Australia (or New Zealand).

Please note:

- *Standard check-out time is 12:00 and luggage storage is available at the front desk for those with later flights.*
- *Some travellers may be required to stay overnight at transit cities and airlines will provide overnight accommodation and transfers.*
- *Some travellers may be required to depart a day later and additional accommodation and transfers will be provided free of charge. This will not apply to passengers departing before 02:00 the following day as they will be transferred to the airport the day prior.*

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 10 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note some flights may arrive +1 days.

Meals included: None



Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the varied landscapes and cultures of China's stunning Yunnan Province

Visit Dianchi Lake in Kunming, known as the 'Pearl of the Plateau'

See Kunming's Golden Temple Park, home to the largest bronze temple in the country

Explore Yiren Ancient Town, a beautifully designed, sprawling historical and cultural complex in Chuxiong City

Visit Dali, the beautiful lakeside city tucked between the majestic Cangshan Mountains and Erhai Lake

Walk through Xizhou Town, famous for its well-preserved traditional Bai ethnic houses

Stay in the high-altitude city of Shangri-La, surrounded by majestic snow-capped mountains, deep canyons and sacred Buddhist temples

Discover Shangri-La's Dukezong Ancient City, the historical heart of the city and a living window into Tibetan architecture and tradition

Visit Lijiang, known for its UNESCO World Heritage ancient town, vibrant minority culture and breathtaking alpine landscapes

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply. (Excludes Trip Only Package)

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

8 meals included

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers (Excludes Trip Only Package)

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent** ; TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique** ; our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible** ; once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package** ; our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable** ; in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Itinerary Deviation

This travel offer is priced based on full participation in the itinerary by all travellers. Accordingly, as a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary or otherwise leave the group, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services (including accommodation) if you do. This does not apply to days with specified time at leisure.

If a passenger voluntarily deviates from the itinerary and then wishes to rejoin the tour a $100 per person fee will be charged for each day of the tour missed to reinstate the remaining accommodation and touring services.
If passengers must deviate from the itinerary due to medical reasons, they may rejoin the tour at no cost. However, the tour operator requires a medical certificate (or other written evidence from a certified medical practitioner) confirming their illness, and that they are now fit to travel.

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 9 November 2027.
Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of $725 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- Valid for adults 18 years old and over.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane*, Auckland*, Adelaide*

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane: $450 per person
Adelaide: $500 per person
Auckland: $615 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used
- Cabin Class: Economy Class

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Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

- *From Sydney or Melbourne, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 20 hours, with up to 1 stop. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and complimentary hotel accommodation will be provided.*
- *From Brisbane, Adelaide or Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 22 hours, with up to 2 stops. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and complimentary hotel accommodation will be provided.*
- *If complimentary layover accommodation is provided the total journey times stated above will increase.*
- *This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.*

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Not available

Stopover Packages

Not available

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Trip Only Package

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only Package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Kunming, China: Ramada Encore by Wyndham Kunming West or similar
Chuxiong City, China: Vienna International Hotel or similar
Dali, China: Dali Manyue M Garden Hotel or similar
Shangri-La City, China: Elong Hotel or similar
Lijiang, China: Wyndham Garden Lijiang or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

To ensure a comfortable and convenient experience for everyone, we've carefully selected hotels that best suit the size and specific needs of each group. While this means your accommodation may not be in the city centre, you can rest assured that our hotels are typically located near public transportation and a variety of local restaurants and attractions. Once your tour begins, your friendly driver or tour leader will be happy to help you get your bearings and offer assistance, should you need it.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Stone Forest & Yunnan Cultural Show: 500 RMB per person
Traditional Hot Pot Dinner & Yi Ethnic Performance: 300 RMB per person
Jinsuo Island, Dragon Palace Tour & Dinner: 300 RMB per person
Songzanlin Temple and Local Tibetan

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Family Dinner: 650 RMB per person
Lishui Jinsha Show with Dinner: 400 RMB per person
Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Blue Moon Valley, Tiger Leaping Gorge & Impression Lijiang Show & Dinner: 800 RMB per person

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.*
- *Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Expected gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only Package.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Tipping is a firm and customary element of the tourism industry and is therefore highly recommended. The expected tipping amount is $12 AUD or 60 RMB per person per day. While tipping is not mandatory, it is a common practice in China and a gesture of appreciation which is shared amongst the local guides, drivers and other staff members who have serviced your tour. The tipping amount can be paid in AUD or RMB to your expert tour guide in each region. As most tour guides in China consider tipping a part of their income, please don't feel intimidated should the tour guides approach you as they bid you farewell.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Spring (March - May)

Kunming

Spring is a beautiful and highly comfortable season in Kunming, earning it the famous nickname of the City of Eternal Spring. The weather warms up nicely with crisp mornings and pleasantly mild afternoons, featuring temperatures that typically range from 10°C to 20°C. This season enjoys abundant sunshine and moderate humidity, making it a prime time for blooming flowers across the city. Light showers are possible but infrequent, providing a refreshing transition into the warmer months.

Lijiang

Spring in Lijiang is characterised by clear, sunny skies and a vibrant display of blossoming flowers such as camellias and cherry blossoms. It is a very pleasant time to explore the region, with average temperatures usually ranging from 10°C to 20°C. While the daytime weather is comfortable and bright, the high altitude means mornings and evenings remain quite chilly. The air is relatively dry, and rainfall is minimal during this period.

Shangri-La City

Spring arrives late and remains relatively short and cold in Shangri-La due to its high plateau elevation. Temperatures during this transition period are low, typically ranging from about -3°C to 16°C. There is a significant temperature difference between day and night, meaning warm layers are essential. Because spring falls within the dry season, rainfall is rare, but the air can feel quite dry and crisp.

Summer (June - August)

Kunming

Summer in Kunming is remarkably mild and pleasant, allowing the city to escape the sweltering heat waves felt across the rest of China. Temperatures are comfortable, typically ranging from 17°C to 25°C and rarely exceeding 30°C. However, this period marks the peak of the rainy season, bringing frequent afternoon thunderstorms and high humidity. While the precipitation is heavy, the rain showers help keep the mountain air fresh and the landscape lush.

Lijiang

Summer in Lijiang is warm and serves as the primary rainy season for the region. Temperatures generally range from 15°C to 25°C, making the climate comfortable

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despite the strong summer sun. July and August experience the heaviest and most frequent rainfall of the year, which can lead to sudden downpours. Humidity is higher during these months, but the surrounding mountain areas provide a cool retreat from the daytime warmth.

Shangri-La

Summer in Shangri-La is cool and refreshing, making it an ideal destination to escape summer heat. Temperatures are very mild, usually ranging from 9°C to 19°C, and it never gets hot. This is the wettest time of the year, featuring frequent but typically light to moderate rain showers. The combination of moisture and mild weather transforms the alpine meadows into vast fields of blooming wildflowers.

Autumn (September - November)

Kunming

Autumn is widely considered one of the most ideal times to visit Kunming. The weather turns crisp and cool, with temperatures ranging from 12°C to 22°C before gradually dropping closer to November. The heavy summer monsoons disappear, resulting in beautifully clear skies, lower humidity and reduced rainfall. The moderate and stable conditions make it exceptionally pleasant for outdoor sightseeing.

Lijiang

Autumn in Lijiang is a charming and comfortable season defined by dry weather and clear blue skies. Temperatures generally range from 10° C to 20° C, offering mild and pleasant daytime conditions. The landscape becomes highly scenic as the trees turn vibrant shades of yellow and red. Rainfall becomes rare by mid-October, though the temperature drops sharply after sunset, making the nights feel quite cold.

Shangri-La

Autumn brings dramatic and colourful transformations to Shangri-La, turning the alpine landscape into a brilliant display of red and gold foliage. The weather is cool and crisp, with temperatures averaging between 5°C and 16°C. As the rainy season comes to an end, precipitation drops off significantly, giving way to clear skies that offer magnificent, unobstructed views of the nearby snow mountains.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A moderate level of fitness will be required.
This journey requires a moderate level of physical fitness and visits high altitude locations (more information below). Participants must be able to move independently for up to 3 hours a day without assistance, which includes stepping on and off various types of transportation, climbing stairs, and handling occasional steep or uneven ground. Due to the itinerary's nature, we cannot accommodate wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or specialized accessibility needs. Other walking aids are welcome, provided you can maintain the group's pace autonomously. Although some assistance may be available, all participants must be responsible for your own luggage. Because this trip involves extensive walking, please share any health or mobility concerns with

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us during booking so we can help determine if this adventure is right for you.

High Altitude Illness:

This tour visits high altitude locations, with Shangri-La being the highest at 3,100m above sea level. Altitude illness can occur when there is a lack of oxygen in the air at high altitudes. Altitude illness will affect some travellers, with no apparent regard to age, gender or physical condition. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/ travel.

Please note: Inoculations may be required to enter the country visited, along with re-entry into Australia after your visit. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Wildlife Sighting:

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings on tour. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal movements can impact sightings.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.
Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Australian and New Zealand citizens qualify for Visa-free travel to China for stays up to 30 days. The visa exemption is set to expire on the 31st December 2026. Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.