

## 10 days Road from Kunming to Jinghong through Yuanyang Terrace Rice Fields

Kunming - Stone Forest - Jianshui - Tuanshan - Yuanyang - Duoyishu - Pu'er - Jinghong

### Day 1: Arrival in Kunming ~ 1h transfer. Altitude: 1800m

Arrival in the daytime at Kunming Airport. Welcome by your driver (with a sign with your name) at the exit of your flight, then transfer Grand Park 5\* hotel located in a pleasant district in Kunming Downtown. Rest of the day free to recover from your long flight, and make some first visits quietly on foot from the hotel. You can walk to the Emerald Lake, where locals love to walk, sing, dance and play music. Possibility to keep on to Yuantong Buddhist temple located 5 / 10min away from the park. Dinner at your own expense **Overnight at Grand Park Hotel.**



### Day 2: Kunming - Stone Forest - Jianshui (B) ~ 4h30 drive

Meet with your English-speaking guide at 9:00. Transfer early in the morning to the Stone Forest site. There, you can enjoy a walk about 2 hours inside the site, between rocky peaks and sometimes through narrow paths. Lunch at your own expense, then drive to Jianshui in the afternoon. Check in at Lin An Guest House, from there you can go and visit the museum having been arranged in the beautiful residence of the Zhu family, one of the best preserved in Yunnan, formed of a set of courtyards, pavilions and gardens. Dinner at your own expense **Overnight at Lin An Guest House**



### Day 3: Jianshui - Yuanyang - Duoyishu (B, L) ~ 3h30 drive

In the morning, walk through Jianshui old town, including the big Chaoyang Gate which houses a small bird market. Then to the temple of Confucius, which is the second largest in China after that of Qufu, the hometown of the master. The temple consists of a large park with pond, several courtyards, beautiful porticos, temples and pavilions. Short drive to Tuanshan typical village, including the former Zhang family residence, and lunch at a local family home. Discover the old double dragon bridge, then drive to Yuanyang and the Duoyishu small village. Dinner at your own expense at the friendly hostel "Havre de Paix", located in front of terraces rice fields. **Overnight at Havre de Paix**

Note : Yuanyang rice fields are filled with water from mid December to the end of February each year. From early March, the land is prepared for plantations that will last the entire month of April. The rice begins to grow in May. Starting from June, the rice fields take green colors, then yellow for the months of July to September. The harvests last all the month of October, then the rice fields are cleaned then put back in water in November / beginning of December. If you are interested, we can organize, with local farmers, a planting activity (April) or rice harvest (October), on a half day or a full day.

### Day 4: Yuanyang Market and rice fields (B, L)

After breakfast, head towards one of the villages in the Yuanyang region to attend a market (set according to the lunar calendar and the day of the week). Meeting with different minorities, including Yi, Hani and Dai. Continue to a small Yi Minority village for a warm lunch in a local family, accompanied by traditional songs and dances. In the afternoon, you will keep on with a 2 to 3 hours hike through beautiful landscapes of rice terraces, and small villages. Dinner at your own expense at the inn's restaurant.

**Overnight at Havre de Paix**



### Day 5: Duoyishu - Pu'er (B) ~ 7h30 drive

Visit of Yuanyang Xinjie Market. Long road then along the Red River valley, passing through Honghe and Yuanjiang. On the way to Pu'er, you will visit Nakeli small traditional village, formerly important step on the road of tea and horses. Discover on foot the wooden houses, the big mill and the walkway, meet the friendly locals and stroll along the small river, in an atmosphere of yesteryear. Dinner at your own expense. **Overnight at Jiangshanlong Inn**

### Day 6: Pu'er - Lancang (B) ~ 4h drive

Departure this morning towards the region of millenary tea trees in the Lancang River Valley, visit of the Museum of the Tea Route and Horses if it is open that day (closed on weekends), arrival for lunch at



Laodabao Lahu village where you will attend a traditional dance show with lunch (show included, lunch at your expense, between 50 and 100 RMB per person depending on your appetite). Following the show you can walk in the village to meet its inhabitants. Then continue to the small village of Mengjing in a wooden inn held by a tea grower family. Dinner at your own expense. **Overnight at Yunqi Xiaozhu Guest House.**



**Day 7: Jingmaishan - Dapingzhang - Menghai (B) ~ 4h drive**

Road towards Dapingzhang traditional village and its centenary tea plantations, and meeting with locals. Also visit the Jingmai Village Pagoda. In the late afternoon, drive to the village of Menghai, dinner at your own expense. **Overnight at Menghai Guowei Hotel (or comfort option at Jinlian Spa Resort)**



**NOTE:** Tea harvesting takes place every year from March to May and from September to November. It is possible to participate in the gathering with Bulang residents, and to learn more about the famous Pu'er tea making process.

**Day 8: Menghai - Jinghong (B) ~ 4h drive**

Visit this morning of the Menghai market before heading to Dai Manzhao village, where people still

produce paper in a traditional way. Continuation of the road to another tea mountain, Bulang Mountain, located just opposite the Burmese border. Pretty little road that crosses many traditional villages that you can explore as and when you want. Lunch at your own expense in Bulang village, then continuation by a forest track in a preserved tropical jungle part preserved with beautiful trees. Continue to Jinghong and check in at your hotel, dinner at your own expense. **Overnight at Crowne Hotel 4 \***



**Day 9: Galanba - Menglun - Jinghong (B) ~ 3h drive**

Meet your driver and guide at 9:00 am at your hotel and drive along the Mekong River to Ganlanba. Possible stops on the way in various Dai minority villages around Ganlanba, then exploration of the minority park and its beautiful wooden carved Buddhist temple. Discovery of the Menglun tropical garden in the afternoon, and great walk to learn more about biodiversity. In the evening, explore the night market along the banks of the Mekong. **Overnight in Jinghong at Crowne Hotel 4 \***

**Day 10: Departure from Jinghong (PDJ) ~ 40min transfer**

Free time before transfer to Jinghong Airport for your return flight. End of our services.



## Our selection of hotels for your Yunnan tour:

### **Kunming**: Grand Park Hotel 5 \*

Well located hotel in the center of the city in the emerald lake district. This is not a boutique hotel but a great value hotel and very comfortable to start and end your stay in Yunnan in the best possible way, with possible visits on foot freely from the hotel.



### **Kunming**: Home Inn Plus (3 \* hotel)

Modern hotel well located in the emerald lake district. International comfort and good breakfast buffet served from 7am. Computers available for guests at the reception.



### **Jianshui** : Lin An Inn 2 \* (charming inn)

Beautiful old Chinese residence renovated with taste, in the heart of the Jianshui's old alleys.



**Alternative: Jianshui: Hanlinyuan Boutique Hotel** (+600 RMB per room per night)

Conveniently located in the heart of Jianshui, you will have easy access to all points of interest in the city within a 30-minute walk from your hotel. Chinese breakfast.



**Duoyishu : Havre de Paix (charming inn)**

Simple hostel but still one of the best choices in terms of comfort in the Yuanyang area, and especially in terms of hosting thanks to the friendly French-speaking manager, and his charming wife in the kitchen. Its location is ideal, facing rice terraces and in the heart of Duoyishu village. Access by a small path, below the car park. Total of 8 rooms, with private bathrooms.



**Alternative : Yuanyang: Twelve Manor Terraces** (+300 RMB per room per night)

Conveniently located between Jingkou and Bada, this newly opened boutique hotel offers rooms with panoramic views over the rice fields and other services such as local tea tasting, traditional barbecue and outdoor baths with local medicinal plants. The best charming address in the region.





### **Pu'er: Jiangshanlong Inn**

Newly opened in Pu'er, well located near the Xima Lake Park, hotel opened by a tea trading company and decorated with many old objects recovered in the region, the hostel gives the impression of going back 50 years in the past, at a time when tea and horses were still the main activity of the region. The establishment is totally dedicated to tea culture and equipped with all the modern conveniences, you will be able to discover the many varieties of Yunnan teas.



### **Jingmaishan: Yunqi Xiaozhu guest house**

Located at the back of Mangjing area, all rooms have stunning views over an ocean of clouds with floor-to-ceiling windows. The perfect address to feel at home on the other side of the world.



### **Menghai: Guowei Hotel**

A clean and comfortable local type classic hotel conveniently located in Menghai, very convenient for visiting the Menghai Market, which is also full of colors and flavors.



**Jinghong : Crowne Hotel 4 \* (boutique hotel)**

One of the oldest addresses of the city located close to the local market, with a nice garden and swimming pool, comfort and service, clean and comfortable bathrooms, buffet breakfast.



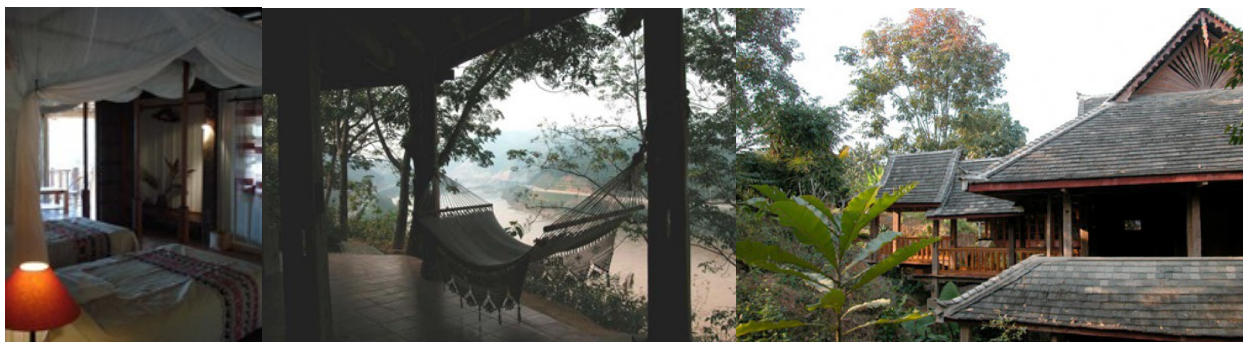
**Alternative: Jinghong : Crowne Plaza Xishuangbanna Parkview 5 \* (+ 300 RMB / room / night)**

Luxurious address located outside the city with all services on site, swimming pool, kindergarten and several restaurants. The rooms are spacious and comfortable, spread over several buildings around a large tropical garden, relaxing atmosphere guaranteed.



**Alternative : Jinghong : Yourantai Resort 4 \* (boutique hotel) (+RMB 1200 to 1500 / room / night)**

The only true charming address in the Xishuangbanna region, the Yourantai is located on the heights of Jinghong City, overlooking the Mekong, and consists of a set of 4 beautiful private villas scattered across a pleasant tropical garden. Your hosts are a couple from Taiwan and Switzerland. Nice evening meal.





## YUNNAN MAP



Support local actions :

- € 3 per traveler donated to 3 charities:
- Colors of China: sponsorship for schooling girls in northern Guangxi
- Dra Khampa Lab: development aid and schooling for children in Dzongsar (Western Sichuan)
- Children of the Mekong: schooling of children in Upper Yunnan

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**PRICE - based on 2, 4 or 6 passengers - INCLUSIONS and EXCLUSIONS:**

**Kunming to Jinghong with English speaking guide-driver:** 9600 RMB / person based on 2 people

*Deposit on booking of 50% of the travel expenses, by transfer or credit card in France*

*Balance 3 weeks before departure, again by transfer or credit card in France*

**This rate includes:**

- ▶ The mentioned hotels with breakfast every day
- ▶ Transfers by private vehicle with driver during the whole circuit
- ▶ Experience English - Speaking guide from day 2 to 9
- ▶ Entrance tickets for all visits, activities and shows mentioned
- ▶ Two lunches (L) in Tuanshan (day 3) and Yuanyang (day 4)

**This rate does not include:**

- ▶ Lunches and dinners (excluding those mentioned above) according to your wishes and suggestions from your driver/guide
- ▶ Flights to Kunming and Jinghong
- ▶ Chinese visa fees & personal expenses
- ▶ Tips for guides and drivers
- ▶ Travel insurance and complementary activities

Program subject to slight changes due to schedule changes or airline cancellations, availability of guides and hotels or inclement weather.



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