

Hidden Northern Yunnan (8 days on site)

Dali – Donglinghua - Weishan - Weibaoshan – Nuodeng –
Shibaoshan – Shaxi – Zhoucheng – Xizhou - Dali



Mostly known for its capital, its vast plains as well as the rivers going through and the different minorities living there, Yunnan Province still keeps hidden so many unsuspected territories. Perched in the mountains, the villages and temples will be a real pleasure for the traveler's eyes in quest of quietness and authentic experiences far away from the city rumble. Exploring the heights that very few foreigners go to, will be the occasion to discover the Yunnan under a different perspective. An ideal itinerary for those of you who live in the heart of the modern and effervescent China, looking for a quiet getaway far from the daily stress.

Day 1 : Arrival in Dali – Donglinghua – Weishan ~ 2h30 drive. Altitude : 1900 m.

Arrival at Dali's airport or railway station. Welcoming by your English Speaking guide (they will have a board at your name), then head off straight away towards Weishan region. En route, first stop at Donglinghua Hui village (muslim minority) (entrance : 50 RMB per person), to discover its mosque or its museum with a magnificent view over the city's rooftops (entrance : 20 RMB). Still preserved from mass tourism, Weishan hosts a very charming and smiling population. Then you can stroll into Weishan's small streets, discover the small wooden houses, small shops and a museum with unique artefacts. Check in at your family Inn, Laoguan. Dinner at your own expense and overnight in Weishan.



Day 2 : Weishan and Weibaoshan (B) ~ Altitude : 2500 m.

After breakfast, stroll into town and at the local market which is full of surprises! In the afternoon, discover Weibaoshan Mountain (entrance : 40 RMB per person), located at 2500m. altitude. Being a part of the 13 sacred taoist mountains in China, the site is quiet and gives off quite a serene atmosphere and it's good to stroll there and discover the small temples where taoist monks live. Back to Weishan and rest of the day free. Take your time to wander according to your wishes. Dinner at your own expense and overnight at your guest house, Laoguan.



Day 3 : Weishan - Nuodeng (B ; D) ~ 3h drive. Altitude 2100m.

Departure this morning towards the Yunlong valley and Nuodeng's small typical village. Layed down on the mountain side, this village is not accessible to motorized vehicles, the inhabitants carry the loads with mules, the houses are made of wood sculpted and the agricultural traditions are still well alive. You will have to go up the village for about 20 minutes to get to your family guest house (mules will be available to carry your luggage). From there, you can explore the surroundings and visit the confucius temple located at the top of the village. Dinner and overnight at the Gujing family guest house.

Day 4 : Nuodeng (B ; L ; D)

Breakfast then day hiking on the heights of Nuodeng village together with your guide. You will rut on the ancient tea and horses road on a paved path that was used by the caravans until the last century. You will go through lost villages that seem like arising from another era. Back to nuodeng at the end of the day. Dinner at your own expense and overnight at Gujing guest house. Don't miss to observe the grand mother prepare the incense sticks according to the ancient techniques!



Day 5 : Nuodeng – Shibaoshan - Shaxi (B) ~ 3h drive. Altitude 2050m.

Breakfast then, road towards the Shaxi region. Stroll through Shibaoshan's majestic site (entrance : 45 RMB + shuttle : 40 RMB), a nice set of buddhist sculptures engraved in the rocks and very zen temples. You will go down the mountain on foot, this will take you about 90 minutes, with sumptuous clear views amidst the pine trees and with an invigorating and pure air. Arrival in Shaxi, check in at your guest house in the heart of the old city. End of the day free to enjoy at your pace the quiet atmosphere of Shaxi village. Lots of small cafes or bars with a terrace will be available close to the main square. Relax and immerse yourself in the local life. Dinner at your own expense. Overnight at the Aoding Courtyard 3* hotel. The welcome is very warm and we advise you to try the hotel's restaurant!



Day 6 : Shaxi – Zhoucheng – Xizhou (B) ~ 3h drive. Altitude 1900m.

Breakfast and stroll in the small streets of Shaxi and along the river. The village is a former big center of commercial exchange on the road of the tea and horses caravan. Then road towards Shaxi region. On the way, stop at Bai Minority's big village Zhoucheng, notably known for their craftsmen producing the Batik clothes. Then road to Xizhou Bai village. Late check in at the very comfortable Linden Center charming hotel, built in a beautiful traditional Bai courtyard. Say goodbye to your English Speaking driver. Note that a visit of Linden Center is organized by the hotel everyday at 5.00 pm in English, to present this place's history and architecture.

The hotel has a very decent restaurant however we would also advise you to get tempted by some simple restaurants on the village's main square which will be the ideal spot to observe the local evening life. Families get together on the square, kids are playing, the elderly drink some tea and chat together. The small street are not lit after the night as fallen, don't forget to bring the flashlight that you will find in your room, or use the one on your mobile phone ! Overnight in Xizhou.

Date 7 : Xizhou (B)

Quiet breakfast and rest of the day free in Xizhou's quiet small village. You can explore the morning market and the village on foot, then on bike or on foot the surroundings of the village across the rice fields (bikes available at your hotel). You can also organize a small boat tour on Lake Erhai. Meals at your expense. Overnight at Linden Center 4*.



Day 8 : Xizhou – Dali / Departure (B)

After breakfast, last free moments before your transfer towards Dali railway station or Dali airport to take your train or your flight back to your home.

If time is enough, you can stop in the Dali old cities, friendly and dynamic. Free stroll to discover a stunning catholic church. For lunch, we advise you to get tempted by the local barbecue, which is the undisputed specialty in Dali, in one of the many restaurants in the old city. If you wish, you can even visit

the 3 pagodas temple (entrance : 120 RMB per person).

Note : Your room will have to be freed before noon. Your luggage can be kept at the hotel.

End of our services. Our team wishes you an enjoyable way back home!

Our hotels selection for your Yunnan tour :

Weishan : Weishan Laoguan

Next to the city's central door, this inner yard was fully renovated and mix together the comfort and the indescribable charm of yesteryear's China. The rooms have been neatly decorated, the localization is ideal.



Nuodeng : Gujing Inn

Small family guest house in the heart of the village. Simple and clean, this is the ideal place to enjoy the local life fully. Simple breakfast included.



Shaxi : Aoding Courtyard 3* (hôtel de charme)

Pleasant hotel located in the heart of Shaxi old town. Nicely renovated traditional dwelling.



Xizhou : Linden Center 4* (charming hotel)

Regularly ranked in the best hotels in China on Trip Advisor, the Linden Center is a Bai traditional house which consists in 3 inner courtyard, located in Xizhou Village a quiet place close to the shores of Erhai lake. The hotel staff is friendly and professional, the restaurant serves delicious dishes distinctive from that region.



YUNNAN MAP





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Our presence onsite in China

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- Constant improvement mindset for the creation of itineraries every time more astonishing and authentic.
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- 11 travel experts often on the roads seeking for new and authentic destinations
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Our agency in China

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Guarantees offered by our French Agency

- Pay the tour to our agency in France by wire transfer or bank card (Visa, Mastercard and Amex) through our secure website, avoiding you some expensive transfer costs towards China where the usual extra charge is generally 4% to 5% of the tour price for a bank card payment to China.
- Our agency is registered by Atout France, as a guarantee for our professionalism
- HISCOX civil responsibility insurance
- IATA agreement allowing us to include international flights at a negotiated rate
- Financial guarantee registered by the APST that guarantees you full refund of the already paid amounts in case of failure from our team, otherwise your tour will be taken in charge in the same conditions as those agreed with our agency

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. 3€ per traveler to 3 charities :

- Couleurs de Chine : sponsorship for the scolarization of young girls in northern Guangxi
- Lab Dra Khampa : help for development and child scolarization in Dzongar (West Sichuan)
- Enfants du Mékong : Scolarization of kids in northern Yunnan
- + 1 treeplanted by traveler with the Yves Rocher foundation "Let's plant for Earth"

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RATES. Private tour on a 2, 4, 6 travelers basis in double/twin rooms :

Private tour on a 2 travelers basis – Flights not included - : 7265 RMB per person, that is 931€ per person

Private tour on a 4 travelers basis – Flights not included - : 4830 RMB per person, that is 619€ per person

Private tour on a 6 travelers basis – Flights not included - : 4210 RMB per person, that is 539€ per person

- On a 6 travelers basis, you will enjoy the service of an English - Speaking guide plus a driver (2 people).
- You can also choose a French Speaking guide. Extra charge. Consult us for more details

Exchange rate : 1€ = 7,80 RMB

- *Deposit on booking of 50% of the tour amount, by wire transfer or bank card in France*

- *Balance 3 weeks before arrival, again by wire transfer or bank card in France*

This rate includes :

- ▶ Charming hotels with breakfast included everyday
- ▶ Experienced English speaking driver from day 1 to day 6. On a 6 travelers basis, English speaking guide + driver
- ▶ Every other transfers in private vehicles with Chinese speaking driver.
- ▶ Payment by bank card in France so you can benefit from the travel insurance included with your bank card service
- ▶ Guarantees from our French travel agency (professional insurance, guarantee for the transferred funds)
- ▶ 24/7 assistance from our Kunming Agency

This rate doesn't include :

- ▶ Flights or train to and from Yunnan (we can offer you a rate on demand)
- ▶ Meals and drinks to get according to your wishes and your guide's recommendation
- ▶ Distant Chinese Visa application (our agency can offer it for 140€ per person)
- ▶ Entries on site as mentioned within the itinerary, to settle directly on site (about 315 RMB per person, that is 40 EUR. Possible reductions up to 50% at some sites for travelers above 60 years old on presentation of a valid ID)
- ▶ Tips (you can count 120RMB/day total for the guide-driver)
- ▶ Personal expenses

This itinerary is subject to slight modifications due to schedule changes or cancellation from airline companies, to guides and hotels' availabilities or to bad weather conditions.



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