

South East Yunnan tour (13 days on site)

Your country - Kunming – Red Soil (Lexiaguao) - Shilin (Stone Forest) – Puzhehei – Mengzi – Jinping – Mengla - Yuanyang, its ethnic markets and its terrace rice fields – Jianshui – Tuanshan – Kunming - your country



This Yunnan Itinerary consists of a nice tour from Kunming towards the southern part of the province, featuring a stunning diversity of landscapes between Lexiaguao's Red Soil, Shilin's Stone Forest, Puzhehei's karstic peaks and Yuanyang's Terrace rice fields. This will also be your chance to discover beautiful markets with local people wearing ethnic clothes, particularly in Jinping and Mengla villages, close to the Vietnamese border, as well as in Yuanyang. The markets that are mentioned in the program in Jinping and Mengla take place once every 5 days, it will be important to set the dates correctly so as to maximize the interest of this colorful trip as well as opportunities to meet nice people.

Day 1 : Your place - China

Take off towards China! Diner and overnight on board.

Day 2 : Arrival in Kunming ~ 50mn drive. Altitude : 1800m

Breakfast in the plane and arrival in China, transit flight to Kunming. Arrival at Kunming International Airport. Welcoming by your driver (with a board at your name) in the arrival hall after going through the immigration office and taking back your luggage, then drive to your hotel, well located in the very heart of Kunming City. Rest of the day free to explore at your own pace. Easy stroll towards the Emerald Lake where local people like to wander around, sing, dance or play music, alone or together with their lover, friends or family; the park is full of life from dusk to dawn and especially on the weekends; sceneries of happy and quiet lives will give you a very good first impression of Yunnan, its people and their culture. Welcome to Yunnan! Not far away from there you can go further and walk to Yuantong Temple (6 rmb/person), two steps from which you will be able to withdraw money from an ICBC or Bank of China ATM, if you haven't done so yet. Dinner at your own expense. Overnight in Kunming.



Day 3 : Kunming – Lexiaguo's Red Soil (B) ~ 4h drive. Altitude : 2400m .

Breakfast and meeting with your English Speaking driver at your hotel at 8.30 am. Road to Dongchuan, then towards Lexiaguo "Red Soil" Region, close to the Sichuan Province border. This afternoon, you will discover the region's terrace fields landscapes, particularly Huashitou and Lexiaguo village (5 to 10 rmb to access the fields). Check in at your hotel. Diner at your own expense and overnight at New Red Soil Hotel 4*.



Day 4 : Lexiaguo Red Soil - Shilin (Stone Forest) (B) ~ 4h30 drive

Breakfast before going on with your discovery of the surroundings, which are of the best effect for the photographers eyes! All year long, the hills offer a unique and colourful show, although you have to be lucky enough to get the best lighting conditions. You will see another nice viewpoint close to Damakan village. Then, road to Shilin which is located about 1 hour drive from Kunming. This site is known for its Stone Forest, funny karstic shapings all over a surface about 500Km². Check in at Yinruilin International Hotel 5*. Dinner at your expense and overnight in Shilin.

Day 5 : Shilin – Puzhehei (B) ~ 3h drive.

Early breakfast and way to the Stone Forest (155 rmb / person). Take your time to stroll amongst the site's small paths, those are quieter than the main roads and the park's entry where Chinese tourist groups stay most of the time. Your guide will guide you on the walk. Around the middle of the day, road to Puzhehei region . Arrival in Puzhehei late afternoon (entry fee : 180 rmb/person) and check in in the charming hotel U House Lake View Boutique Inn 4*. Rest of the day free. Stroll in the heart of the village, along the river and its lotus (blooming majestically especially from June to September). Dinner at your expense and overnight in Puzhehei.

Day 6 : Puzhehei - Mengzi (B) ~ 2h drive. Altitude 1400m.

Breakfast before discovering Puzhehei's magnificent site, simply also called "the small Guilin" in reference to Guilin's very famous karstic reliefs. The countryside is very bucolic. Roam in the village and its small streets, surrounded by breadths of lotus plants, a must do is the ride on a small boat to see the local caves. You will also have the possibility to climb up a hill with a panoramic view over the reliefs, the villages and the surrounding countryside. Just for the story, Puzhehei has become very famous and in a way a symbol of romantism after a tv show was shot there and now followed by every chinese families! Road to Mengzi after the visit. If time allows in the late afternoon (or otherwise the following morning), discover Bisehai old French colonial railway station on the way to the Hanoi - Kunming railroad. Check in at Guanfang Hotel 4*, diner at your expense and overnight in Mengzi.



Day 7 : Mengzi - Jinping (B) ~ 5h drive. Altitude 1000m.

Breakfast and discovery of a nice district close to the Nanhu lake. Discover a few French and Italian colonial buildings. After lunch we will take the road to the Jinping Region. Check In downtown at the Kai Jing Hotel 2*. Dinner at your expense and overnight in Jinping.

Day 8 : Jinping – Mengla (B) ~ 1h30 drive.

The hotel doesn't serve breakfast, this will be the opportunity to go in a local restaurant with your guide and try the local style breakfast! Today, take part in Jinping's great market, held in the city streets, close to your hotel. Numerous minorities from all around come to this market. Lunch at your expense and road to Mengla where you will check in at the Yaxitai Hotel, equivalent 3*. Visits in small Dai villages where you can enjoy very local style hotsprings! Dinner at your own expense. Overnight in Mengla.



Day 9 : Mengla (B)

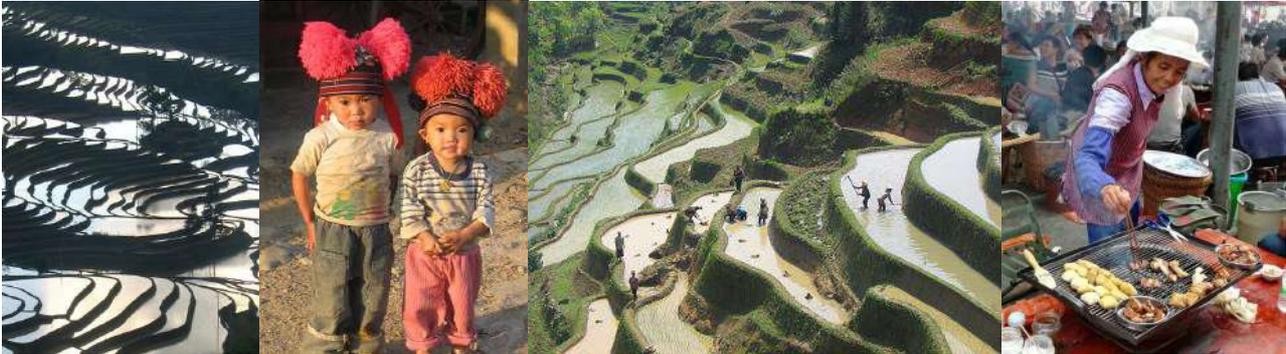
This morning after breakfast, drive towards Napa market. Meeting with more ethnic minorities, still wearing traditional costumes in a picturesque atmosphere! After lunch (at your expense), you will discover more villages in the area where minorities. Back to the hotel late afternoon. Diner at your expense and overnight in Mengla, at the Yaxitai Hotel.

Day 10 : Mengla – Yuanyang (B) ~ 6h drive. Altitude : 1800m.

This morning is the day of the great Mengla market, close to your hotel. Meet more colorful people. Keep on your route towards Yuanyang region. On the road you will get to a checkpoint where you will need to settle the entrance fee for the region (70rmb/person). First overview of different viewpointsover the amazing terrace rice fields, such as the Bada Viewpoint. Check in at the nice Jacky's Guest house, in the heart of Duoyishu village which rice fields all around. Dinner at your own expense.

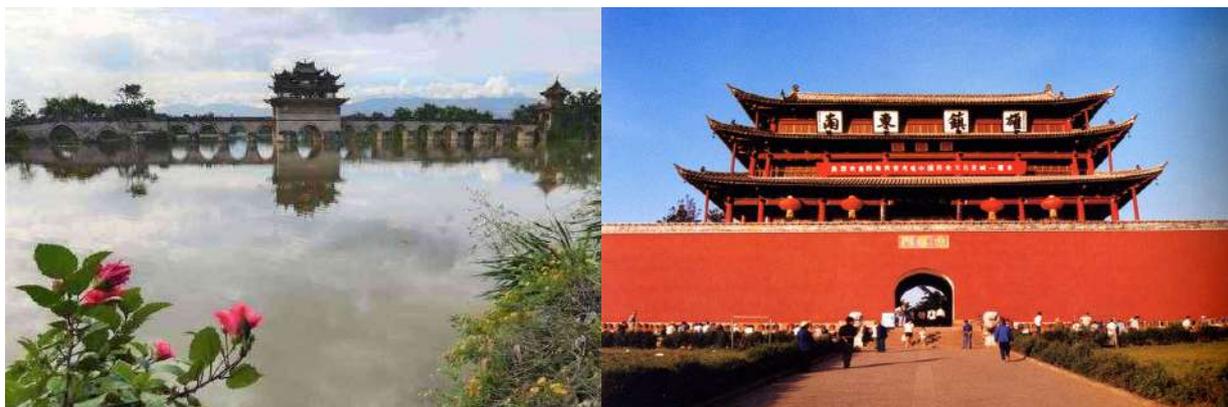
Day 11 : Yuanyang (B)

Enjoy your breakfast watching the rice fields, those are often flanked by the morning mist, a mystical and relaxing atmosphere. Today's market will take place in Shengcun (the market place might however change according to the day). Short drive to the market. You will be able to meet with Yi and Hani minority people still wearing their traditional outfit. This afternoon if you wish you can go for a small 2 to 3 hours hike across beautiful rice fields landscapes, going through some very scenic villages. Back to the hotel at the end of the day. Dinner at your expense and overnight in Jacky's guest house.



Day 12 : Yuanyang – Jianshui – Tuanshan (B) ~ 4h drive. Altitude : 1400m.

Breakfast, then discovery of Yuanyang Xinjie's Market (The village can however change according to the day of the lunar calendar). This will be an occasion to meet with local farmers from all around. Don't be surprised if local people eating together amongst friends invite you spontaneously for a cup of rice wine! Then you will take the road to Jianshui, one of the oldest and most remarkable city in Southern Yunnan. In Jianshui, you will explore the local Confucius Temple (entrance : 40 rmb/ person), which is the second largest in China after the Qufu Temple, the master's native city. The temple consists in a big park with a pond, many courtyards, magnificent gantries, temples and pavillions. Stroll through Jianshui city up to the Chaoyang Arch, where locals hold a small bird market. Then, take the direction to the picturesque village of Tuanshan (entrance : 35 rmb / person), located about 15km from Jianshui. The village has stayed like out of time and most of the buildings date back from the Qing Dynasty. Check in at the charming Jielu Inn, in the heart of the old city. Dinner at your expense and overnight in Tuanshan.



Day 13 : Tuanshan – Kunming (B) ~ 4h drive. Altitude : 1800m.

Quiet breakfast at your inn before strolling through Tuanshan small streets. Keep on towards the Double Dragon Bridge, stunning architecture above a beautiful pond. Then it will be time to take back the road to Kunming. Arrival in Kunming and Check In at Home Inn Plus 3*. Take some time to refresh yourself, dinner at your expense (rather early) before going to watch a very touching show of local minorities, called "Dynamic Yunnan" (20.00 - 21.40). Transfer around 19.00 with your guide. Back to the hotel and

overnight in Kunming. Say goodbye to your English Speaking driver.

Day 14 : Kunming / Departure (B) ~ 40mn drive.

Breakfast and free time without guide or driver to enjoy Kunming. Go towards the dynamic commercial center with its old districts nesting the old birds and flower market. It will not be further than 1 or 2 km from your hotel. Then transfer to the airport for the return flight. Transit in China and board on long flight back to your place. Diner and overnight on board.

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

Day 15 : China – Your place (B)

Breakfast in the plane and arrival in your country.

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



Our hotels selection for your Yunnan tour :

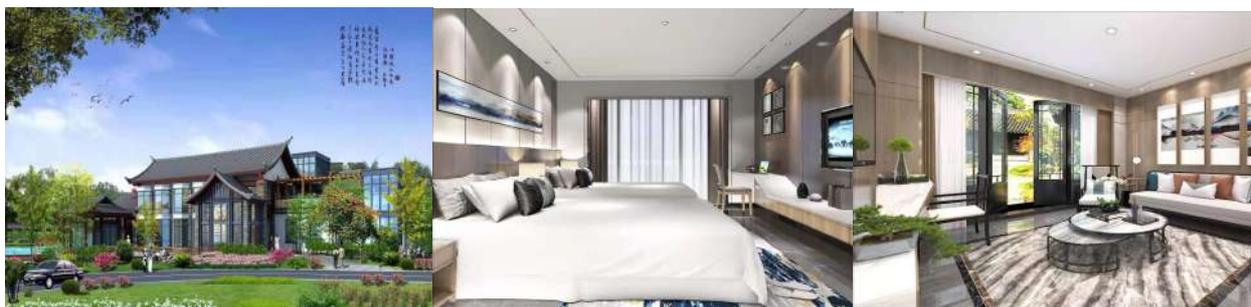
Kunming : Home Inn Plus (3* hotel)

Modern hotel well located in the Emerald lake district. International standard and good breakfast from 7am. Computers available for guests at the reception lobby.



Lexiaguo : New Red Soil Hotel 4*

Recently decorated in the remote Red Soil area, this new residence in the heart of Lexiaguo's countryside kind of looks like a palace. The design is refined and contemporary.



Shilin : Yinruilin International 5*

Comfortable hotel close to the Stone Forest. The rooms are modern, this is the best choice in Shilin to this day.



Puzhehei : U House Lake View Boutique Inn 4*

Charming guest house newly opened in 2019, ideally located next to a river with lots of lotus along which it's always nice to take a walk. The hotel is a small 11 rooms structure close to the old town and with scenery small streets where you will easily find something to eat whatever your budget is. It's very easy to get further from the touristic small town to wander in the picturesque countryside, its ponds and karstic reliefs.



Mengzi : Guanfang Hotel 4*

Guanfang hotel is a recently opened one, newly born in that mystic Mengzi city. It has been fully renovated in 2017 so as to offer a modern comfort and high standards of tidiness. The building is a big and impressive structure, with a view over a cute pond, the Nanhu Lake, right in the heart of the city. The service is efficient and the rooms are spacious. Extensive and qualitative breakfast. The restaurant offers a delicious Cantonese cuisine and you can also easily go to one of the many nearby restaurants. Swimming pool and fitness center opened to guests.



Jinping : Kai Jing Hotel 2*

Opened in 2019, this hotel is close to the nearby shops. Rooms are spacious, clean and functional. The staff is thoughtful. The hotel doesn't have a restaurant and doesn't serve breakfast, so you will eat outside but you will easily find something that suits you at walking distance.



Mengla : Yaxitai Hotel 3*

This facility, located downtown, has recently opened in 2019. The 76 rooms are equipped with modern fixtures (electric curtains, automatic toilet, illuminaton sensor), are all working, spacious and have comfortable bedding. The service is efficient and friendly! The breakfast is simple, local style mainly about rice noodles. Very good quality/price ratio. Choice of delicious restaurants a few steps only from the hotel.



Duoyishu : Jacky's Guest House 2* (charming guest house)

Simple and friendly guest house with english speaking owners. Its localization is perfect, just in front of the rice fields in the heart of Duoyishu village.



Tuanshan : Jielu Inn (charming guest house)

Jielu Inn is located in Tuanshan, a very quiet small village, only 20 minutes from Jianshui. It was recently opened by the staff from [Zhu Family Garden Residence](#) . This small structure is warmly and nicely decorated.



Kunming : Home Inn Plus (3* hotel)

Modern hotel well located in the Emerald lake district. International standard and good breakfast from 7am. Computers available for guests at the reception lobby.



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Our presence onsite in China

- Receptive local agency in Kunming, China, since 2007
- 1 only contact person all through your tour's conceiving phase and until your way back from China.
- Direct booking for all our services across China.
- Trustworthy and respectful relationships with our various partners all around China
- Constant improvement mindset for the creation of itineraries every time more astonishing and authentic.
- Availability and reactivity on site, 24/24
- Local French Speaking guides with experience and chosen for their skills.
- 11 travel experts often on the roads seeking for new and authentic destinations
- Knowledge of "the ground" that allows us to offer itineraries that suit your needs, in an exclusive and original way.

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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Associative involment

. 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 - : 10730RMB per person, that is 1375€ per person

Private tour on a 4 travelers basis – Flights not included - : 6970RMB per person, that is 893€ per person

Private tour on a 6 travelers basis – Flights not included - : 7545RMB per person, that is 967€ per person

* On a 6 travelers basis, you will enjoy the service of an English speaking guide plus a driver from day 3 to 13.

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 on site
- ▶ English-speaking driver and guide from day 3 to 13. On a 6 travelers basis, you will enjoy the service of an English - Speaking guide plus a 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 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 510 RMB per person, that is 65 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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