



Discover Yunnan

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12 Days

Inclusive from the UK

Our Private Tour of Yunnan unearths China's most beautiful provinces. Visit the traditional towns of Dali, Lijiang, and Tibetan Zhongdian. Discover the Stone Forest, Jade Dragon, Snow Mountain & Tiger Leaping Gorge

This tour reaches a maximum altitude of 4,500m at Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

Fully Inclusive price includes:

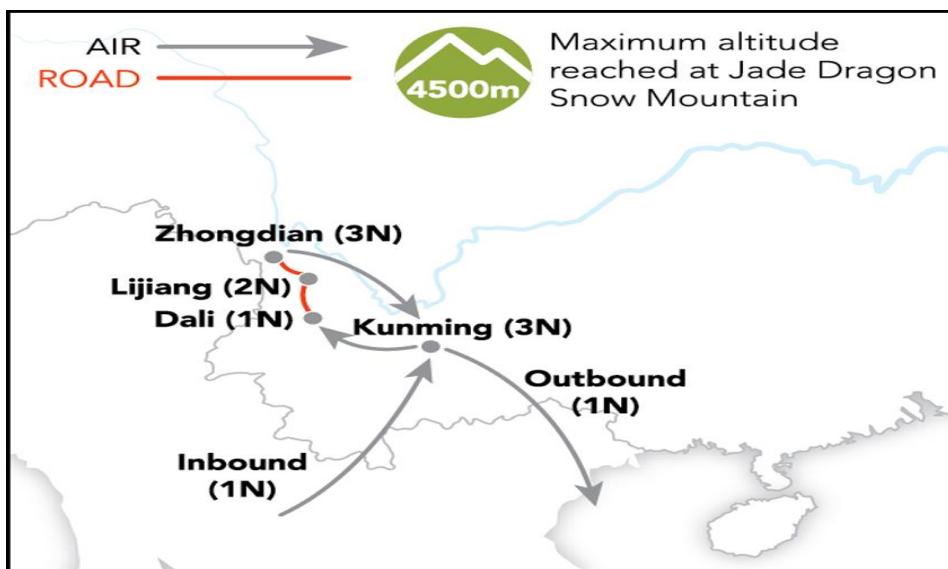
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated (excluding drinks)
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

Your Tour Dossier

This document is designed to be read in conjunction with the other pre-departure information provided by Wendy Wu Tours including the tour itinerary as described in our brochure and/or website. It aims to provide a straightforward description of the physical activities involved in sightseeing or travelling during the tour.

If there are any particular challenges, from the length of time spent on your feet, the length of drives and flights, to the standard of remote accommodation; they will be explained here.

All passengers must read this document to ensure the itinerary is suitable for their interests and physical capabilities. This is not your final itinerary and therefore does not mention all the sites visited.



Welcome to Wendy Wu Tours

China continues to amaze, fascinate and thrill our passengers, many of whom have travelled to one country in Asia with us, then another, year after year. We urge you to keep in mind all the rewards, as well as challenges of travelling in a country with a history, culture and attitude so unlike your own.

A typical day's sightseeing may include the bustle and noise of a city street, sights and smells of a local market and interacting with the locals. Travelling in China requires patience and potential delays are to be expected due to standards of service. There is a low level of English spoken throughout China, so your local guides and/or National Escort will be indispensable during your trip.

Almost everything will be different to what you may be used to. We have found that our passengers who embark with a sense of humour and adventure, who accept that things do not always go to plan, are those who find their experience most rewarding. It is essential that all passengers recognize the demands of factors such as basic facilities and cultural differences they may encounter in some areas.

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Our private tours are accessible to everyone. This tour will involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats throughout the tour.

This tour is not strenuous, and can be taken at the pace, and according to the abilities of passengers travelling in your party. If any member of your party has mobility difficulties, please advise Wendy Wu Tours, so that our operators can be made aware, and may rearrange the itinerary to suit your needs. If at any point during the tour you feel you are being rushed, or not moving fast enough, please let your local guide know, so that they may adjust the touring accordingly and provide you with the best experience possible. Similarly, as you are travelling on a private basis, if you would like to change the touring, dates, timings, please speak to your reservations consultant, prior to travelling, or speak to your local guide whilst in China.

NB: Please note that times and distances listed in the tour dossier are approximate.

Days 1-2: UK - Kunming

You will be met at Kunming airport in the Arrivals Hall by your Local Guide from Wendy Wu Tours. You will transfer (1 hour drive) to your hotel. There is no touring today.

No Meals

Day 3: Kunming & Stone Forest

Drive 1.5 hrs (100km) to the Stone Forest. Sightseeing here involves up to 3.5 hrs walking along cobblestone paths to view the maze of rock pinnacles, lake and ponds. After lunch you will drive back to Kunming.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Dali

Fly to the enchanting town of Dali. Explore the Ancient Quarter, visit the Three Pagodas and take a cruise on Erhai Lake. In the evening, stroll down Foreigner's Street and soak in the lively atmosphere.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5: Dali to Lijiang

Lijiang altitude 2,000m

Drive 4 hrs (190km) to Lijiang and check into your hotel. There will be afternoon sightseeing at Black Dragon Pool and Lijiang's Old Quarter, where you will be able to explore the maze of canals and cobbled alleys on foot. This involves 2 hrs of walking over some uneven ground.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6: Lijiang

Maximum altitude today 3,240m

Visiting Jade Dragon Snow Mountain (35km from Lijiang) is very popular with travellers to this area, so to prevent large crowds of people queuing at the same time, the local Government's tourist authority allocates times to each group. *This section of the itinerary is subject to change at late notice.* Your Local Guide will keep you informed of any changes as they are made aware of them. The bus will drive to the base of the mountain. There is a 10 minute ride on a chairlift from the base to Yunshaping (Cloud Fir Meadow) at an altitude over 3,240m. From the chairlift there is a wooden pathway to the meadow; this walking route takes approx. 1 hour. Descend by chairlift and reboard the bus. Sightseeing at Baisha Village is leisurely but involves walking on uneven ground. There are ruthless souvenir sellers near the bus park so be firm to avoid any hassle.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7: Lijiang to Zhongdian

Zhongdian altitude 3,200m

Drive 100km (approx. 2 hrs depending on number of photo stops) to the northern bank of the Tiger Leaping Gorge and stop for a short while at the steps above the famous Tiger Leaping Rock. You can choose to walk down the steps to the water, or have some free time while other group members do this. There are usually sedan chairs offered by local vendors, which can be organised at your own expense. Lunch today will be a simple meal as the choice of restaurants in this area is limited. Continue driving 100km (approx. 2.5 hrs)

to Zhongdian. Once in Zhongdian, you are advised to rest to acclimatise to the higher altitude.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8: Zhongdian – Baishui Terrace

Drive 3 hrs each way to Baishui Terrace. There are some uneven and slippery surfaces at the Baishui Terrace where you will need to balance, so please be cautious.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9: Zhongdian

Maximum altitude today 3,300m

Visit the Songshanlin Monastery, which was built by the 5th Dalai Lama over 300 years ago. Although two thirds of the Old Town in Zhongdian was destroyed in a devastating fire in January 2014 we will visit what has survived. Afterwards we will visit Dafo Temple as well as a Tibetan village.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 10: Zhongdian to Kunming

Transfer to Zhongdian airport (approx. 10 mins) and return to Kunming (flight time is approx. 50 mins). Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check-in.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before You Leave

Itinerary Changes - The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in China are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your Local Guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Roads in China have generally been improved over recent years, but some road construction and/or weather conditions may still lengthen the driving times.

Visas - A visa is required for entry into China. A standard visa processing service is included in your tour cost. We will require your passport, completed visa application form, and 1 passport photo, taken within the last 6 months, to process your visa. We will require all this information 8 weeks prior to departure. As per our standard visa processing service, we will have your passport for at least 4 weeks. Any passports and visa applications that require an express 2 week service, or that are received in our office less than 6 weeks prior to departure will incur a £50 per passport express fee. In rare cases, you may be required to provide further information or documentation to the Chinese embassy and or be required to attend an interview at the embassy in London. If this is the case we will notify you as soon as possible.

Please note that if you intend to arrive more than 24 hours before your tour commences or intend to stay in China after your tour has ended and **you are NOT staying in a hotel** you will need to register with the local Public Security Bureau. If you are staying in a hotel, registration is done on your behalf as part of the check-in process.

Vaccinations and Your Health - We recommend that you contact either your local GP or a travel doctor for advice on vaccinations and travel health. www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk is a comprehensive website that you may also find useful.

Climate - Please refer to our website or brochure for detailed temperature charts.

Insurance - It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

What to Expect on Tour

Book now on **0844 499 3899** visit www.wendywutours.co.uk or see your preferred travel agent.

Breakfast, Lunch

Days 11-12: Kunming - UK

Any time before your flight is at leisure. You will be transferred from your hotel to the airport, according to the departure time of your international flight.

Breakfast

Land Only

If you are travelling on a land only basis, then you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel in Kunming on Day 2. On Day 12, you will checkout from your Kunming hotel, and continue as per your own arrangements.

Please refer to the Wendy Wu Tours brochure and/or website for details on departure dates, prices, itineraries, inclusions and tour extensions available as well as full booking conditions.

Development - Although China is developing quickly, it still lacks international standards of civil infrastructure and tourist facilities. For example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade; concepts of personal responsibility are also different to those in the UK. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in the UK. However, all of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense as well as refer to notices and follow advice from your Local Guide.

Accommodation All hotels used for private groups have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty please speak to your Local Guide. Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and China. Rest assure that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Four and five star hotels are also available on private tours. If you would like to upgrade, please speak to one of our reservation consultants.

Tipping - As with most countries, tipping is a way of life in China. For private tours we recommend an amount of US \$5 per person per day for tipping to be distributed amongst drivers, restaurants, guides etc. This amount is at your own discretion.

Meals - Some meals are included in our private tours, please see inclusions above. If you would like to travel on a fully inclusive meal basis please speak to Wendy Wu Tours, to arrange this prior to travel. Included meals are designed so that you can experience the local dishes, their individual flavours as well as the different ways they are prepared and cooked throughout China. For meals not included, local guides will be happy to assist with recommendations on where and what to eat in order to fully appreciate this vastly different cuisine.

Optional Extras - Prior to departure you may wish to add on some extra touring or evening shows to your itinerary, as you are travelling on a private basis, which means you have flexibility and choice. Please speak to one of our reservation consultants to discuss the optional extras available. Whilst on tour, your local guide may offer you some extra touring or unique experiences. The cost can range from 70 to 300 Yuan in price, so please allow extra money if you feel you may participate in any extra activities.

Personal Expenses- You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of £150 per week should be sufficient; however for those that can't resist a bargain, consider allocating a higher amount.

Black Dragon Pool - Please note that the Black Dragon Pool in Lijiang is susceptible to getting dry during warm periods and it may be physically noticeable at your time of visit.

After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form, help sheet, and a China and Tibet travel guide. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approx. 2 weeks prior to departure, and will include a travel wallet, badge, lanyard, suggested packing list and a phrase book, along with your final itinerary and international etickets.

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