

**SPECIAL
OFFER**

\$2450.00/pp

Yunnan Classic 9 Days

Lijiang, Dali, Kunming

9 Days Lijiang – Dali – Kunming Tour

Day01 Los Angeles – Lijiang

Aboard the flight across the Pacific Ocean to Lijiang City of Yunan Province of P.R.China

Flight:

Day02 Arrival at Lijiang airport, pick up and transfer to the hotel after check-in rest well after the long flight. The Old Town of Lijiang, which is perfectly adapted to the uneven topography of this key commercial and strategic site, has retained a historic townscape of high quality and authenticity. Its architecture is noteworthy for the blending of elements from several cultures that have come together over many centuries. Lijiang also possesses an ancient water supply system of great complexity and ingenuity that still functions effectively today.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: InterContinental Lijiang Ancient Town Resort or similar



Day03 Lijiang – Tiger Leaping Gorge – Lijiang

Lijiang Old Town: The old town is centered on the busy and touristy Old Market Square, with the Waterwheel defining the northern edge and the lively Zhongyi Market marking the southern limit (which is a good stop for a slice of old Lijiang's trading traditions or just some afternoon street food), Several wells and pools are still in use around town (but hard to find), including White Horse Dragon Pool. Where there are three pools, these were designated pools for drinking, washing clothes, and washing vegetables. Much of the joy of the old town is to be had in wandering small twisting lanes that open into small courtyards, hidden teahouses, or tiny temples like Puxian Temple. Don't stress too much about seeing it all – but do make sure to climb the flanks of Lion Hill at some point for sweeping views of the old town and mountains.

Tiger Leaping Gorge: Gingerly stepping along a trail swept with screen to allow an old fellow with a donkey to pass; resting atop a rock, exhausted, looking up to see the snow-shrouded peaks, then down to see the lingering rays dancing on the rippling waters a thousand meters below. That pretty much sums up Tiger Leaping Gorge, one of the great treks of southwest China. Add in modern development, power lines, and water pipes that follow the high trail, and a few stretches of road walking: this is no longer wild nature, but the views are still grand and it's still worth the trip.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Hotel: InterContinental Lijiang Ancient Town Resort or similar



Day04 Lijiang day tour

Jade Dragon Snow Mountain: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to some 5596m, and the massif's thirteen peaks dominate the skyline of the surrounding regions. Undeniably beautiful, the national park is also undeniably overcrowded – a classic case of over-tourism, compounded by a lack of any nature trails or hiking areas whatsoever, visit Dry Sea Meadow, Yak Meadow, Spruce Meadow, Blue Moon Valley and White Water River, and enjoy the **Impression Lijiang Show.**

Black Dragon Pool Park: On the northern edge of town is Black Dragon Pool Park; the view from here of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain is an obligatory photo stop in southwestern China. The Dongba Cultural Institute is part of a renovated complex on the hillside inside, an interesting stop for Naxi cultural artifacts and scrolls featuring the unique Naxi pictograph script.

Mu Family Mansion: The home of a Naxi chieftain, the Mu Family Mansion was heavily renovated (more like built from scratch) after the devastating earthquake that struck Lijiang in 1996. Limited captions do very little to introduce the Mu family's history, but for many the beautiful grounds are reason enough to visit.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Hotel: InterContinental Lijiang Ancient Town Resort or similar



Day05 Lijiang – Dali

Dali Old Town: Dali Old Town is a historic town with rich culture located between Cangshan Mountain and Erhai Lake with profound Bai culture. Wander in the old town to have a leisurely exploration of city gates, old towers, old streets, temples, churches, museums, shops, and bars

Dali Confucian Temple: Dali's attractive Confucian Temple is a 2014 reconstruction on the site of the original Qing dynasty structure, but the grounds are peaceful and there are small museum exhibits inside that are worth a look

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Hotel: Hotel Indigo Dali Erhai or similar



Day06 Dali tour

Three Pagodas: Absolutely *the* symbol of the town and region, these pagodas, a 2km walk north of the north gate, are among the oldest standing structures in southwestern China. The tallest of the three, Qianxun Pagoda, has 16 tiers that reach a height of 70m. It was originally erected in the mid-9th century by engineers from Xi'an. It is flanked by two smaller 10-tiered pagodas, each of which is 42m high.

Dali Municipal Museum: The museum houses a small collection of archaeological pieces relating to Bai history, including some fine figurines. English descriptions are lacking, but the ambiance is nice.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Hotel: Hotel Indigo Dali Erhai or similar



Day07 Dali – Kunming (High Speed Train)

Take the high-speed train from Dali to Kunming around 2.5hrs

Kunming: has long been known as one of China's most liveable cities. Known as the 'Spring City' for its equable climate, it remains a very pleasant place to kick back for a few days. For visitors who haven't succumbed to the laid-back attitude of the place, there are plenty of temples and national parks nearby to keep you busy during the day and a fair few craft breweries and cool bars to hold your attention at night.

Green Lake Park: Come here to people-watch, practise taichi or just hang with the locals and stroll through winding lines that meander through the 22 hectares of ponds and pavilions. The roads surrounding the park are lined with wannabe trendy cafes, teahouses, and shops. In November, everyone in the city awaits the return of the local favorites: red-beaked seagulls. It's a treat watching people, er, 'flock' to the park when the first one shows up.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Hotel: InterContinental Kunming or similar



Day08 Stone Forest Scenic Area – Jiuxiang Cave

Stone Forest Scenic Area: Listed as World Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2007, Stone Forest is located in the hinterland of Yunnan Plateau - Shilin Yi Autonomous County, and is 78km from Kunming. It's the only karst landform scenic spot located in subtropical plateau area. The Stone Forest has the most unique karst landform in the world due to its long history, large scale, and rich categories. It's reputed as the "First Wonder under the Heaven" and enjoys a high reputation in world geography circles. Stone Forest was formed about 270 million years ago, and after a long period of geological evolution and complex paleogeography and environment evolution, precious geological relics have finally been formed. The whole scenic area is very large, about 1,100 square kilometers, including various scenes: stone forests, karst caves, waterfalls, underground rivers, etc. Besides the natural scenery, Stone Forest also attracts numerous tourists for its featured Yi ethnic culture, and the most famous one is the legend of Ashima, which represents the image of Stone Forest. **Jiuxiang Cave** is a karst cave system in the Jiuxiang Scenic Area of Yunnan Province, China. The area is known as the "Museum of Karst Caves" and is China's largest cave group system, with more than 100 caves, though only 60 have been explored. The caves are often called the Underground Stone Forest and are part of a 3D karst landscape that includes the Stone Forest on the ground and the Jiuxiang caves underground

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Hotel: InterContinental Kunming or similar



Day09 Departure Kunming

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight.

Meals: Breakfast

From 6pax departure

Price: \$2450.00/pp based on twin share

Prices include:

1. 7 nights All 5 stars hotel or local best
2. 1 Speed Train ticket: Dali – Kunming
3. Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
4. All sightseeing admission
5. Cable car
6. Local cuisine
7. Hotel room based on Twin share
8. Impression shows at VIP seat

Price does not include:

1. International air tickets
2. Tips
3. Travel insurance
4. Any personal expenses