



9-Day Tour of Ethnic Minority Culture & Natural Beauty

Route: Guiyang – Anshun – Kaili – Rongjiang – Zhaoxing – Sanjiang - Longsheng Town - Guilin
Duration: 9 days

Highlights:

- Feel the grandeur and listen to the roaring of Huangguoshu Waterfall
- Get a taste of ethnic minority culture at Zhaoxing Dong Village
- Discover the rich and colorful minority culture in Guizhou
- Admire the magnificent Terraced Rice Fields



Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Guiyang **Overnight:** Guiyang

Upon arrival at the Guiyang airport, meet your local guide and be escorted to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to relax or explore the city on your own.

Day 2: Guiyang - Anshun – Guiyang **Overnight:** Guiyang

After breakfast, drive about 2.5 hours to Anshun to see the famous Huangguoshu Waterfall - China's largest waterfall which is 243 feet high and 266 feet wide. Afterwards, visit the historic town of Tianlong Tunpu where the centuries-old customs and traditional houses remain intact. Finally, be driven back to Guiyang after the tour.

Day 3: Guiyang – Kaili **Overnight:** Kaili

After breakfast, take a 2.5-hour drive to Kaili, home to 48 ethnic groups including Bai, Dai, Dong, Miao, Yi, Zhuang, Naxi, and Hani as well as the cultural hub of the Miao people. Visit the Kaili Folk Museum that houses exhibits including costumes, handicrafts, paintings and architecture of these ethnic groups, then Matang Gejia Village which is known for its batik and colorful costumes, and Qingman Miao Village where you have the chance to admire its traditional silk felt and cloth weaving.

Day 4: Kaili **Overnight:** Kaili

Today, you will discover three villages of the Miao people around Kaili: Jidao Miao Village, a lovely quiet village perched by the Bala River where you will find old barns, drums and a traditional singing hall; Shiqiao Miao Village whose age-old way of using hemp to make paper survives the time; and Paika Miao Village where you can learn about its unique traditional musical instrument called Lusheng.

Day 5: Kaili – Rongjiang **Overnight:** Rongjiang

After breakfast, take a private transfer (3.5 hrs' drive) to Rongjiang. After arrival, visit Chejiang Dong Village which is considered the birthplace of Dong people who are famed for their drum towers and "wind and rain bridges."

Day 6: Rongjiang – Zhaoxing **Overnight:** Zhaoxing

Today, drive to Congjiang and visit the Basha Miao Village whose inhabitants still live in wooden houses and follow ancient customs. You may be surprised that men here have unique hairstyles and are allowed to keep guns. After that, head to Yintan Dong Village that is situated on the mountaintop and known as Guizhou's best preserved Dong village. Continue to Zhaoxing and visit Zhaoxing Dong Village where you will be amazed by its beautiful wooden houses, drum towers, and "wind and rain bridges."

Day 7: Zhaoxing – Sanjiang **Overnight:** Sanjiang

After breakfast, you will be driven for about 5 hours to the city of Sanjiang which is located in Guangxi province and inhabited by Dong people. You will explore Chengyang by visiting the lively markets, hillside farms and villages there. The highlight of Chengyang is the Wind and Rain Bridge, which is one of the most precious artistic wood architectures in China.

Day 8: Sanjiang - Longsheng Town – Guilin **Overnight:** Guilin

Leave Sanjiang in the morning and set off for Longsheng County. After a 2.5-hour drive, you will get to the Longsheng Rice Terraces which are also called Longji, to appreciate the mind-blowing views of the rice fields covering the mountains tier upon tier. Longji means "Dragon's Backbone". When you climb to the top of it and overlook the nearby terraced rice fields, you will have the feeling of standing on the back of a dragon. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the hotel in Guilin. The rest of the day is at your disposal, you may relax or explore this picturesque city on your own.

Day 9: Guilin - Departure

Enjoy your free time until you are escorted to the airport for your flight to the next destination.