



5-Day Exploration of Folk Customs of Ethnic Minorities

Route: Guiyang-Kaili-Guiyang **Duration:** 4 days

Highlights:

- Get to know the colorful minority culture and customs
- Discover the unique way of courtship and marriage of the Miao people
- Explore how batik, cloth, paper and musical instrument are made



Itinerary:

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

Upon arrival at Guiyang airport, meet your local guide and be escorted to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your disposal.

Day 2: 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 3: Kaili **Overnight:** Kaili

After breakfast, take a 2-hour drive to Shidong Town which is known as the "Ocean of Song and Dance" and "Village of Arts". On the 15th day of the third month in the lunar calendar every year, you may enjoy a celebration of the local traditional Sister's Meal Festival, which is regarded as the Valentine's Day for the Miao people. When the day comes, the Miao girls will be wearing their best costumes, singing and dancing with the young men together. If a girl takes a fancy to someone, a kind of distinctive five-color glutinous rice will be given as a present to the one she fancies. During the festival, you may also enjoy some other activities with ethnic characteristics, such as bull fighting, bird fighting and horse racing, etc. Late in the afternoon, be accompanied back to and stay overnight in Kaili.

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 – Guiyang - Departure

Enjoy your free time until the tour guide picks you up and transfers you to Guiyang airport for your next destination.

