

An aerial photograph of a mountainous region in Guizhou, China, showcasing terraced rice fields. The terraces are filled with water, reflecting the sky and surrounding greenery. A small village with traditional wooden houses is nestled in the center of the terraces. The background features lush green mountains and a layer of mist or low clouds. The overall scene is vibrant and scenic.

Guizhou

Never Find the Same, Never Find the End.



Home to sheer limestone peaks, dramatic gorges and cascading waterfalls, Guizhou has long been largely unknown to travelers outside China, yet it is now one of the most promising travel destinations in the country. From Huangguoshu Waterfall Cluster, named as the biggest one in Guinness World Records, to the amazing Karst and Danxia landscapes, listed as UNESCO world heritage sites, from the photogenic villages untouched by modern development to the Miao and Dong ethnic minority groups which still retains ancient traditions, architecture and cuisine, Guizhou is just like an enormous treasure for your to explore.

It's time to know this hidden gem and add it in your tour packages! Just do it before everybody else picks up on its allures!

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Scenery Never Gets Old in Guizhou

Beautiful scenery is everywhere in Guizhou which is presented as gifts to the visitors, such as the starry skies that are increasingly rare in big cities, and cultures of ethnic minorities that are untainted by the modern civilizations. Guizhou is, perhaps, a faraway paradise on earth, where one can immerse himself in the magnificent mountains and waters and enjoy a peace of mind. The landscapes of Guizhou have always been charming and enticing, keeping visitors to continue their stay for days, weeks, or even years, as life here never gets dull. The hardest question is probably whether these beautiful landscapes that never get old could ever be forgotten.

Guizhou province has a rich culture and stunning landscape. The majesty of Huangguoshu Waterfall; the vibrant colors of Xiaoqikong; the Chishui River, which is the birthplace of Maotai wine and harbors the beautiful landform of Danxia; and the unique folk culture of the big cities and small villages of southeastern Guizhou have all created a unique and fascinating tourist destination.

① Guizhou's Trademark: The Huangguoshu Waterfall



Huangguoshu Waterfalls Cluster has been listed in the Guinness World Records as the world's largest waterfall cluster. With Huangguoshu Waterfall at the heart of the feature, 18 various types of waterfalls span across the 20-kilometer-long upstream and downstream reach of the Huangguoshu Waterfall.

② Zhenyuan Ancient Town



Zhenyuan is a small town surrounded by mountains and rivers. The Wuyang River flows through the city from the west to the east, which forms a unique yin-yang shape in the ancient town where "nine mountains surround one river, and one river separates the town into two." Hence, it is also known as the "Venice of the East" by tourists.

③ Zhaoxing Dong Village



Zhaoxing is the main birthplace and protected area of the Dong culture. It is the largest Dong village in the country and is known as the "first Dong village of the Dong people." This place has an interesting ethnic culture, and fortunately the old buildings of the Dong population, the unique Dong culture, the art of exquisite Dong architecture, and the original folk customs are all well-preserved and well-known to the world.

Terrains Never Get Dull in Guizhou

Guizhou is a unique and stunning place that is rich in distinctive karst mountains and waters. The rolling karst peaks; the natural caves that display the amazing landforms of earth; the gushing waterfall and flowing hot springs that exhibit the gracefulness of the water movements; the stepped terraces that reflect the scene of bountiful harvest in spring and autumn; and the towering peaks and the low grasslands – these are all fascinating landscapes hard to be found elsewhere. As distinctive peaks emerge above ground and karst caves form underground, the “Mountainous Park Province” is undoubtedly the best title for Guizhou.

① Painting-like Terraced Fields



Terraced fields are a highlight of the Guizhou landscape. The months of April and May are the season for irrigating the terraced fields of Guizhou, where the fields glisten in the sunlight after irrigation, accentuating its beautiful contours. Against the backdrop of the quaint villages, the ancient architecture and the vibrant green pastures, the scenery is fascinating and beautiful beyond words. In summer, the terraces resemble water ripples, except it is of greenery and crops, and green ribbons fluttering in the wind; in autumn, crops of different maturity stages planted on the terraces display different shades of gold, creating a beautiful painting-like scenery; in winter, remnants of golden rice straws and green arable land interweave and fill the terraces, forming a beautiful Chinese painting-like landscape.

② Fanjingshan National Nature Reserve

Mount Fanjing is like a pure land away from the material world, providing an undisturbed habitat for many rare animals and plants, and preserving the ecosystem and biodiversity of the isolated mountain with a subtropical climate. It is listed as one of the World Heritage Sites, being the only habitat in the world for Guizhou Golden Monkey and the plant, *Abies Fanjingshanensis*. Surrounded by the vast karst landforms, Mount Fanjing is an "ecological island" sitting in a sea of karst landforms with sharp mountain peaks, steep cliffs and deep valleys. The ebb and flow of the waterfalls, and millions of years of wind and water erosion have craved the tall mountains peaks and stone forests surrounding the old Fanjing temples.



③ Libo Xiaoqikong

Libo has the best karst landscape – it has clear flowing waters, emerald green ripples, silent ancient bridges, charming and glistening Wolongtan, captivating and gushing waterfalls, a forest on the waters that is dynamic yet composed, it also houses the Yao people that have lived here for a long time. This World Heritage Site combines the beauty of ethnic culture and natural scenery, where it is a display of harmony between modern commercialization and tradition and nature.



A Tapestry of Ethnic Minorities in Guizhou

During your visit to Guizhou, you may be amazed that while the precious imprints of the Chinese civilization are gradually lost in the passage of time, they are well-preserved in these mountain villages. Hence, you will not only find yourself traveling in space, but traveling in time as well. In Guizhou, there are inhabitants of the Dong (also called Kam) and Miao people who have migrated from the Central Plain, the Shui people that came from the coast of the rivers and lakes, and even the Tunpu people, who decided to station and encamp here centuries ago.

This is the reason why, even as you stand among the unparalleled scenery of Guizhou, appreciating the culture of the 18 different ethnic groups is one of the best experiences. You will never forget the ethnic architecture with powerful visual impact, the original and colorful folk songs and dances, and the traditional costumes with exquisite craftsmanship and unique styles.



1. The Miao People

The Miao nationality is the largest, most widely distributed, and the most divergent and complex ethnic minority in Guizhou, where half of China's Miao population lives here. The Miao costume has the longest history and is the most colorful costume among all ethnic costumes in China. With more than 200 types of Miao ethnic clothing styles, the southeastern Guizhou is also known as the "Miao costume museum." The Miao people are known for wearing eye-catching colors with intricate decorations that embodies its rich cultural heritage. Silver ornaments, Miao embroidery, and batik are some of the main features of Miao costumes, and Chinese traditional techniques of weaving, embroidering, picking, and dyeing have been preserved during the making of these costumes. Therefore, many Chinese and overseas sinologists regard Guizhou as an ideal place for the study of the Miao nationality.



2. The Dong People (Also Known As Kam People)

The ancestors of the Dong people are said to have lived in caves from the very beginning of the history. Today, there are about 1.6 million Dong people in Guizhou. The culture of the Dong people is reflected in its residential buildings - the gorgeous Drum Towers, the exquisite village doors and the Sasui altars have constituted the main village culture of the Dong people.

It is said that the Dong people have three treasures: Drum Towers, Kam Grand Choirs, and the Wind-Rain Bridge. The Kam Grand Choirs is listed in UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage. It is a form of natural folk chorus that is polyphonic, and without conductor and accompaniment. On the world stage, the Kam Grand Choirs have an unparalleled charm. As the Dong people do not have a written language, their history and culture has been passed down by the word of mouth, which is the reason why the Kam Grand Choirs is an embodiment of the spirit and emotions of the Kam people.



3. The Gelao People

The Gelao people are one of the oldest inhabitants and pioneers of Guizhou. For the Gelao people living in Shiqian County, the Maolong Festival is their biggest festive celebration of the year. During the period of the Lantern Festival, the locals make dragon figures with bamboo poles, and express their hopes for great harvest through dragon dance performances. Today, the costumes of the Gelao people are no different from those of the ordinary Han people. Only in the most remote mountain villages can one occasionally see Gelao people wearing the traditional horn shape hairstyle, called "Chao Tian Ji".

Festivals Are Never the Same in Guizhou

Standing among the unparalleled natural scenery of Guizhou, appreciating the culture and festivals of the ethnic minorities there is one of the best experiences. The ethnic architecture with strong visual impact; the original and colorful folk songs and dances; the traditional costumes with exquisite craftsmanship and unique styles; the numerous festive celebrations, jubilant bullfighting and songs, and long table banquets – these have created many unforgettable experiences, especially when you are surrounded by the singing and dancing of the hospitable locals and invited to take part in their festivals and the various activities. It will definitely be a unique experience that cannot be found elsewhere.

1. The Miao Sisters' Meal Festival

During the celebration of the Miao Sisters' Meal Festival, young men and women of Miao dressed in festive costumes invite their lovers to sing songs and partake the sisters' meals, join the Reed Pipe Dance, Wooden Drum, and exchange love tokens and arrange betrothals. This is a true display of the love life of men and women during the transition period of the shift from the matriarchal society to the patriarchal society in the history of human civilization. The Miao Sisters' Meal Festival is also known as the "Sisters' Day", which is held every year from the 15th to 17th day of the third lunar month. During this time, young Miao men and women dressed in festive costumes gather in the Rongshan Town, Yangjiazhai, and Pianzhai to celebrate this traditional ethnic festival. Due to its romantic elements, this festival is also known as "the oldest Oriental Valentine's Day".

2. Huanggang Goddess of Thunder Worship Festival



Huanggang is the only Kam village that celebrates the Goddess of Thunder Worship Festival, which is also known as the Rain Festival. This is the liveliest day of the year. The whole village, men and women, gather in the center of the village to set up the worship ceremony stage for the festival, play the reed flutes, perform the Caitang Dance, and sing the Grand Song. Visitors can participate in the festival and enjoy these powerful voices that create a sense of history. A worship ceremony is then held by the priest on the stage. When it ends, a long table banquet will be set up according to the requests of the different families, and guests will be invited to eat, sing, and toast one another. In the evening, there will be singing performance of the Grand Song at the Drum Towers as well as other entertainment activities.

3. The Kam Grand Choir Festival



One will naturally be in awe of the polyphonic melodies of Kam Grand Choirs with no accompaniment, as it is a sign of respect for nature, for tradition and for humanity. The Grand Song of Kam is truly worthy of the "World Intangible Heritage" title, as it expresses the life and spirit of the Kam people. The best places to appreciate the choir are in the villages of Zaidang and Jiasuo. In these quiet villages, children go to the Grand Song Institution to learn the chorus every night, and visitors can hear the clear and bright voices of children echo through the roof and into the sky.



4-Day Essence of Guizhou and Ethnic Minority Discovery Tour

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

Highlights:

- Discover the rich and colorful minority culture and folk customs
- Explore how batik, cloth, paper and musical instrument are made
- Enjoy a wonderful performance of minority musical instrument Lusheng

Itinerary:

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

Upon arrival at Guiyang airport, meet your local guide and be escorted to your hotel. After a break, start the exploration from the Jiaxiu Tower, which was built in 1598 in the Ming Dynasty. It is one of the historical and cultural relics as well as the iconic landmark of the city. Afterwards, move to the Market of Birds, Flowers, Antiques & Craftworks, where you can experience the daily life of local people.

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

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 4: Kaili - Guiyang - Departure

Enjoy your free time until your guide and driver transfer you to Guiyang airport for your departure flight.



5-Day Discovery Tour in Guizhou

Route: Guiyang – Anshun – Kaili – Guiyang

Duration: 5 days

Highlights:

- Admire the grandeur of Huangguoshu Waterfall
- Discover the rich and colorful minority culture and customs
- Explore how batik, cloth, paper and musical instrument are made

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in 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 – 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 Tianlong Tunpu Ancient Town where the centuries-old customs and traditional houses remain intact. With a bit of luck, you may have the opportunity to watch the local Ground Opera, once a sacrificial ceremony that was performed by local soldiers to pray for victory in battle.

Day 3: Guiyang - Kaili **Overnight:** Kaili

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Day 5: Kaili – Guiyang - Departure

Enjoy your free time until your guide and driver transfer you to Guiyang airport for your departure flight.





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

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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.



3-Day Guizhou Ethnic Minority Tour

Route: Guiyang – Kaili – Leishan – Guiyang

Duration: 3 days

Highlights:

- Admire the peaceful pastoral scenery in the Miao villages
- Enjoy a wonderful performance of minority musical instrument Lusheng
- Appreciate the unique minority costume culture

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival - Guiyang - Kaili **Overnight:** Kaili

Upon arrival at Guiyang airport, meet your local tour guide and then take a 2.5-hour drive all the way to Kaili, a place inhabited by one of the major ethnic minority groups in China – Miao. You will be given a general introduction about the geography and folk customs in Guizhou on the way. After arriving in Kaili, have a relaxing walk in the local market, where you will definitely be impressed by the daily life of the Miao people.

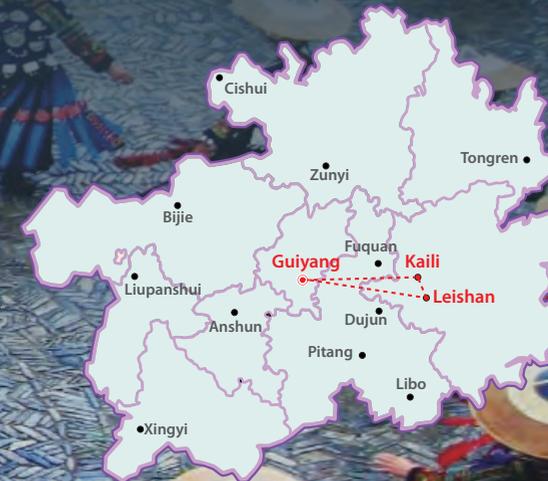
Day 2: Kaili - Leishan - Kaili **Overnight:** Kaili

After breakfast, set off to the Langde Miao Village, which is 27km away from Kaili. It is one of the most typical Miao villages whose people mainly wear long skirts, and is renowned for its Chinese folk arts. You will be attracted by not only the pastoral scenery but also the distinctive local traditions there. The friendly locals will warmly greet you by offering the "Block-the-Way Wine" for 12 times while setting off firecrackers and singing folk songs. In addition, you will enjoy a traditional performance and the well-preserved architectures there at the same time. After lunch, proceed to Datang, a small Miao village with only around 500 villagers. It is famous for the unique-style miniskirts worn by the Miao females. The Paika Miao Village is the last spot of today, where you may learn about the procedure of making Lusheng - a traditional Miao musical instrument made of bamboo, and enjoy a fabulous Lusheng performance.

Day 3: Kaili - Guiyang - Departure

In the morning, take a 30-minute drive to Matang Gejia Village which is located to the north of Kaili. It is a small Miao village inhabited by the Gejia people who were considered as a sub-group of the Miao minority. You will admire the gorgeous batik costumes, and experience the distinctive lifestyle of the locals. After that, visit the Qingman Miao Village where you can get an insight into the traditional weaving arts of silk felt and cloth. It is also one of the most typical Miao villages near Kaili whose people mainly wear short skirts.

In the afternoon, you will be transferred to Guiyang airport for your next destination.





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.

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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.

16-Day China Ethnic Minority Exploration Tour

Route: Beijing - Xi'an - Guiyang - Anshun - Kaili - Rongjiang - Zhaoxing - Congjiang - Guilin - Shanghai
Duration: 16 days

Highlights:

- Take a river cruise among the beautiful karst pinnacles in Guilin
- Get a taste of ethnic minority culture at Zhaoxing Dong Village
- Witness the life-size Terracotta Warriors, each with one-of-a-kind expression
- See the breathtaking Great Wall at Mutianyu
- Take a stroll along the Bund, Shanghai's iconic waterfront

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Beijing **Overnight:** Beijing

Arrive at Beijing Capital International Airport where your personal tour guide will greet you and take you to the hotel and assist with the check-in. Make the most of the rest of the day to relax and recover from the jet lag.

Day 2: Beijing **Overnight:** Beijing

After breakfast, head to the Tiananmen Square, one of the largest city squares in the world as well as China's spiritual heart. If you want to see the flag raising ceremony held at sunrise, don't forget to rise early. After passing through the Tiananmen Gate, arrive at the imposing 600-year-old Forbidden City which served as the residence of 24 emperors in the Ming and Qing dynasties and only those who had the permission of the emperor could enter. Explore the Summer Palace afterward, an imperial garden where Qing emperors vacationed during the hot days in summer. You can take a short boat ride on Kunming Lake (unavailable from November to next April because of the frozen lake).

Day 3: Beijing **Overnight:** Beijing

The magnificent Great Wall of China is a must-go site for any visitors to Beijing. Built over 2,000 years ago, it stretches around 6,700 km across northern China. This morning, you will be able to witness it at Mutianyu, a less visited part of the wall with beautiful mountain views. You may want to take a cable car up and down due to its steep stairs. Afterwards, head to Chang Tomb, the largest and best preserved of the 13 Ming Tombs, and end today's tour in a jade gallery.

Day 4: Beijing - Xi'an **Overnight:** Xi'an

After breakfast, visit the Temple of Heaven, which is actually not a temple, but a large altar for ancient Chinese emperors to carry out rituals in order to achieve good harvest and eternal peace. Nowadays, it's a popular place for the locals to do exercise, practicing Tai Chi, playing instruments, singing or dancing. After lunch, be escorted to the railway station for the high-speed train tour (4.5-6 hours) to Xi'an. When you arrive, be met by your personal guide and taken to the hotel.

Day 5: Xi'an **Overnight:** Xi'an

After breakfast, discover the awe-inspiring army of Terracotta Warriors. What makes these clay soldiers so fascinating is not only its great number and life-size, but also their one-of-a-kind facial expression. After that, continue to Xi'an Art Ceramics Factory where you can learn how to make these terracotta warriors. Visit the Ancient City Wall which is the best-preserved in China before exploring the Muslim Street where you can try some local delicacies, or hunt for souvenirs.

Optional: Watch an evening Tang Dynasty Show to appreciate the art of the golden era in Chinese history.





Day 6: Xi'an - Guiyang **Overnight:** Guiyang

In the morning, try your hand at writing Chinese characters in the Small Wild Goose Pagoda which offers Calligraphy class in an exhibition hall. Then be transferred to the airport for the flight to Guiyang. On the way to the airport, visit Hanyang Tomb of Emperor Jing and his wife in the Han Dynasty. On arrival in Guiyang, meet your local guide and be escorted to the hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

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Day 12: Zhaoxing - Congjiang - Guilin **Overnight:** Guilin

In the morning, transfer to the railway station for a 1-hour high-speed train to Guilin. Upon arrival, be met by your private guide and escorted to the hotel. After a short rest, explore the Reed Flute Cave where you may marvel at its extraordinary stalactites and stalagmites lightened by multi-colored lights. Then visit a Pearl Shop that boasts 2,000 different kinds of sea pearls, which is good to look around or find souvenirs.

Day 13: Yangshuo **Overnight:** Yangshuo

After breakfast, drive for about 40 minutes to the pier where you will leave for Yangshuo with a leisurely Li River cruise (about 3.5-4 hours), which is considered a must-do in Guilin. En route, see spectacular limestone peaks, crystal-clear water, flourishing bamboo groves, and buffaloes grazing on the banks, all of which are picture-perfect for your photo album. Arrive at Yangshuo and transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at your own disposal. You may want to take a stroll along the famous West Street, eat or drink at a local eatery, pub, or café, or shop for some nice souvenirs.

Optional: In the evening, enjoy the show of Impression Liu Sanjie with the stunning Li River and limestone hills as the backdrop.

Day 14: Yangshuo - Guilin - Shanghai **Overnight:** Shanghai

After breakfast, explore Yangshuo's countryside (1.5-2 hours) either by bike or by car. During the trip, you can absorb amazing views of rice paddies and hills. If you like, it's also possible to arrange a home visit to learn about the everyday life of the local people. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport with the escort of your private guide and driver, and fly to Shanghai. On arrival, your guide there will pick you up and take you to the hotel.

Day 15: Shanghai **Overnight:** Shanghai

After breakfast, embark on a guided tour of this vibrant, futuristic city. Start from the state-of-the-art Shanghai Museum (closed on Mondays), home to an excellent collection of ancient Chinese artifacts, then wander around the classic Yu Garden with pagodas, pavilions, fountains and flowers to see, and the adjacent Yuyuan Market. Make a stop at a Silk Workshop to learn about how silk is processed before heading to the Former French Concession which has leafy boulevards, boutiques, bars, cafes, etc. Today's tour ends with a walk along the Bund, a waterfront area which has long been seen as the symbol of Shanghai.

Optional: In the evening, enjoy an entertaining Acrobatic Show, a perfect blend of opera, Kungfu, and dance.

Day 16: Shanghai - Departure

Today, spend some free time until you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight.

Guizhou Transportation Guide

Guizhou's Location:

Guizhou province is located in the hinterlands of southwest China. It is the transport hub of southwestern China and an important part of the Yangtze River Economic Belt. Guizhou sits adjacent to Yunnan, Guangxi, Hunan, Chongqing, and Sichuan province, and has a total area of 176,200 square kilometers.

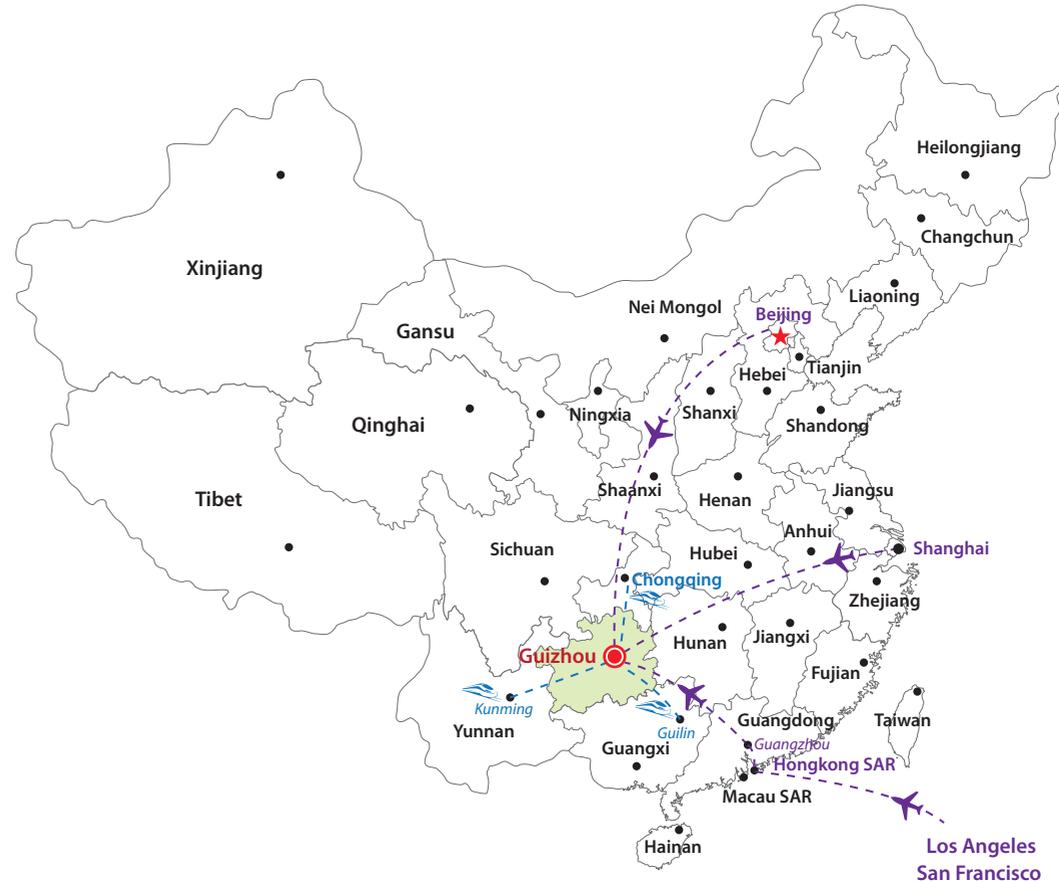
Getting to Guizhou

By plane

- There are 1 airline hub and 16 feeder airports in Guizhou. The main airport is Guiyang Longdongbao International Airport. Most North American tourists make connecting flights from port cities to the Longdongbao International Airport. Currently, direct flights from Los Angeles-Hong Kong-Guiyang and San Francisco-Hong Kong-Guiyang are opened.
- **Flight time from airports of port cities to Guiyang Airport:**
 Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport to Guiyang Airport - 1 hr 45 mins
 Beijing Capital International Airport to Guiyang Airport - 2 hrs 45 mins
 Shanghai Pudong International Airport to Guiyang Airport - 3 hrs

By High-speed railway

- Yunnan Kunming South Railway Station - Guiyang North Railway Station, duration: 2 hours
- Guangxi Guilin West Railway Station - Guiyang East Railway Station, duration: 2 hours
- Chongqing West Railway Station - Guiyang North Railway Station, duration: 2 hours



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