

Discover the Wonder of China: Unveiling The Hidden Treasures

- **Route 01: Beijing – Chengdu – Guiyang - Zunyi**
- **Time: 09/03/2024 – 09/14/2024**

Welcome to the mesmerizing land of China, a country that effortlessly blends ancient traditions with modern marvels. Embark on an unforgettable journey as we take you on a whirlwind tour through four enchanting cities: Beijing, Chengdu, Guiyang, Zunyi. Each city has its unique charm, rich history, and splendid attractions waiting to be explored. We will organize group tours with expert escort scholars, organize in-depth lectures, and interactive activities with local people.

Day 1: Arrival in Beijing

- Arrive at Beijing Capital International Airport and check into the hotel for rest.
- Attend the Beijing Foundation Dinner.

Welcome to Beijing, the heart of China, where the past meets the present. Discover a harmonious blend of imperial grandeur and contemporary splendor. As the capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing is the political, cultural and economic center of modern China and has been on the top list of attractions on China trips. Since it served as capitals for ancient China for many centuries, it also has many UNESCO heritage sites including the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heavens and many temples, etc. You can visit the Great Wall and the Forbidden City in one day, but we highly recommend that you arrange at least two days in Beijing so that you can explore more landmark attractions in small lanes (hutong) in Beijing.



Day 2: Beijing

- Morning visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.
- Afternoon visit to the National Ballet of China.
- Evening exploration of Wangfujing Street.
- Attend the Old Hongjiang Sauce Dinner.

【Tiananmen Square 天安门广场】

Experience the vastness of this historical square, a symbol of China's political and cultural significance. Located in the center of Beijing, Tiananmen Square is the political heart of China. It is the largest urban square in the world extending 880 meters from north to south, 500 meters from east to west and can accommodate over one million people for gatherings. Many famous historic events took place here. It is surrounded by many landmark buildings such as the People's Hall on its west and the Chinese History Museum on the east, and the Monument for the People's Heroes right in the center.



【The Palace Museum 故宫】 – 【The Forbidden City 紫禁城】

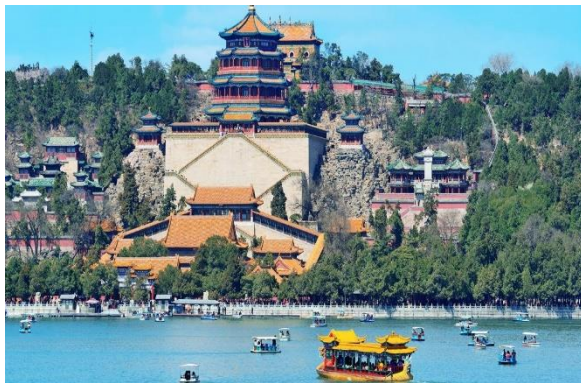
Step into history as you enter this ancient palace complex, once exclusive to Chinese emperors and their courts. The Forbidden City, palaces for more than 24 emperors over five hundred years, was the power center for feudal China during the Ming and Qing dynasties (1368–1911). With the city proper and all the majestic palace buildings being well preserved, it is acclaimed as one of the five great palace building complexes in the world. It is now a palace museum on the World Cultural Heritage List.





[The Summer Palace 颐和园 the Temple of Heaven 天坛] ...

Besides the forbidden city for emperors to live and work, parks for winter and summer excursions, temples for worship and sacrifices were also built for the imperial families. They are very well preserved and are open to citizens to enjoy and visitors to appreciate the typical traditional imperial garden-style architecture in magnificent scale. Immerse yourself in the spiritual atmosphere of this ancient temple, where emperors once prayed for good harvests.



Day 3: Beijing

- Visit the Great Wall to experience the ancient architectural marvel.
- Evening enjoy a Chinese drama performance.
- Attend the "Great Nation Brands" Dinner.



Day 4: Fly to Chengdu

- Explore the Wuhou Shrine, Jinli Street.
- Wander through the Kuanzhai Alley.
- Experience Sichuan Opera Face-Changing.

Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province in China, is known as a “land of abundance”, “country of heaven” and “home for pandas.” Because of its geographical location in southwest China, it has been an important place in history. Its earliest prehistoric settlers include the Sanxingdui culture, Dujiangyan, site of the UNESCO recognized world ancient irrigation system heritage. The city is now one of the most important economic, financial, commercial, cultural, transportation, and communication centers in China. It is most widely associated with giant pandas because of the “Panda Reserves.” It is a transportation hub to Tibet and the UNESCO World Heritages: Leshan Giant Buddha 乐山大佛, Mount Emei 峨眉山 and Jiuzhaigou 九寨沟. Modern Chengdu enjoys a reputation for its slow, carefree, leisure and relaxing daily life for tea, varieties of foods and recreational activities.



【Temple of Marquis Wu 武侯祠】

The temple is perhaps the most influential museum of Three Kingdoms (220–280) relics in China. It was built in the Western Jin period (265–316) in the honor of Zhuge Liang, the famous military and political strategist who was Prime Minister of the Shu Han

State during the Three Kingdoms period. The Shrine highlights the Zhuge Liang Memorial Temple and the Hall of Liu Bei (founder of the Shu Han state), along with statues of other historical figures of Shu Han, as well as cultural relics like stone inscriptions and tablets.



【Jinli Street 锦里街】

Jinli Street, located in the heart of Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, is a historic ancient street renowned for its preservation of traditional architecture and Chengdu's distinctive culture. It stands as one of Chengdu's most famous tourist attractions. Known for its ancient-style buildings and unique Sichuan features, Jinli Street offers visitors the opportunity to indulge in a variety of traditional cuisines, purchase local handicrafts and souvenirs, and enjoy traditional Sichuan opera performances. The street's array of snack shops, teahouses, restaurants, and stores create an ambiance reminiscent of ancient Chengdu, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the charm of traditional Sichuan culture.

In addition to its rich cultural offerings and culinary delights, Jinli Street frequently hosts various traditional festivals and cultural events, attracting a large number of tourists and local residents alike. A leisurely stroll along this street allows visitors to experience Chengdu's long history and unique lifestyle, leaving them with unforgettable memories.



【Sichuan Opera Face-Changing 川剧变脸】

Sichuan Opera Face-Changing, or "Bian Lian" in Chinese, is a mesmerizing traditional performance art originating from Sichuan Province, China. This captivating art form is renowned for its rapid and dramatic changes of masks, revealing different facial expressions in quick succession.

During a Sichuan Opera Face-Changing performance, performers wear vividly colored masks depicting various characters from Chinese folklore and mythology. Through a series of swift movements, including spins, flips, and gestures, the performers magically change their masks, seamlessly transitioning from one character to another in a matter of seconds. Sichuan Opera Face-Changing is not only a form of entertainment but also a showcase of traditional Chinese culture and craftsmanship. The intricate techniques and elaborate masks convey the rich history and vibrant traditions of Sichuan Province, captivating audiences with its beauty and mystery.



Day 5: Chengdu

- Explore the Dujiangyan Irrigation System.
- Visit the Sanxingdui Ruins.

【Dujiangyan Irrigation System 都江堰】

The Dujiangyan Irrigation System (58 km (36 mi) away from Chengdu city) is the oldest existing irrigation project in the world with a history of over 2000 years diverting water without a dam to distribute water and filter sand with an inflow-quantity control. The system was built by Libing and his son. The irrigation system prevents floods and droughts throughout the Plain of Chengdu.



【Sanxingdui 三星堆遗址】

The Sanxingdui site, located in Sanxing Township, Guanghan City, Sichuan Province, China, is one of the representatives of China's Neolithic civilization. It is an important prehistoric site dating back approximately 4,000 to 5,000 years. The discovery of Sanxingdui astonished the archaeological community as it revealed the exchange and

connection between the ancient Central Plains civilization and the southwestern region.

The most notable artifacts unearthed from Sanxingdui include bronze, jade, and stone artifacts, among which the bronze masks are particularly famous. These masks are believed to have been used in ancient sacrificial rituals, showcasing the religious beliefs and artistic achievements of the ancient Ba-Shu civilization. Additionally, a large number of pictographs were discovered at Sanxingdui, considered to be among the earliest forms of writing in China, holding significant historical and archaeological value.



Day 6: Chengdu

- Visit the Giant Panda Breeding Research Base.
- Take the high-speed train to Yibin.

【Chengdu Giant Panda Reserves 成都大熊猫保护基地】

Spanning over 92 acres of lush bamboo forests and verdant landscapes, the breeding center provides a natural habitat for giant pandas, closely simulating their wild environment. Visitors to the center can observe these magnificent creatures up close as they roam, play, and interact within spacious enclosures.

The Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Center is home to a diverse population of giant pandas, including both adults and adorable panda cubs. Visitors have the opportunity to witness the pandas' daily activities, from leisurely bamboo munching to playful antics, offering a rare glimpse into the daily lives of these beloved animals.

A visit to the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Center offers not only the chance to marvel at these beloved creatures but also the opportunity to support conservation efforts aimed at protecting one of the world's most treasured species. It is a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts, wildlife lovers, and anyone seeking a deeper appreciation for China's natural heritage.



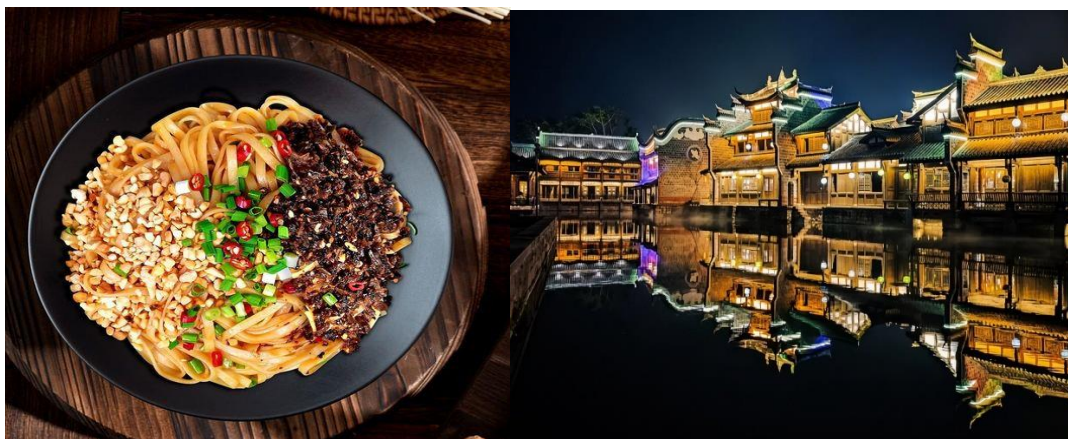
Day 7: Yibin

- Explore Lizhuang Ancient Town.
- Visit the Hejiang Gate.
- Take the high-speed train to Guiyang.

【Li Zhuang Ancient Town 李庄古镇】

Lizhuang Ancient Town, located in Yibin, Sichuan Province, China, is a charming historical town renowned for its well-preserved Ming and Qing Dynasty architecture and rich cultural heritage. Situated along the banks of the Yangtze River, Lizhuang boasts picturesque scenery and a tranquil atmosphere.

Visitors to Lizhuang can stroll through its narrow cobblestone streets lined with traditional wooden houses, ancient temples, and old tea houses. The town's ancient buildings showcase intricate wood carvings, elegant rooftops, and exquisite architectural details, offering a glimpse into the region's historical significance and architectural craftsmanship.



Day 8: Guiyang

- Explore the Qingyan Ancient Town.
- Visit the Jiaxiu Tower.
- Explore the Qianling Park.

Guiyang, nestled in the picturesque province of Guizhou, beckons travelers with its

captivating blend of cultural diversity, stunning landscapes, and culinary delights. As the capital city, Guiyang pulsates with vibrant markets, historic landmarks, and a welcoming atmosphere. Immerse yourself in the city's rich tapestry of ethnic minority traditions, explore its lush natural wonders, and savor the flavors of authentic Guizhou cuisine. From the enchanting Qingyan Ancient Town to the majestic Huangguoshu Waterfall, Guiyang promises an unforgettable journey through the heart of southwestern China.



Day 9: Guiyang

- Visit Huaxi Park and Guiyang Museum in the morning.
- Explore the traditional handicraft market in the afternoon.
- Attend the Old Hongjiang Sauce Dinner.



Day 10: Guiyang - Maotai Town, Guizhou

- Visit the Maotai Town, tour the distillery, and taste Maotai liquor.
- Explore the scenic spots and local folk culture of Maotai Town.
- Attend the Zunyi Comprehensive Test Zone Leadership Dinner.

【Maotai Town 茅台镇】

Maotai Town, nestled in the scenic landscape of Guizhou Province, China, is renowned as the birthplace of Maotai liquor, one of China's most famous spirits. This picturesque town is surrounded by lush greenery and rolling hills, creating a serene backdrop for exploring its rich cultural heritage. Visitors can tour the historic Maotai Distillery, where the world-famous liquor has been produced for centuries, and learn about the traditional brewing process. Additionally, Maotai Town offers opportunities to immerse oneself in the local culture, with charming streets lined with traditional architecture, vibrant markets selling local handicrafts, and delightful culinary experiences featuring authentic Guizhou cuisine. With its unique blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, Maotai Town is a must-visit destination for those seeking to discover the essence of Chinese craftsmanship and tradition.



Day 11: Guiyang - Zunyi

- Visit Zunyi City, including the Zunyi Meeting Site and Zunyi Meeting History Museum.
- Enjoy the scenery and local cuisine of Zunyi City.



Day 12: Return to Beijing

- Fly back to Beijing to conclude the trip.
- Free time for leisure or shopping to purchase Chinese souvenirs.
- Enjoy a final authentic Chinese meal to cherish the wonderful memories.

