



# Beijing & North Yunnan

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### Day 1 – The Heart of Beijing

Upon arrival in Beijing, a private transfer will take you to your hotel where you will stay for 4 nights and enjoy some free time to rest. You will begin your visit of the capital at Tian'anmen Square and the majestic Forbidden City. At the end of the visit, your guide will accompany you up to a viewpoint where we have a secret spot to admire the Forbidden City from above. Then head to Houhai Lake and the lively narrow streets of Yandai Xiejie, typical of the city.

Guided day

Overnight at Beijing Lezai Nanluo or similar.



### Day 2 – The Full Power of China

After breakfast, a private transfer (2h30 each way) will take you to the impressive Great Wall, with privileged access to a confidential section that we keep secret, Jinshanling. In a tundra-like setting, you will enjoy a view of the stone dragon winding through the mountain chain. After returning to Beijing, feel free to try the internationally renowned "Peking Duck"; our team will share the best local addresses.

Non-guided day

Overnight at Beijing Lezai Nanluo or similar. Breakfast included



### Day 3 – The Summer Palace

Private transfer to the Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Summer Palace complex brings together several imperial palaces and temples. It overlooks the immense Kunming Lake and offers an indescribable feeling of grandeur. A building rich in history related to the Opium Wars and the Boxer Rebellion. A must-see to admire the architectural wonders of Chinese imperialism. In the afternoon, stroll through the Hutongs, the small alleys symbolic of Beijing.

Non-guided day

Overnight at Beijing Lezai Nanluo or similar. Breakfast included



### Day 4 – Iconic Temples

Your driver will take you this morning to the Temple of Heaven, a circular and multicolored temple completed in the mid-15th century. Built like a circular Forbidden City under the reign of Emperor Yongle of the Ming dynasty, it is one of the capital's most emblematic sites.

Guided day

Optional: cooking class (Beijing dumplings or Kung Pao chicken)

Overnight at Beijing Lezai Nanluo or similar. Breakfast included.

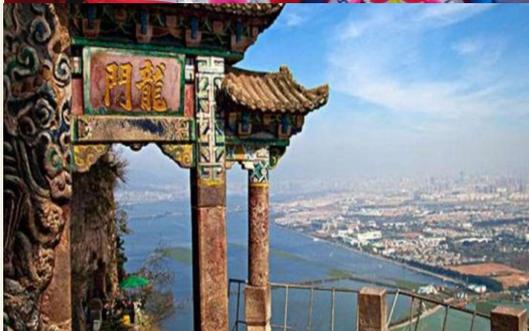


## Day 5 – Beijing/Kunming

Depart Beijing and board your flight to Kunming (3h40) to begin your grand crossing of Yunnan. Upon arrival, private transfer to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day discovering the city, its Green Lake Park, Yuantong Temple, or opt for a boat ride on Dian Lake. You will notice the gastronomy differs greatly from Beijing. In the evening, explore Nanping Street and taste local dishes in this lively district.

Non-guided day

Overnight at Jinbi Hill Hotel or similar. Breakfast included.



## Day 6 – Kunming

A hiking day at Xishan – the Western Hills offering magnificent views over the city and its vast lake. Walk along mountain paths and reach one of the temples built along the cliff face.

Non-guided day

Overnight at Jinbi Hill Hotel or similar. Breakfast included



## Day 7 – Dali/Xizhou

Train transfer from Kunming to Dali. At the gateway to the legendary Tibetan plateau, enjoy a day with your guide discovering Dali and the village of Xizhou, where grand merchant mansions tell the prosperous story of the Tea and Horse Road.

Guided day

Overnight at Dali Yiyuan Hotel or similar. Breakfast included



## Day 8 – Shaxi

An ancient stop on the Tea and Horse Road, Shaxi is a timeless village nestled in a valley between mountains and rice fields. White houses, paved streets and its central square bordered by a wooden theater evoke a rural China that is intact, simple and deeply authentic. Silence of the morning, golden evening light, and the slow rhythm of daily gestures – Shaxi is a gentle, aesthetic and sincere interlude.

Guided day

Overnight at Shaxi Yanma Scenic Vacation Boutique Stay. Breakfast included





## Day 9 – Tiger Leaping Gorge

Tiger Leaping Gorge is one of the deepest canyons in the world. Enjoy an active day hiking along the Yangtze River, with passages along cliff edges on paths carved into the rock.

Guided day

Overnight at Shangri-La Youran Valley Inn or similar. Breakfast included.



## Day 10 – Shangri-la

The day opens in the clear light of the high plateaus. On a hilltop stands the majestic Songzanlin Monastery overlooking the valley like a silent Potala Palace, witness to prayers carried by the wind. Afterwards, stroll through the old town of Dukezong with its dark wooden alleys, prayer wheels, Tibetan craft shops and incense smoke. In the evening, dinner in a characterful home combining stone, wood and heavy fabrics – the simple elegance of altitude.

Non-guided day

Overnight at Shangri-La Youran Valley Inn or similar. Breakfast included.

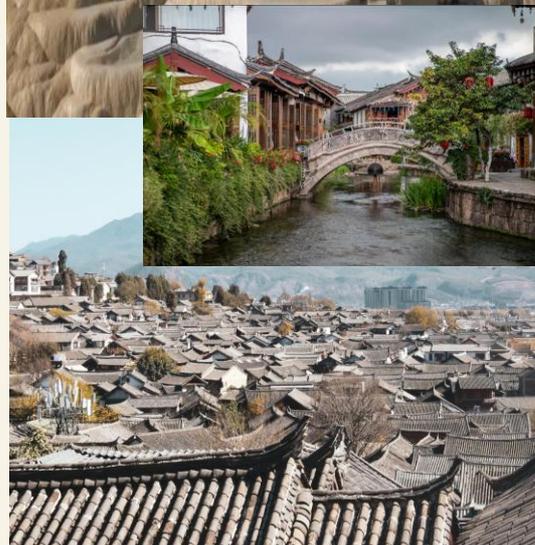


## Day 11 – Baishuitai to Lijiang

Heading south, stop at the Baishuitai terraces (White Water Terraces), a sacred site sculpted in marble where Naxi families come to honor their ancestors. These turquoise pools at 2,380 m altitude are the ultimate reward of your journey across the mountainous plateaus of northern Yunnan. Continue to Lijiang after the excursion.

Non-guided day

Overnight at Yueshang Mountai Viewing Courtyard. Breakfast included.



## Day 12 – Lijiang

In Lijiang, the day begins along the water. Canals murmur through paved streets, stone bridges connect houses, and life awakens slowly under the soft morning light. Flowered courtyards, Naxi craft shops and tea salons. Further on, the Black Dragon Pool reflects the snow-capped mountains – an unreal tableau. Then comes evening: red lanterns, carved facades, and slow steps along cobblestones. Lijiang is not simply visited – it is experienced like a memory, with grace, silence and poetry.

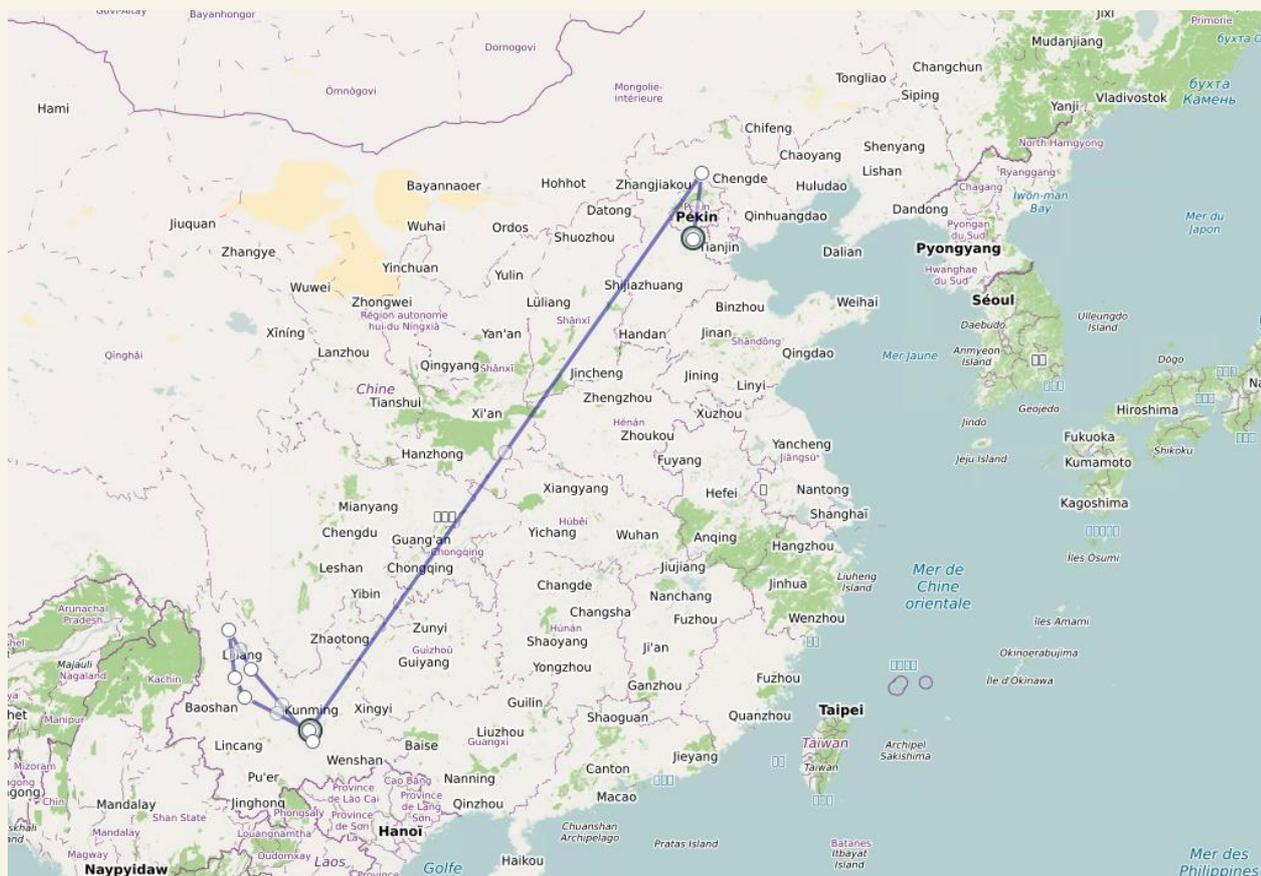
Non-guided day

Overnight at Yueshang Mountai Viewing Courtyard. Breakfast included.



## Day 13 – Return flight

Transfer by train from Lijiang to Kunming.  
From Kunming, international flight to your destination.



## Included Services

- Private transportation with driver.
- Double room accommodation with breakfast.
- Activities and shows mentioned in the program.
- High speed train and domestic flight tickets.
- English-speaking guide on indicated days.

## Not included

- International flights
- Meals
- Tips for guide & driver.
- Personal expenses





## THANK YOU

Thank you for placing your trust in us.

We hope your journey through China will be rich in memorable moments and meaningful discoveries.

May this experience inspire wonder, curiosity, and lasting impressions. Should you need anything along the way, our team remains at your service.

Wishing you a beautiful journey — savor every moment.

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