



Dream of Shangri-La

13 day tour to Chengdu, Zhongdian (Shangri-La), Lijiang, Kunming, Longsheng Rice Terrace, Li River & Guilin

This tour concentrate on the southwest part of China where is inhabited by many different ethnic groups, with the Tibetans, Zhuang, Bai, Miao comprising the majority of the population. There you will have an opportunity to experience their life and learn about their lifestyle, religion and cuisine. The unique scenery, highlighted by plateaus, together with the fascinating ethnic culture makes the land very attractive and charming to visit.



Day 1 Australia ✈ Chengdu

Depart Australia to Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan province in Southwest China, as well as a major city in Western China. You are met and transferred to your hotel. You will stay 2 nights in Chengdu.

Day 2 Chengdu Meal: B/L/D

This morning, you visit the Chengdu Panda Research Base to see the Pandas. The Base was founded in 1987. Today the Panda captive population has increased to 62 individuals from a founding population of only 6. This afternoon you visit Jinli Street, the oldest shopping street in the area. You then experience the relaxing local life by visiting a local teahouse. You can see the people chatting, playing cards and Mah-jong. This evening you head to the Changing Masks Show.

Day 3 Chengdu ✈ Shangri-La Meal: B/L/D

Today you will leisurely visit the Qingyang Palace, one of the most famous Taoist Temple then head to the Wenshu Temple - a Buddhist Temple where you can make a comparison of the most influenced religions in China. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Zhongdian - also called Shangri-La. Check in your hotel for 2 nights.

Day 4 Shangri-La (Zhongdian) Meal: B/L/D

Zhongdian, also called Shangri-La, north into the Tibetan plateau of southeastern Kham. At 3,300 meters above sea level lies Gyalthang, which, when translated means the land of "Limitless Bounty". Hereunder blue Tibetan sky, are snow-capped peaks, virgin forests of immense spruce and pine, meadows ablaze with fragrant wild flowers and pristine lakes. The town of Gyalthang (Zhongdian in Chinese) is the capital of the Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. The prefecture is a treasure house of bio-diversity supporting

about 7000 species of native plants among them includes azalea and rhododendron. Next take a visit to Songzanlin Monastery, the Napa Nature Reserve, the local market and some local Tibetan households.

Day 5 Zhongdian 🚗 Tiger Leaping Gorge 🚗 Lijiang Meal: B/L/D

Today you drive from Zhongdian to Lijiang. On the way, you visit the First Bend of the Yangtze River and the famous Tiger Leaping Gorge. Check in at hotel in Lijiang for 3 nights.

Day 6 Lijiang Meal: B/L/D

The old town centre of Lijiang is known as Dayan. Dayan Town was listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites list in 1997. You will visit the Dongba Culture Museum, which houses examples of the Naxi's writing, which is one of very few ancient pictographic scripts still in use in the world. You will also visit the Black Dragon Pond which is a great photo stop for the snow Mountains. You will head off to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, which has rich vegetation coverage, ranging from subtropical to alpine. You take a cable car up the Spruce Meadow and back down.





Day 7 Lijiang Meal: B/L
 This morning you visit a Naxi Village; the Naxi people are the main ethnic group of the town. Then continue your visit to Yufeng Temple, a Lama Temple and White Sand Frescoes. In the afternoon, you are at leisure to explore more of this beautiful town on your own pace.

Day 8 Lijiang ✈ Kunming Meal: B/L/D
Stone Forest
 Fly to Kunming in the morning. Kunming is well known as the "City of Eternal Spring" due to its cool summers and mild winters. You will visit Stone Forest Scenic Area, which is called the "No.1 Wonder under Heaven". The area is a deeply eroded limestone Karst area, and is the highest karst terrain in the world. The unique natural sights and Sani folklore are characteristics of the Stone Forest Scenic Area.

Day 9 Kunming ✈ Guilin Meal: B/L
 This morning you visit Western Hill, then the peaceful Yuantong Temple and followed by the Bird & Flower market to experience the vivid life of Kunming. You will fly to Guilin in the afternoon. Check in at hotel for 3 nights.

Day 10 Guilin ✈ Yangshuo Meal: B/L/D
 The highlight of Guilin is the Li River cruise, a 5-6 hour cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo passing through various strange and

wonderful mountain formations. Upon arrival Yangshuo you will have time to roam the local market.

Day 11 Guilin ✈ Longsheng Meal: B/L
 Day excursion to Longsheng. Longsheng is located in the mountainous region on the north eastern part of Guilin. The natural beauty and the colourful ethnic Chinese cultures and customs attract people from all over the world. You visit old Zhuang village, and the beautiful terrace rice fields on summit of Longji (Dragon's backbone), which are built along the slope winding from the bottom of the valley to the mountain top, with the highest place of an elevation of 885m and the lowest 380m. Return Guilin in the late afternoon.

Day 12 Guilin ✈ Australia Meal: B/L
 This morning, you tour the Reed Flute Cave, a wonderful limestone cave with a dazzling variety of stalactites and stalagmites and Fubo Hill. After Lunch, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong then take connecting flight bound for Australia.

Day 13 Australia
 Arrive into Australia in the morning.

Dream of Shangri-La Departure Dates & Prices

Tour code	Start Chengdu Sunday	End Guilin Thursday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	
			Cathay Pacific Airways	
DS170409	09-Apr-17	20-Apr-17		\$4,480
DS170423	23-Apr-17	04-May-17		\$4,380
DS170507	07-May-17	18-May-17		\$4,380
DS170521	21-May-17	01-Jun-17		\$4,380
DS170604	04-Jun-17	15-Jun-17		\$4,380
DS170625	25-Jun-17	06-Jul-17		\$4,380
DS170716	16-Jul-17	27-Jul-17		\$4,380
DS170806	06-Aug-17	17-Aug-17		\$4,380
DS170827	27-Aug-17	07-Sep-17		\$4,380
DS170910	10-Sep-17	21-Sep-17		\$4,480
DS170924	24-Sep-17	05-Oct-17		\$4,480
DS171008	08-Oct-17	19-Oct-17		\$4,480
DS171022	22-Oct-17	02-Nov-17		\$4,480
DS171105	05-Nov-17	16-Nov-17		\$4,380
DS171126	26-Nov-17	07-Dec-17		\$4,380
#Land Only: \$3,680			Single Supplement: \$780	

* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.

* Please refer to Page 13 for [Tour Inclusions](#) and [Extending Your Holiday](#) details.

Land Only price: Tour starts from [Arrival Transfer in Chengdu](#) and [Departure Transfer in Guilin](#), including domestic air ticket Chengdu - Shangri-La; Lijiang - Kunming - Guilin but excludes any international air tickets.

* Extra China visa fee see page 10 for details.

* Package prices of Cathay Pacific are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Hong Kong will be at your own expenses.

Stopover: Stopover in Hong Kong permitted if flying with Cathay Pacific Airways. Extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Hong Kong can be arranged at additional cost, see Hong Kong stopover package for details.

Hotels used for this tour: Hotels used for this tour: 4* Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel; 4* Shangri-La Gucheng International Hotel; 4* Lijiang Wanfu Hotel; 4* Guilin Bravo Hotel or similar.

Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$170 (Chengdu) / \$170 (Guilin) - per room per night with breakfast