

# **Ethnic Minorities Tour**

## **15 day tour to Kunming, Lijiang, Guiyang, Huangguoshu Waterfalls, Anshun, Guanlin Bridge & Zhaoxing**

This tour concentrate on the southwest part of China where is inhabited by many different ethnic groups, with the Tibetans, Yao, Zhuang, Bai, Miao, Dong 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 ✈ Kunming**

Depart Australia to Kunming on overnight flight.

### **Day 2 Arrive Kunming**

Arrive Kunming in the morning; met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

### **Day 3 Kunming 🏞 Stone Forest Meal: B/L/D**

Kunming is well known as the "City of Eternal Spring" due to its cool summers and mild winters. This morning you visit Western Hill; then followed by 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. Dinner will be local specialty famous Guoqiao (Crossing-the-bridge) Rice Noodle.

### **Day 4 Kunming - Lijiang Meal: B/L**

This morning take high speed train to Lijiang (takes 3 hours). 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.

### **Day 5 Lijiang – Tiger Leaping Gorge Meal: B/L**

Today you visit the First Bend of the Yangtze River and the famous Tiger Leaping Gorge.

### **Day 6 Lijiang - Guiyang Meal: B**

In the morning you 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. Fly to Guiyang, the capital city of Guizhou Province, where you can explore and experience the colourful minorities' cultures. Your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

### **Day 7 Guiyang - Huangguoshu Waterfalls**

**Meal: B/L/D**

This morning you will visit the highlights in the city Jiaxiu Pavilion then to the Qingyan Ancient Town, where you can see the spectacular town built right on the cliffs with vast rocks and its unique heritages dates back more than 700 years ago. In the afternoon We drive 2 hours and reach Huangguoshu. You will have a tour to Tian Xing (Sky Star) Scenic Area which is known as the stone forest on the water Overnight in Huangguoshu.

### **Day 8 Huangguoshu Waterfalls Meal: B/L/D**

We visit to Huangguoshu Waterfalls, which is the largest waterfall in Asia and one of the grandest waterfalls in the world. Huangguoshu Falls is 74 meters (243 ft) high and 81 meters (266 ft) wide. After lunch, head to Dou Po Tang Waterfall, a sister waterfall of Huangguoshu Waterfall. We will drive to Guanlin Bridge, the biggest trussed suspended bridge in the China, ranked No.6 in the world. Drive back to Huangguoshu and overnight.

### **Day 9 Zhijin Cave - Guiyang Meal: B/L/D**

Today we visit Zhijin Cave, a karst cave located in Minzhai Village, was discovered in 1980. Until now, the already explored length is 4215m. It consists of 2 main caves and 4 branch caves, being divided into 4 layers and 47 chambers. Drive to Guiyang, overnight In Guiyang.

### **Day 10 Guiyang Meal: B**

Today is at leisure.

### **Day 11 Guiyang - Zhaoxing Meal: B/L/D**

Today we drive to Zhaoxing County, about 5 hours' drive, Zhaoxin county, a county dominates by Dong minority people. On the way you will stop at Huanggang Dong Village. Overnight in Zhaoxing.

**Day 12 Zhaoxing****Meal: B/L/D**

Today we will visit Dong village. Walking into the Dong Village, surrounded by verdant mountains with a crystal stream running through, all the buildings are wooden-stilt houses. What a beautiful and picturesque village with unique ethnic flavour. You will also visit the Drum Tower, Flower Bridge and the beautiful Tang An Rice Terrace.

**Day 13 Zhaoxing - Kunming****Meal: B**

This morning is at leisure until transfer to Congjiang Train Station for your high speed train to Kunming. Met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Kunming.

**Day 14 Kunming ✈ Australia****Meal: B**

This morning is at leisure; transfer to the airport for your flight bound for Sydney.

**Day 15 Australia**

Arrive in Australia in the morning.