

Orient Odyssey – *Journeys beyond the ordinary™*

14 Day

Ethnic Tribes and Shangri-la Discovery

A thrilling journey exploring Guizhou – “*the Precious State*”, and Yunnan – “*South of the Clouds*”
marvel at the magnificent sceneries and the ethnically diverse, less visited minority villages and tribes

- **Guiyang** - The ancient Jiaxiu Pavillion, serene Qianling Lake, and the impressive Hongfu Monastery
- **Kaili** – Home of many Miao ethnic minority tribes and their unique costumes, folk songs and ceremonies
- **Anshun** – Sky Dragon Garrison Fortress: an unspoiled, authentic Ming Dynasty village frozen in time
- **Huangguoshu Waterfall** – The magnificent fall is the largest in Asia with roaring water thundering down 250 ft
- **Kunming** – “The city of eternal spring”, interesting cliff side temples at Western Hill, scenic Dian Lake
- **Stone Forest** – An unique geological wonder formed 270 million years ago, of strange and awe inspiring landscapes
- **Dali** – The serene Lake Erhai, beautiful Three Pagodas, Bai Ethnic Minority Museum, and the bustling Old Town
- **Lijiang** – Naxi minority old town and its busy market square, Naxi folk music orchestra, highland meadow of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Sacred Yufeng Temple, Mu Palace, Black Dragon Pool, and the mysterious Dongba Culture
- **Tiger Leaping Gorge** – The breathtaking scenery of roaring water and high cliffs, and mighty Yangtze's first bend



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0312GSE	Mar 13, 2017	Mar 25, 2017	\$3550	\$798
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B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner, F-In flight snacks & meals,
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Day 01 USA – Shanghai

Depart from Los Angeles, New York, or any other major US gateways. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Move your watch one day ahead as you fly cross the international dateline. F

Day 02 Arrive in Shanghai

Your flight will land in Shanghai Pudong International Airport. After immigration and customs, VIP private transfer service will greet and take you to the 5 star, luxurious, newly renovated, **Ocean Hotel Shanghai**. F

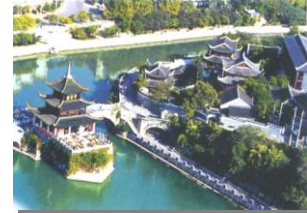
Day 03 Shanghai – Guiyang

After breakfast, transferred to airport and board **China Southern Airlines** flight CZ3652 at 11:35 a.m., arriving in Guiyang at 2:45 p.m.. Rarely featured in conventional tour packages, Province of Guizhou, meaning “*the precious state*”, has Asia’s largest waterfall and is home to over 17 ethnic minority groups, each with a unique legacy of culture, dress-style, food, folklores and dances. The province has long been a photographer’s paradise, owing to its relatively isolated location, the stunning landscape, colorful minority culture, towering mountains, plunging ravines, spectacular rock formation,



graceful limestone caves, and unspoiled tribal villages. Today we explore Guiyang, the provincial capital, built during the Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644).

Drive by the mystic Qianling Lake, set solemnly amidst the verdant cypresses and pines covered mountains.



We first take a leisurely stroll in the three-hundred-years old Hongfu Monastery, then continue on a footpath tucked away in a cluster of ancient trees twisting and turning downhill towards the lakeside. On route we may encounter wild monkeys. Next we explore the 500 years old Jiaxiu Pavillion. Built in 1589, the majestic tower is connected by a floating “*jade bridge*”. Check-in at the 5 star, luxurious, **Novotel Guiyang Downtown**. B/F/D

Day 04 Guiyang – Kaili

A scenic morning drive takes us to terraced fields and small quiet towns towards Kaili in Eastern Guizhou. After check-in at the 5 star, deluxe **Grand Metropark Hotel Kaili**, we head to the fascinating Qingman Village, a home to the Miao ethnic minority tribes. There are



numerous theories on the origins of the Miao people. Most believe Miao’s history can be traced to a legend happened 4,000 years ago,

when a war was broken out between the Yellow Emperor and a local tribal chief named Chiyu who was eventually defeated. They believe Miao are the descendants of Chiyu’s troops, who hid deep in the mountain valleys for generations. These mountain dwellers built wooden houses on high stilts along the slope side in



overlapping rows. A large Miao village can contain over 1,000 families. Rarely visited by outsiders, Miaos are one of the most hospitable ethnic groups in China. Today we will encounter the welcome ceremony, which involves beautiful village girls in glistening and jingling heavy silver headdresses and beautiful embroidered costumes inviting guests to try the



homemade rice wine, while singing welcome folk songs. Travelers should sip just very little wine from each cup, as it is common that they encounter as many as 16 to 20 cups of welcome wine on the way in! Visitors will then be entertained in the Bronze Drum Square with colorful ethnic music and dances. Pay special



attention to the Bamboo Lusheng, a unique music instrument in various sizes with hollow sounds. The largest Lusheng are usually played by the most respected village elders. Enjoy **Orient Odyssey's** unique **"People to People Contact"**, we will stroll on a village trail amidst the beautiful rice fields to a school or a tribal members' house, where we can interact with peasants, or students and teachers to uncover the genuine insight of the local life. Late afternoon we continue our journey on a scenic drive to another village – Shiqiao, to observe the ancient technique of paper making, which is still in use today. Dinner features the delicious local style cuisine of Sour Fish Soup and other local delicacies! **B/L/SD**

❖ Based on local weather, road condition and logistics, we might visit different tribal villages

than the ones mentioned in the itinerary. All of them feature spectacular costumes, welcome ceremonies, music and dances, and heart-warming hospitality. School visits and observing classes in session might not always be possible due to school schedules.

Day 05 Kaili - Anshun

Our morning program calls for a visit to another Miao tribes - Jidao Miao Village.

There are many different groups of Miao, each with unique costumes, dialects, and songs. They are named and distinguished by both the color and pattern of their dresses, or the hairstyles, the length of lady's skirts, and the locations where they live. Thus there are Black, Red,



White, Blue and Flowery Miao, Side Comb Miao, Long and Short Skirt Miao, Mountain and River Miao, etc. After the visit, we set out on a magnificent drive through deep mountain valleys lined with rice terraces, rivers and verdant peaks to the highlight of the day, a stroll back in time in the Sky Dragon Garrison Fortress, "Tianlong Tunbao". Even today, most residents of this



fortress still wear distinctive long blue robes and speak a strange unheard of language. The fortress was established

in the Ming Dynasty (around 1413) when the imperial court sent an army to control the indigenous people. These soldiers, originally from central and eastern China, settled and flourished in their ever expanding fortress. Self



sufficient and separated from the outside society, they have meticulously maintained a six-hundred-years tradition of culture, dress, architecture, art, and life style. When first discovered, historians were amazed to see an authentic ancient Ming Dynasty society in every possible detail. All the houses here are made with stone - the walls, door frames, window panels, and flat roof tiles. Each household are connected by winding cobble stone alleys so man powers can be mobilized in shortest possible time should the fortress be under attack.

Today we will enjoy our stroll in the fortress, mingle with the residents, and witness the amazing Ground Opera performance, the “*living fossil*” of an ancient art form that was thought to have been lost long ago. It can be traced back thousands of years to military rituals that sought to boost the soldiers’ morale when fighting the enemy. During the performance actors wore fancy embroidered war costumes with colorful fighting flags at their back. Their faces are covered with black veils, on top of which are wooden masks decorated with pheasant feathers which are worn at the foreheads. Clear high pitched melodies is backed up by rush and exciting drum beatings, along with the presentation of various elaborate fighting postures. Tonight we will stay at the 5 star, luxurious, local best, ***Hotel Doubletree By Hilton Anshun***, one of the newest deluxe properties in town. **B/L/D**



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Day 06 Anshun – Huangguoshu Water Fall - Guiyang

After breakfast, we set out to explore the magnificent Huangguoshu Water Fall, Asia’s largest with a height of 250 feet and a width of



280 feet. The roaring Baishui River leaps out of the mountain into giant fractures and breaks into five columns while tumbling down to the bottom of the cliff, forming a dense fog through which one can frequently spot a rainbow. Let us hike to the Water Curtain Cave behind the falls to get closer to the action! The cave, a 440 feet long corridor, has six unique naturally formed windows through which the falls can be watched, heard and literarily, touched. Listening to the thundering voice while stretching our hands to touch the columns of the cascading water is certainly an unforgettable experience! After lunch, another spectacular drive takes us through verdant mountain valleys to the Dragon Palace, a mysterious network of underground river that passes through 20 mountains in caves of varying sizes. We board a small wooden sampan, plying zigzagging underground waterway. Sometimes we enter gigantic caves that can holds an entire army, while some other times we barely squeeze through the extremely narrow lanes. Savor the serene experience and the solitude - only the dripping water, the oars, and the folksongs sung by our boat handler will disturb the peace. Early evening, the scenic drive leads us back to Guiyang. We overnight again at the 5 star, luxurious, ***Novotel Guiyang Downtown***. **B/L/D**



Day 07 Guiyang – Kunming (6,200 feet)

After breakfast, the guide will take us to the airport, and assist our check-in for ***China Southern Airlines’*** flight CZ3857, leaving at 10:25 a.m., reaching Kunming at 11:30 a.m.. We will be greeted and transferred to the 5 star, luxurious, ***Grand Park Hotel Kunming***. Welcome to Province of Yunnan; literarily means “*South of the Clouds*”. It is a magnificent combination of spectacular landscape and minority cultures, described by **Marco Polo** as “*a land fertile in rice and wheat..... (with a capital) very great and noble, in (which) are found merchants and artisans, with a mixed population.*”



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Overlooked in the North by Tibet – roof of the world, surrounded by jungles of Myanmar from the West, and connected to Laos and Vietnam in the South,

there are 22 ethnic minority races call here home, including Yi, Naxi, Tibetans, Mongols, Lahu, and Lisu. The provincial capital of Kunming, at an altitude of around 6,200 feet, is often called “*the city of eternal spring*” for its consistent spring like climate. Today we will explore the Western Hills, a sheer cliff face rising 2,000 ft above the shore of Lake Dian Chi. We walk on the paths, stairways, and tunnels that carved into



the faces of the cliff, hiking upward to the Dragon’s Gate at summit, checking out interesting temples, cliff side grottoes and Buddhist carvings on route. We may stop at the Huating Temple, Taihua Temple and Taoist Pavilion of Sanqing. Enjoy the magic bird’s eye view of the lake Dian, or in Chinese, “*Dian Chi*”. The evening is free to explore the city at own leisure. This is a great walking town, whose markets and busy streets, as well as cobbled side alleyways evoke the old China. B/F/D

Day 08 Stone Forest Excursion

Today’s excursion calls the visit to the legendary Stone Forest, the strange rock formation reputed by ancient Chinese poet as “*the most fantastic scenery under heaven*”. This geological wonder



is composed of numerous dark gray limestone karsts formed 270 million years ago at the sea bottom. When seen from a distance, the vast area of jagged stones dotted with green trees and colorful flowers has the look of a unique forest. When viewed up close, the oddly shaped rocks seem to take on a life of their own. Near Return

to the city in the afternoon, we head to the Green Lake, or “*Cui Hu*” for a leisurely stroll, taking in scenic views of ornate boats and bright pavilions. Time permitting, we may also stop at the flower gardens to watch the Tai Chi devotees at their art, or visit the 700-year old Bamboo Temple, festooned with statues of Buddhist notables. Tonight’s dinner is a specially arranged local experience. We will enjoy the famous Cross Bridge Noodles, and Steam Pot Chicken, complete with ethnic dance and music performance. B/L/SD



Day 09 Kunming – Dali (7,200 ft)

Our morning flight on China Eastern Airlines’ MU5941 leaves at 9:00 a.m., reaching Dali at 9:50 a.m.. Dali is located under the imposing, snowcapped Cangshan Mountain Range, by the



shore of the Lake Erhai, at the cross roads to Burma and Tibet. The ancestors of Bai People have lived and cultivated here for over 3,000 years. They still remain in the region today as the main ethnic group. In 8th century, Bai people’s most powerful kingdom

Nanzhao was found, spreading long lasting influences over all of Southeast Asia, until 1253 when Kuyblai Khan’s Mongolian army asserted its control in this region. After check-in at the 5 star, luxurious, Grand Bayview International Hotel, we venture to the Bai Ethnic Minority State Museum. Bai in Chinese means “*White*”, and Bai people regard themselves as descendants of the White King.

White however is not referred to the color of dress – as a matter of fact, Bai women are more in favor of blue and red, and prefer colorful ethnic dresses to modern ones. We enjoy a comfortably paced stroll through the imposing South Gate to the bustling Old Town bazaar, looking at the traditional



houses lining at both side of the alleys. Amazing variety of exotic wares can be found here. We

will stop to explore a unique Catholic Church, comfortably tucked in a traditional elaborate Chinese style building, a proof of the influences of western religion which first reached here in late Ming Dynasty. This afternoon we enjoy a drive to Lake Er-Hai, meaning “*Ear Lake*”, named after its shape. Let’s take a boat ride to enjoy the tranquil sceneries, and a demonstration of Cormorant Fishing by local fishermen. Also on the agenda is a visit to the famed Three Pagodas. Their elegant, balanced, and stately style is unique in China’s ancient Buddhist architecture. They were initially built for auspicious reasons. According to local legends,



Dali was once a swamp inhabited by breeding dragons before the humans arrived. As the dragons, which were believed to deliberately create natural disasters to dispel human intruders, revered pagodas. Thus, the Three Pagodas were built to deter them. After taking pictures in front of the reflecting pool, if time allows, we head next to the splendid Chongsheng Monastery. Once the royal temple of Kingdom of Dali, the magnificent sprawling compound was recently rebuilt in 2005. **B/L/D**

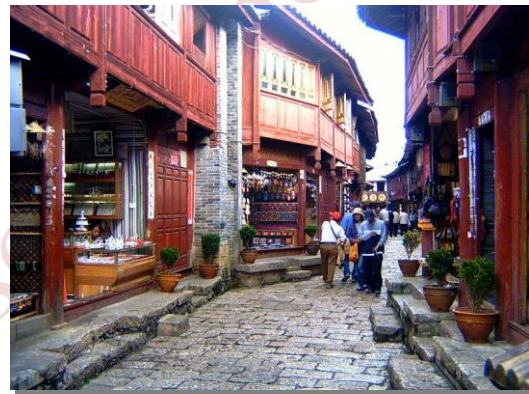
Day 10 Dali – Lijiang (Dayan Old Town) (7,872 ft)

After breakfast, we depart for Lijiang on an ancient tea trading road, passing many small villages, lush dense forests, and flower-laden grasslands. Fascinating stops are planned on



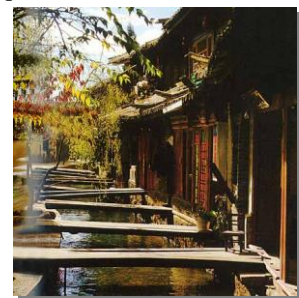
route where we will inspect the unique Bai architecture, stroll in the Bai Minority Bazaar and taste Three Course Tea while attending the performance of ethnic singing and dancing. At Zhoucheng Village we explore the interesting Batik textiles cottage industry that Bai people are

known of. Early afternoon we reach the rugged frontier town of Lijiang. The name was given by **Kublai Khan** in 1254, meaning “*Beautiful River*”. Nestled at a broad valley at just under 8,000 feet, the Old Town of Lijiang - Naxi town of Dayan, is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site for its well preserved Naxi architecture and the breathtakingly beautiful dramatic landscape. The town, as if it has been frozen in time, preserves most of its traditional style in the original lay-out, and is considered one of the best of its kind in the country. The main inhabitants here are Naxi ethnic group, believed to be the descendents of the ancient “*Qiang*” tribe from Northeastern Tibet. Recent scholars are increasingly fascinated with the Naxi culture, which seems to be evolved without interruption in the last 2,000 years in relative



isolation, and passed down to generations through Naxi’s own pictographic script. In today’s daily life, Naxi women seem to still be responsible for most of the work. Their religion, “*Dongba*”, resembles many aspects of the nature worship. After check-in at the 5 star, deluxe, Wonderport International Hotel, we venture out to the famous waterwheel to explore the Old Town, a maze of unique traditional architecture.

Although the town was founded almost 1,000 years ago, travelers today can still easily identify the original charm through the narrow cobblestone streets lined with weeping willows, and canals of constantly flowing clear snowmelts. We will have plenty of time to enjoy our stroll in this idyllic section, exploring the Old Market Square, the many teahouses, art galleries, bars and restaurants lining the street. Tonight we enjoy



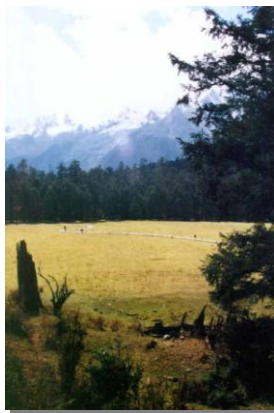
the unforgettable traditional Naxi Folk Music Orchestra Performance, incorporating many unique, one of a kind instruments. The first of the similar Naxi orchestra was founded in **Kublai Khan's** time. The techniques and notes were since passed on from generation to



generation by written records in pictographs. Tonight's music we hear has literally remained unchanged for more than seven centuries!
B/L/D

Day 11 Lijiang

In the morning we head to the majestic Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Standing grandly at 18,355 feet, it has never been conquered by man. Many of its cliffs, ravines, creeks, and meadows bear Naxi names, and for a thousand years, have



been the setting for the myths and legends of the Naxi people who made this plain their home. From White Water Creek, we take a cable car up to the steep slope of Yunshanping, a delightful meadow at 10,827 ft (based on local weather and logistics, we might

visit another highland meadow "Maoniuping" instead). Enjoy a leisurely stroll and marvel at the magnificent views of tall firs, verdant grasslands, and glittering snow.

Next we will visit the small and sacred Yufeng Temple, dedicated to Tibetan Buddhism.

We will also stop at the Baisha Village, once an important, bustling trading post



on the Southern Silk Road that links China, Tibet with Southeast Asia and on to Europe. We come here to see the vivid colors and intriguing figures of the ancient murals. Before the day ends, we will reach Jade Lake Village – "Yuhu", as it is called by Chinese. The quiet, unspoiled village is rarely featured in conventional tour programs yet **Orient Odyssey** feels it is important to include it in our journey. It tucked comfortably in the Lijiang Valley at the foot of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. The famous explorer, geographer, linguist, and botanist **Dr. Joseph Rock** ventured here in 1922, and stayed here for 27 years while conducting the research and exploration in surrounding areas. It is through



his articles and photos published by **National Geographic**, the world learnt about the existence of Naxi culture and the spectacular scenery of this region for the first time. Not much have changed in the village today – most of the houses and village paths are still built with the unique rocks called "Money head", actually a mixture of rock and dried earth. The village still looks very much the same as when **Dr. Rock** first saw it almost a century ago. We will enjoy a comfortable stroll in the village, mingle with



residents, and also visit the old house that Dr. Rock once lived. Return to Lijiang in early evening, we still have some time to enjoy the town at our own pace. Many believe that Lijiang is the exact place described as the mythical

Shangri-la in **James Hilton's** novel "The Lost Horizon". Its geographic specification, climate, people and costumes matches descriptions in the novel perfectly. B/L

Day 12 Tiger Leaping Gorge

We first take a magnificent drive north to pristine highlands and mountains. The journey through the vast Lijiang Valley is breathtakingly beautiful, as we drive pass the verdant ridges and meadows covered by wild flowers, massive gorges formed by tens of thousands of years of punctuation of waterfalls and rivers, interestingly textured wheat fields lined with haystacks, wild horses roaming freely, and children herding yaks and goats. Before long we reach the stupendous Tiger Leaping Gorge, arguably one of the deepest and the most spectacular gorges in the world. The 12 miles long gorge, with a natural drop of whopping 623 feet, has a narrowest point of only 98 feet. Legend says hunters use to see a

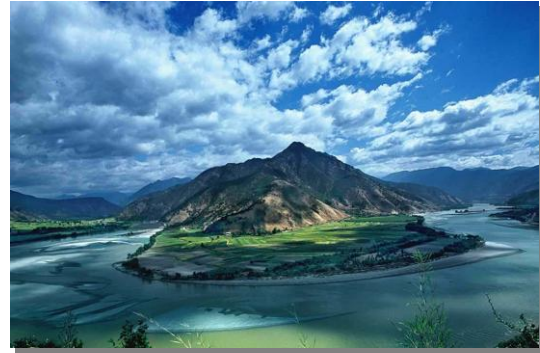


fleeing tiger leaping across the gap to safety. We will follow the paved pathways for a half an hour hike, winding along the cliff side, cutting through several boulders, taking in the breathtakingly beautiful sceneries. Through final



descend to the bottom of the gorge; we can enjoy a magnificent close-up view of sharp cliffs and roaring rushing water cascading through the narrow riverbed in unbelievable speed, causing a thunderous roar that can be heard miles away. On the scenic return journey, we drive along along the Golden Sand River, the beginning of the mighty Yangtze. We will stop for the amazing view of the spectacular First Bend where the Yangtze, cutting through several

mountains, suddenly changes its floating directions in four unbelievable 90 degree turns. The last stop of the day is the quiet ancient town



of Shigu, literally means “*the Stone Drum Town*” where we will take time to stroll the old narrow cobble-stone alleys, checking out the surrounding centuries-old buildings and an ancient cantilever bridge. B/L/D

Day 13 Lijiang - Chongqing

After breakfast we visit the Mu Palace. The palatial residential compound of the then tribal leader **Mu** offers us an interesting glimpse into the Naxi tribal life, and the pinnacle of the ancient ethnic architecture. Next stop is the Black Dragon Pool where we take in the majestic



scenery of a graceful arched marble bridge and a beautiful three storey pavilion, both being reflected in the calm mirror like lake with the majestic Jade Dragon Snow Mountain as a backdrop. We will also tour the Dongba Culture Research Institute and Museum, where modern day Naxi scholars preserve, research and translate the valuable old religious manuscripts and pictographic records. It hosts a remarkable collection of Naxi relics and cultural displays. This afternoon we head for the airport, and check-in for **Lucky Air** flight 8L9817, leaving at 6:40 p.m., arriving in Chongqing at 8:15 p.m.. Enjoy VIP private greet and transfer service to the 5 star, luxurious, **Hotel Harbour Plaza**

Chongqing with prime downtown location. Enjoy a free and restful evening, soak in the bustling atmosphere and night life of the China's largest metropolitan, with a whopping population of over 30 million! **B/L/F**

Day 14 Chongqing – USA

After breakfast, there is still some free time to explore, pack or savor the memory of the thrilling discover of Shangri-la and hidden tribes. Enjoy VIP private transfer service to the airport and board homebound transpacific flight, arriving back to USA on the same day depends on the international flight schedule. **B/F**

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MU586	LOS ANGELES – SHANGHAI	1230 / 1730+1
MU5424	CHONGQING – SHANGHAI	0850 / 1120
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MU590	SAN FRANCISCO – SHANGHAI	1200 / 1820+1
MU5424	CHONGQING – SHANGHAI	0850 / 1120
MU589	SHANGHAI – SAN FRANCISCO	1425 / 1030

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- ❖ Itinerary is subject to change due to local condition and weather. Kindly refer to attached General Terms and Conditions. Living conditions and culture in China are different from those in North America and passengers should be aware and prepared.
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