

The Enchanting Paradise of Western Sichuan in Autumn



15 Oct – 26 Oct | 12 Days / 10 Nights

DAY 01 Arriving Chengdu

Upon Arriving Chengdu Airport, meet & greet and drive to Luding via Yaan.

You will pass the Erlang mountain – the first pass of the countless high mountains on the Sichuan-Tibet highway.

Dinner & overnite in Luding 3 * hotel

Day 02 : LUDING – KANDING (MUGECUO LAKE) – XINDUQIAO (B / L / D)

After breakfast, check out and we shall begin our enchanting paradise tour to the Luding Bridge. A short visit to the Luding Bridge* – a historical landmark iron suspension bridge built in 1706 over Dadu River during reign of the Qing Dynasty. On the end of the bridge stands the stele Royal Stele written by Emperor Kangxi. Drive to Kanding to visit the Mugecuo Lake. Take the green bus into Mugecuo Lake Restaurant to have our lunch and thereafter, continue to visit the various part of this Mugecuo Lake park. Drive to Xinduqiao – along the way stop at the various view point along the road from Kanding to Xinduqiao to take pictures of the grassland with the Tibetan house under the setting sunlight.

Dinner and overnite in Xinduqiao. Hotel : Express 318





Day 03 : XINDUQIAO – LITANG – DAOCHENG (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart for LITANG , pass by Jianziwan & Kasila Mt.

Lunch at **LITANG**, located at an altitude of 4,014m among open grasslands & surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Its' actual altitude is about 400m higher than Lhase, making it **one of the highest townships on earth**. Buddhist figures were born here, including the 7th Dalai Lama, 10th Dalai Lama etc. (the current Dalai Lama is the 14th) It is also part of the ancient & historic Tibetan Province of Kham.

A short visit around this unique town of a bustling little place with colourful street life of many nomadic shhepherbs and Tibetan people coiming here to sell and buy their products. We will also visit the **Ganden Thubchen Choekhorling Monastery (Litang Monastery)** *which belongs to the Gelugpa Sect (Yellow) of the Tibetan Buddhism, one of the largest in the south Kham area.

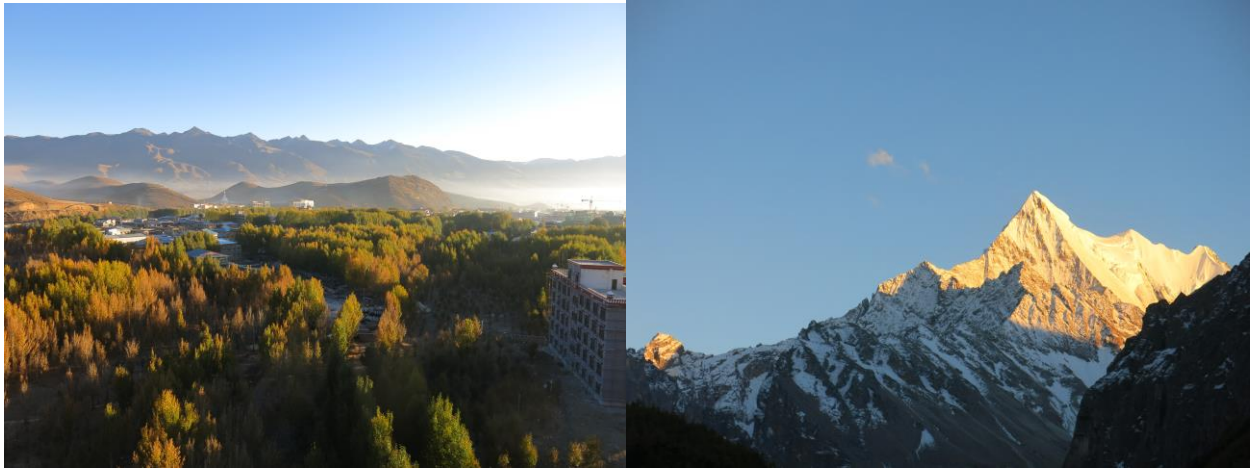
Continue our journey where we will pass by the beautiful Wuliang River Valley and we shall make a stop at the **Haizi Mountain Scenic Area** (mountains full of big big stones). Cross the Daocheng Ancient Glacier Cap (Haizishan Nature Reserve), the largest fossil glacial site on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, to get to Shambhala--Daocheng.

Continue the journey where we will pass by the Wuliang River Valley and make a stop at the Haizi Mountain Scenic Area.

Visit the White Tower just before arriving Daocheng for dinner and overnite.

Hotel : Sunshine.





Day 04 : Daocheng – Riwa – Yading (B/L/D)

Wake up early to view the sun arise @ the Hotel's roof top.

After breakfast, spend some time at the Poplar Forest, just in front of the hotel for some photography.

Depart to Yading via Riwa for lunch and take the green bus into Yading Village.

Check into Geronggongbu Yading Hotel which is near to the Green Bus station.

Thereafter, take the green bus to Yading Nature Reserve Park – visit the Pearl Lake and stay until sunset over Xiannairi Mt.

Take the green bus back to our hotel for dinner and overnite.





Day 05 Yading – Riwa – Daocheng (B/L/D)

Wake up early to have breakfast and pack our packed lunch . Take the Green bus to Yading Nature Reserve Park - inter change another eco tram to Luorang Pasture. Spend half a day there free and easy with our packed lunch.

Return to hotel to check out and take the green bus to Riwa where our coach will pick us up to drive to Daocheng. Dinner & overnite in Sunshine hotel.

Day 06 Daocheng – Litang – Jiulong (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart to visit Sangdui Valley – Red Grassland .

Lunch @ Litang and continue the journey via the new highway (Yajiang) – Xinduqiao – Jiulong. **Jiulong is a relatively untravelled area**, but has some of the best alpine scenery in this region.

Dinner and overnite in Jiulong





Day 07 JIULONG – WUXUHAI – XINDUQIAO (B/L/D)

Early morning after breakfast, drive to Wuxuhai, enjoy this unique alpine lake with Mt. Gongga as its' backdrop. Subject to weather condition, enjoy the blue sky, the primeval forest, the lake , the clear water and the mountains together with the vival autumn colour in this unseen beauty. Spend half of the day at the lake and drive back to Jiulong for a late lunch.

After the late lunch , drive back to Xinduqiao - vast grasslands, winding creeks, golden trees, rolling hills, Tibetan villages which are scattered across.... Cattle, sheep graze peacefully next to river banks **Xinduqiao**, because of its position in between mountains and vast grasslands is always known as “ **A photographers paradise**” – fascinating “Lights and Shadows of the World”

Upon arriving Xinduqiao, climb up the hill to view the sunset.

Dinner and overnite at Hotel Express 318.





Day 08 XINDUQIAO – TAGONG / BAMEI – DANBA (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will begin an interesting journey to Danba via Tagong and Bamei. Along the way, photo-stop at the row of autumn trees along the main road in Xinduqiao . Visit Tagong Grassland , the Monastery and the Tagong Pagoda Stupa overlooking the Yala snow mountain.

Visit the town of Bamei for lunch and continue the journey to Danda.

Arriving Danda in the late afternoon. Check in hotel and enjoy a local dinner in the hotel. Hotel Jiahu Fengqingji, Danba.

Day 09 DANBA - Suopo view Point – Jiaju Village – Ma’erkang (B/L/D)

Today, we shall drive to SUOPO View Point to view the SUOPO Village across the river.

Thereafter, drive into JIAJU Village. Spend some time walking around the village before a lunch at a Tibetan Family house.

Thereafter, drive to Ma’erkang .

Dinner & overnight at Ma’erkang Hotel Jiarong .





Day 10 Ma'erkang – Miyaluo – Bipeng Valley - Guergou (B/simple L/D)

After an early breakfast, depart for Bipeng Valley via Miyaluo.

Photo-stop along the way on the scenic road from Ma'erkang – Miyaluo.

Take the green bus into the first station of Bipeng Valley. At the first station, a short rest and paxs to be provided a hot-cup noodle for a simple lunch . Pax may on their own buy BBQ fish / meat to add on to this simple lunch . After the simple lunch and short rest, take another tram to go up to the top of this beautiful valley. Thereafter, paxs will be given their return tram tickets to go down to the 1st station as a meeting point.

In the late afternoon, at the 1st meeting point, take the green bus back to the entrance where our coach will be waiting. Transfer for an early dinner at our Guergou Hotel. Check in and free and easy . Dinner & Overnite at Guergou Hot Spring Hotel

Day 11 GUERGOU – CHENGDU Airport (B/L/D)

After breakfast, drive back to Chengdu.

En-route to have lunch along the way.

Upon arriving Chengdu, drive to Chengdu New Century Global Mall for a short visit.

After dinner, transfer to the airport for departure flight @ 2300

Day 12 arriving KUALA LUMPUR

ETA 4.45am to arrive at KLIA 2

The Flow of the tour Itinerary will be subjected to vary according to local condition & weather at the point of visit.

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Flight Details : Air Asia X Flight

15Oct 2015 (Saturday) D7 320 KUL – CTU 0915 1340

25Oct 2015 (Tuesday) D7 327 CTU – KUL 2355 0445 (arriving 26Oct Wednesday 4.45am)

COSTING

A) <u>Ground Arrangement</u>	<u>Min 8-10pax</u>	<u>Min 11-15pax</u>	<u>Min 16 – 24 pax</u>
Twin – sharing per person	MYR 6,390.00	MYR 5,900.00	MYR 5,790.00
Single Supplement@MYR1800			

B) **Air Ticket AIR ASIA** TBA (as per airasia.com) estimated @MYR 1,600.00

C) China Visa @MYR 120.00

D) Travel Insurance @ MYR78.00

INCLUSIVE :

Ground Arrangement inclusive

- i) Transportation : 14 – 39 seats air-conditioning coach
- ii) English/Chinese speaking local Guide
- iii) Entrance fee ticket to Luding Bridge, Mugecuo Lake with sightseeing bus, Monastery, Yading Natural Reserve with sightseeing bus (excluded horse riding fee), Wuxuhai, Jiaju Tibetan Village & Bipeng Valley with green bus.
- iv) 1 no. 500ml bottle drinking water per day
- v) Daily hotel breakfast, all meals as per itinerary

- vi) Hotel accommodation at the hotel mentioned or similar.
- vii) Tipping to local guide and driver. (excluded any portorage fees if any)
- viii) Visiting the Litang Monastery is subjected to the road condition at the time of visit.
- ix) No Tour Leader from EL SOL Travel except if the group reaches 16 paying paxs

The Tour fare is based on the exchange rate of 1CNY = 0.61MYR and may be adjusted accordingly.

EXCLUDED

- i) Any portorage fees / Hotel Bell boys fee if applicable
- ii) Any other not mentioned in the Itinerary.

Air Ticket prices will be as per airasia.com website at the time of booking .

Booking

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Additional Information

1) Long Distance & high altitude & the weather

Some precautions are necessary in consideration of the altitude – there is a risk of altitude sickness, and additionally, due to the significant diurnal temperature variation and strong UV radiation, both thermal clothing and sunscreen are essential.

Note: Long driving between points of attraction is necessary and may be delayed due to road and other local conditions. We may require to endure non-stop coach journeys of anything between 4 to 6 hours but the silver lining is we will be rewarded with great sights and sceneries along the way. Please do not worry too much about the “altitude sickness” as the long overland tour may give us sufficient time to be acclimatized and at the same time, it is advisable to seek your regular GP or Pharmacy for some high altitude medication weeks before the trip as most medications are supposed to be taken 3 days before the trip and to be continuously to be taken through - out the trip until the last 3 days of the trip.

AVERAGE Altitude of places visiting:

CHENGDU (700m)–KANDING(2560m)/YAIJING – LITANG(4014m) / DAOCHENG(3760m)
/YADING(4000m)/RIWA(2600m)/XINDUQIAO(3300m)/JIULONG(3210m)/XINDUQIAO –
TAGONG(3700m) – DANBA (1893m)/MA’EKANG(2621m)/MIYALUO(2700m)/GUERGOU(~2000m)-
CHENGDU

Average weather (subj to change)

Lowland (less than 3000m) : 10 C – 18 C

Highland (above 3000m) : 7 C - 15 C