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Guizhou via Kunming

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Guizhou Province
within China



DAY 1 AUG 18 SAT: Kunming arrival – Shilin

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Air Asia 1.05pm depart KLIA2, arrival Kunming 4.55pm. Transfer to **Shilin** to overnight.

DAY 2 AUG 19 SUN : Shilin - Xinyi

(B/L/D)



Transfer to **Xinyi**, a city in the **Qianxinan Bouyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture** of **Guizhou province**. In this prefecture, there are many ethnic Bouyi and Miao peoples. Visit **Wanfenglin (10 Thousand Peaks Forest)**, is a karst landform divided into east peak forest and west peak forest with different sceneries, earning national accolades as “one of the most beautiful peak forest in China”. Then proceed to nearby **Wanfenghu (10 Thousand Peaks Lake)**, created from the Tiansheng hydropower project; take a boat ride on the lake, surrounded by karst peaks. Overnight in Xinyi.

DAY 3 AUG 20 MON: Xinyi – Maling River Gorge - “24-Zig” Road – Liuzhi (B/L/D)



Visit **Maling River Gorge**, a 75km long and 200m to 400m deep rift in the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau cut by the surging Maling River. Nicknamed “**A Beautiful Scar of the Earth**”, a series of both permanent and seasonal waterfalls cascade down the steep cliffs on both sides of the gorge along its entire length.



Visit **Minority Wedding Culture Museum**, the only museum in the whole of China focusing on the marriage customs of ethnic minorities. It is located inside the Liu Family Mansion, the former residence of Liu Xianshi, the first governor of Guizhou.



Transfer to **Qinglong county** to visit the “**24-Zig Road**”, one of the most spectacular roads in China. This winding mountain road was built by the Chinese during World War 2 to transport supplies from Kunming to the wartime capital of Chongqing. The road is only **4km long** but is hazardously built on a **60 degrees slope**, with an **average gradient of 8%**, packed with **24 hairpin bends** and **only 5 meters wide**.

Continue to **Liuzhi city** in **Liupanshui Prefecture** to overnight.

DAY 4 AUG 21 TUE: Liuzhi - Huongguoshu -Tianxingqiao – Huongguoshu (B/L/D)



Morning, visit **Suojia Long Horn Miao village**. The Long Horn Miao are a Hmong people's sub-group. To honor their ancestors, the ladies wear two horn-like wooden combs overhead and a huge bun woven with yarns and hairs

from their ancestors; they are called "**the nationality with their history overhead**". Visit the **Ecomuseum on the Long Horn Miao** established with joint China-Norway cooperation. Separate vans arrangement included for return transfer into the village (roads going up to the village not accessible by big tour bus).



Then transfer to **Anshun prefecture** to visit **Huongguoshu (Yellow Fruit Tree) waterfall**, which is one of China's biggest waterfall and the most visited attraction of Guizhou. It is located on the Baishui River and it is 77m high and 101m wide. The main waterfall is

67m high and 83m wide. Behind the waterfall is a 134m long naturally formed caved named The Water-Curtain Cave.



Next is the **Tianxingqiao Scenic Area**, a scenic area composed of water, rocks, forests and caves. The main sights are Tianxingqiao Stone Bridge, Tianxing Cave, 'potted landscape' on water and Stone Forest in Water. It was one of the shooting sites of a famous **Chinese TV series "Pilgrimage to the West"**.

Transfer to Huangguoshu town and check in hotel to overnight.

DAY 5 AUG 22 WED: Huongguoshu – Shitouzhai - Longgong Caves – Anshun (B/L/D)



Visit **Shitouzhai Bouyi** minority village – a little hamlet with small stone houses, cobbled lanes and friendly Bouyi locals; surrounded by lovely karst landscape. The **Bouyi ethnic people** are one of the oldest peoples of China, living in the area for more than 2,000 years. They are related to the Zhuang ethnic people also found in South West China. The Bouyi are experts at batik making and stone masonry.



Then to **Longgong (Dragon Palace) Caves** scenic area, with a vast network of caves snaking through hills, with the Dragon Palace Cave being the best as it has an underground river on which you take a boat ride. Being the longest water cave in China, the Dragon Palace Cave got its name because it looks like a crystal palace where the "Dragon King" lives.

Transfer to Anshun city to overnight.

DAY 6 AUG 23 THU: Anshun – Tianlong – Xijiang

(B/L/D)



Transfer to visit **Tianlong Ancient Town**, which used to be an outpost of the Ming Dynasty built by the first emperor of the dynasty, Zhu Yuanzhan. The Han Chinese soldiers posted

there stayed on and now their descendants live in the town. Hence the dialect, culture, dressing and other aspects of daily life here dates back to the Ming Dynasty. The locals are now called **Tunpu people** to differentiate them from other Han Chinese people. They perform "**Dixi**" opera (**Ground Opera**), which dates back to the time the town was established. The town is also called "**The No.1 Stone Town in Southwest China**" as all its houses were built of stones, even the locals' daily utensils.



Continue eastwards to **Xijiang township** of **Leishan County**, located in **Qiangdongnan Miao and Dong Autonomous Prefecture**. With **10 ethnic Miao villages**, Xijiang is the **largest settlement of Miao people in China, and most probably the world**.

Check in your hotel at Xijiang's **Qianhu Miao Village**. At the village, rows of closely connected wooden-stilt houses are built along the contour of the hill with the Baishui River passing through the bottom of the hill. In

the evening, transfer to **Sightseeing Platform** to view the **whole village lit up by lights** of each house. Overnight in Xijiang Qianhu Miao Village.

DAY 7 AUG 24 FRI: Xijiang - Qingyan - Guiyang

(B/L/D)



Morning, visit **Qianhu Miao Village's old street and new street**; a good buy here would be the silverworks the Miao are famous for. Next is the **Miao Nationality Museum**. Watch the **Miao Singing & Dancing Show** featuring the old songs of Miao Nationality. Explore the village for a look into daily lifestyle of the Miao.



Then transfer to visit **Qingyan Ancient Town**, located in the southern suburbs of Guiyang, capital of Guizhou province. Qingyan Ancient Town was originally **built in 1378** during the Ming Dynasty. After many

modifications and restorations, the town now incorporates **cultural features of both Ming and Qing Dynasties**. Built with four gates in the town wall (facing north, south, east and west), there were also eight stone tablets, of which three remain with delicate sculptures on each surface. Among the notable buildings to visit are **Ciyun Temple, Temple of the Lord Zhao, Wanshou Palace and Longquan Temple**. Along the main streets, many souvenirs and snacks will tempt you.

Continue to **Guiyang**, the capital of Guizhou province overnight.

DAY 8 AUG 25 SAT: Guiyang – high speed train - Kunming (B/L/D)



Morning, visit **Jiaxiu Pavillion**, which was built in 1598 and sits on a huge rock in the middle of Nanming River. It is a magnificent three-storied building 20-meters-high with three eaves and a pointed top, containing carved windows and red lattices and upturned eaves on all sides. Adjacent are the **Floating Jade**

Bridge and the **Cuiwei Garden**. Continue to Wenchang Pavilion and People's Square (with one large Mao Zedong statue).

Afternoon, take **high speed train** from **Guiyang to Kunming**.



Evening arrival in Kunming and proceed for dinner. Visit **Golden Horse Gate** of Kunming and then **Zhengyi Street shopping area**. Overnight in Kunming.

DAY 9 AUG 26 SUN: Kunming departure (B/L)



Morning, visit **Flying Tiger Museum** covering the legacy of volunteer American pilots who helped China fight the Japanese during World War 2 and Chinese-American cooperation during the war.

Then to **Kunming Bird-Flower Market**, a colourful & popular attraction of Kunming.

After lunch, transfer to airport for 17.55pm flight home, arrival KL 9.50pm.

RATES: RM 4,390 /person, twin sharing, for minimum 16 persons per group

Single Supplement: RM 900

Rates & itinerary are subject to changes in FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, train schedules, weather, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Return airport-hotel transfers and private coach for tour excursion.
- b) Guiyang to Kunming High Speed Train ticket (2nd class air-con seating)
- c) Van transfers into Soujia Long Horn Miao village (roads going up to the village not accessible by big tour bus).
- d) 3 star hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- e) Full board meals
- f) English speaking tour guide
- g) Entrance fees for all attractions as per itinerary
- h) Tipping for guide and driver
- i) 2 bottles of drinking water per day per person (except Aug 18 & 26, 1 bottle)

EXCLUDING:

- a) Air Asia KL to Kunming return Air ticket, Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
Online Air Ticket price as of Apr 9: RM 1410 (with 20kg check in luggage, price subject to change by Air Asia)
- b) China visa: RM 110 +RM 30 collection & deliver charge
- c) Travel insurance – can be arranged separately RM 59 /pax (AXA Assurance)
- d) Expenses of personal nature like activities/shows not part of itinerary, laundry charges, mini-bar charges, tipping to hotel staff/restaurant staff, etc.