

# *An Enchanting tale awaits you @* **Unseen YUNNAN in Spring**

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**23Feb – 01March 2020**

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Here's your chance to uncover Yunnan's true beauty of nature with the only once in a year Canola ( Rapeseed) flower blooming fields of Luoping, a photography paradise of the UNESCO World Heritage of Yuanyang Rice Terraces, Hani Village voted as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most beautiful village of China, charming Nine Dragons ( Jiulong) Waterfall, Qing Dynasty ancient city of Jianshui and the enchanting Cherry Blossom & Crab apple trees @ the evergreen city of Kunming with the sunshine coast of Fuxian Lake.....

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### **Day 1 SUN Feb 23: Kunming arrival (D)**

Arrived Kunming on AirAsia 5pm. Transfer for dinner and check in hotel. Evening, free at leisure to visit shopping area near Golden Horse Gate, a landmark in the shopping street of Kunming City.

Overnite in Kunming

### **Day 2 MON Feb 24: Yuantong Mt Park (Kunming) - Luoping (B/L/D)**

Early morning, visit **Yuantong Mt Park** in Kunming City for its' spring flowers and if the timing is right, an opportunity to enjoy the full bloom stage of cherry blossom and crab apple trees.

In this park, there are hundreds of oriental cherry trees that were introduced in from Japan in the 1950s. Yuantong Park is also the venue for the annual Oriental Cherry Flowers Festival of Kunming.

We shall enjoy the famous roasted duck in Yiling, on the way to Luoping today.

#### **Transfer to Luoping (215km – 4 hours).**

Located in the eastern part of Yunnan, Luoping is one of the largest plantations of rapeseed flowers in Southwest China. Fields covered with golden rape forms seas of yellow buds.

Combined with a unique terrain dominated by karst features made this unique landscape features for photography and a place to unwind yourself.

On arrival, drive to **Jinjifeng (Golden Rooster Hill)** view the Canola (Rapeseed) flower fields from a high ground.- a platform for photographing the fields and sunset where weather permits.

Option for you to take a local buggy on your own expenses if you do not want to take a walking tour inside the fields.

Overnight in Luoping.



### Day 3 TUE Feb 25: Luoping – Jiulong Waterfall - Luoping (B/L/D)

Early morning on your own, walk around to enjoy the sunrise and if the weather is good a chance for some amazing sunrise photographing . Then, back to hotel for breakfast.

Transfer to **Jiulong Pubu (Nine Dragons Waterfalls)** to photograph the waterfalls. Option to take a cable car up the hill to the platform overlooking the valley and the waterfalls. Then, walk further down the hill to the biggest waterfall to photograph close-up.

After lunch, we will return to Luoping for more site-seeing of the yellow-fields like the visit **Luositian (Small Farms)** in Niujie area for viewing of Canola (Rapeseed) flower fields ( **Spiral Shell** ).

We shall return to Luoping for dinner and hopefully on the way be lucky enough to catch the setting sun over the karst and yellow rapeseed field again.

Overnight in Luoping.



### Day 4 WED Feb 26: Luoping – JIANSHUI (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will take a 4 hours drive to Jianshui. En-route to stop-over in MILE for lunch in front of the man-made beach of MILE city. Expected to arrive Jianshui in the afternoon.

Jianshui is a place with great location, having a history of over 1200 years, is one of the most famous cultural cities in China. In **Jianshui old town**, there is a good preserved Chinese ancient master piece of architectural from Song, Yuan, Ming & Qing Dynasties, with more than 50 ancient stone bridges, also known as the “ China ancient residential architecture museum” .



Upon arrival, wander through the old town, **Visit Chaoyang Gate** (older than Beijing's Tiananmen Gate), **Zhu Family Garden** (a beautifully preserved former Qing Dynasty period ancestral home). After dinner, you will have some free time on your own exploring the streets of the old town of Jianshui and enjoy the local snacks on your own along the street.

Overnite in a boutique hotel in the old town of Jianshui.



## **DAY 05 THU Feb 27 : JIANSHUI – Yuanyang ( B/L/D)**

After breakfast, we shall drive to the misty mountain town Yuanyang. This scenic journey will take 4 hours. Lunch will be at a local restaurant along the way. Enjoy a stop-over at their local farm market just before driving up to the rice terraces town of Yuanyang. Plenty of local fruits like pineapple, local sweet oranges, bananas, mangos, papaya etc.

Yuanyang Rice Terraces is now UNESCO World Heritage listed.

Yuanyang Rice Terraces, located on the southern slopes of Ailao Mountain in Yuanyang County (part of Honghe Hani Autonomous Prefecture) and located in the south of Yunnan Province has been a masterpiece of the ingenuity of the Hani people for generations. Southern Ailao Mountain, with this typical tiered landscape, is famed for its unique frontier scenery, making a heaven for most photographers and nature lovers.

Upon arriving this UNESCO World Heritage site of the **Hani people**, we shall spend some time in this quiet and **small village** with an unusual great scenery, clear spring, the antique wooden bridge, the old watermill babbling creaked as if recounting the story of the millennium, rough Hani houses like mushroom scattered among the land.

After appreciating the setting sun over the terraces, we drive to our hotel to check in and enjoy a local dinner. Overnight in Yuanyang



### DAY 06 FRI Feb 28 : YUANYANG ( B/L/D)

Early morning with our packed breakfast transfer to **Duoyishu Terraced Fields** for sunrise viewing.



This is the most beautiful natural and cultural landscape of Yuanyang Terraces, and it is the best place to go if you wish to photograph the sunrise. The terraces in this scenic area, including Duoyishu, Aichun, and Dawazhe, are more than 1647.4 acres in total. Sunrise provides the most beautiful sight in Duoyishu as the morning there highlights the superlative dynamic landscape. As a kind suggestion, we recommend that you can pay special attention to the changing color of the water during the early morning sunrise. As the reflections and

shadows are constantly changing, the visual impact can be overwhelming, making the Yuanyang Terraces, a photography heaven for all nature lovers.

Then visit **Shengchun village's morning market**, follow by **Bada and Malizhai Terraces viewpoints**. In the afternoon, we will visit the highest view point – **Tiger Mouth**. From this point, we can see endless terrace as if they are connecting to the sky. This is also the best place to see **the sunset**. After appreciating the setting sun, we shall return to our hotel and enjoy our dinner.

Overnight in Yuanyang.



### **DAY 07 SAT Feb 29 : Yuanyang – Fuxian Lake – Kunming (B/L/-)**

This morning, enjoy the morning view of the rice terraces from our hotel's breakfast restaurant.

Check out and we shall drive back to Kunming City.

En-route visit the Fuxian Lake – take note of the water quality of this lake , it is one of best in all lakes in China. Fuxian Lake, 60 kilometers southeast of Kunming, sits at the headwaters of the Pearl River, China's third longest river. It is the largest alpine freshwater lake in China, and its water storage capacity accounts for nearly 10% of all freshwater lakes in China.

Enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant near to Fuxian Lake before taking a leisure walk along the lake .

Late afternoon, transfer to Kunming airport for our departure flight. Dinner on our own at the airport.



### **DAY 08 SUN MAR 01 : Kunming airport – Kuala Lumpur**

On board our flight @ 0230 from Kunming to Kuala Lumpur ETA 0630

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**Flight Details : AIR ASIA direct flight to Kunming**

23 FEB AK101 KULKMG 1305 1655  
01 MAR AK104 KMGKUL 0230 0630

**Costing 8Days / 6Nights Full Board Package**

**a) Ground Arrangement ( Group departure min. 16 pax/max. 18 pax only)**

Twin sharing per person = MYR 3,690.00 \*  
Single Supplement @MYR1000.00

**b) Air Ticket on Air Asia as per airasia.com**

Estimated with 20kg check in bag = MYR 1,100.00 \*\*  
( ticketing fee @ MYR 30/person)

c) Travel Insurance 8days coverage = MYR 59.00\*\*\*

d) China Visa Single entry =MYR 130.00\*\*\*

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Estimated per person MYR 4,979.00

\*subject to exchange rate changes, based on 1USD : 4.20MYR

\*\*airfare on Air Asia is an estimation only, may subjected to change at the time of booking.

\*\*\*you may omit them if you already have a valid travel insurance coverage and valid China Visa.

The flow of itinerary may be subjected to change according to local conditions and flight schedules.

Pictures shown are from file library and may be different from the actual sites due to weather condition.

Weather expected to be around 13C – 20C ( subject to change)

**Tour Fare including**

- a) 8 nights ( 3\*-4\*) hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- b) Private transportation 33-39 seater good conditioned coach all the way.
- c) All entrance fee as itinerary
- d) English speaking local guide
- e) Full board with bottled drinking water during the tour
- f) Tipping to Guide & Driver
- g) This is a non-shopping tour

**Excluding**

- a) Any other items mentioned in our itinerary
- b) Tipping to porter at the hotel

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## Booking

### a) Deposit payment

- (i) MYR 800.00 per person if booking of air ticket is on your own (Please do not book Your air ticket first until confirmation of the tour from us)
- (ii) MYR2000.00 per person if booking of air ticket is done by EL SOL Travel

### b) Balance of Payment

By early January 2020

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