



KUNMING & LIJIANG SHORT STAY

Extension | 5 Days | Physical Level 1
Kunming - Lijiang

Discover the sites of this spectacular region; tour the picturesque Stone Forest, visit Black Dragon Pool and admire Tiger Leaping Gorge.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Private transfers
- Transportation as stated
- English speaking guide



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Day 1: Arrive Kunming

Meals: None

Make your way to Kunming airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide, and transferred to your hotel.

**Destination Information**

Kunming - Nicknamed China's 'Spring City' due to its temperate weather, Kunming is the capital of Yunnan Province. Kunming has long played an important city for trade due to its significant location on the borders of Southeast Asia.

Day 2: Stone Forest

Meals: B, L

Drive 1 and a half hours to the Stone Forest and spend the morning exploring the unusual limestone rock formations of the Kunming Stone Forest.

This UNESCO-listed Stone Forest has towering limestone pillars which stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland.

After lunch, you will drive back to Kunming for an afternoon at leisure.

**Destination Information**

Kunming Stone Forest - Located 120km south east of Kunming, the Stone Forest consists of thousands of narrow, fantastically shaped pillars of rock, scattered over an area of more than 80 hectares. The park is designed so that you can follow a walkway through the formations of water pools and grey pinnacles, the tallest of which is over 30m high. See if you can find the following formations for yourself – Everlasting Fungus, Baby Buffalo, Moon Grazing Rhino, Sword Pond and Baby Elephant.

Day 3: Black Dragon Pool

Meals: B, L

Board the bullet train to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the surrounding mountains.



Later, return to Lijiang and explore the ancient quarter, where the cobbled streets are lined with traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

Destination Information

Lijiang - A beautiful tapestry of cobbled streets, rickety wooden buildings and sultry streams, Lijiang is a vision of idyllic wonder; a great place to just take a stroll and soak up the atmosphere.

Black Dragon Pool - Constructed in 1737 during the reign of the Qing Dynasty, the Black Dragon Pool is a popular pond in Lijiang which offers stunning vistas and walking opportunities. From this area, visitors can enjoy beautiful panoramas of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, the tallest mountain in the area. It is said that there is a black dragon living within the pond's waters, hence the name.

Day 4: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Meals: B, L

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge.

With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights with spectacular and breathtaking views.



Later, return to Lijiang. Overnight altitude - 2,300m at Lijiang.

Destination Information

Tiger Leaping Gorge - Tiger Leaping Gorge believed to be one of the deepest and most dramatic gorges in the world, measuring at 16km. Hiking along Tiger Leaping Gorge has become incredibly popular, as those who do can view its roaring stream, cascading waterfalls and magnificent scale.

Day 5: Depart Lijiang

Meals: B

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey.

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