

## 9 Days Southwest Dream Tour(Shanghai,Kunming,Lijiang,Shangri la) Route Summary

You will have an unforgettable experience traveling to the amazing sites featured in the movie "The Mummy3". From the prosperous metropolis Shanghai to the mysterious fairyland Shangri-La, and on to the charming natural beauty of Lijiang, an abundance of adventure awaits you.

**Price:** 1 Person:\$2800 2-5 Persons:\$1600 6-9 Persons:\$1020

**Destination:** Shanghai - Kunming - Lijiang - Shangri la

**Duration:** 9 Days

**Tour Type:** Private Tour

### Day 1

#### Arrive in Shanghai

Meet the local guide and transfer to the hotel.

#### Meals:

**Accommodation:**The Bund Hotel

### Day 2

#### Shanghai

Visit the **Yuyuan Garden**, the **Bund**, the **Shanghai World Financial Center**

With a long history of more than four hundred years, the Yu Garden is the most celebrated classical Chinese garden in Shanghai. The garden is located to the northeast of the old town, not far from the Bund. The garden is typical of the gardening art south of the Yangtze River and is famed as "an architectural miracle in the region south of Yangtze River".

**The Bund** is regarded as the symbol of Shanghai with its magnificent landmarks. It is actually a waterfront area of Pu Xi (West City) that faces the newer part of Shanghai - Pu Dong (East City), with the renowned Huangpu River flowing in between. Here in the bund, you can see the essence of Shanghai, the prosperous, historical and elegant Shanghai.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:**The Bund Hotel

### Day 3

#### Shanghai/Kunming

Visit the **French Concession Region**, **Xintiandi**. Then fly to **Kunming**.

**French concession region** is a great area to explore, from the old European buildings in shady avenues to the cafes and restaurants and up market shopping area of Huaihai Lu.

**Xintiandi** is nestled between the towering skyscrapers in city center. It is one of the busiest urban tourist attractions and imbued with the city's historical and cultural legacies. Shanghai Xintiandi's Shikumen building was created by converting traditional residential blocks into a multifunctional dining, retailing and entertainment center flowing with restaurants, boutiques, cafes and bars of international standard.

**Meals:**Breakfast,Lunch

**Accommodation:**Kunming Uchoice hotel

## Day 4

**Kunming**

Visit the **Stone Forest, Jiuxiang Caves**.

The **Stone Forest** is in the Yi Nationality Autonomous County, Yunnan Province. It covers an area of 2,670 square kilometers and is divided into several scenic areas with names like Greater Stone Forest, Lesser Stone forest, Outer Stone Forest, Underground Stone Forest, Stone Forest Lake, and Da Dieshui Fall. The Stone Forest was formed by karsts two million years ago. The Forest contains peaks, pillars, stalagmites, depressions, underground rivers, and caves. The fantastic stone pinnacles rising abruptly from the ground resemble a huge, dense forest.

Located 47 kilometers from Yiliang County, 90 kilometers away from Kunming city, only 22 kilometers from the famous stone forest, **Jiuxiang Cave** is a famous tourist destination in Yunnan Province encompassed by karst caves, deep valleys, and Yi ethnic minority's cultural landscapes.

**Note:** The final stage is to climb up Bat Cave. This is the most challenging part as there are about 336 steps. Sometimes there are laborers who offering sedan chair service.

**Meals:**Breakfast,Lunch

**Accommodation:**Kunming Uchoice hotel

## Day 5

**Lijiang**

Visit the **Lijiang Ancient Town**, the **Black Dragon Pool**.

**Lijiang Ancient Town** is situated in the middle area of the county, which is more than 2400 meters high above sea level. It enjoys beautiful scenes, an indeed famous city with long history and splendid culture; it is very rare in China that such well-preserved minority ancient city still exists. The old town is quite busy in the afternoon and evening with an active atmosphere of the lights and crowd. An early morning visit will be less crowded.

The **Black Dragon Pool** is a famous pond in the scenic Jade Spring Park located at the foot of Elephant Hill, a short walk north of the Old Town of Lijiang in Yunnan province, China. The Black Dragon Pool was named after a legend stating that in ancient times there was a black dragon living in this pool. It was built in 1737 during the Qing Dynasty and offers a spectacular view on the region's tallest mountain, Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, over its white marble bridge. Surrounding the pool, within the park's landscape, are ancient monuments such as the Longshen Temple, the Moon-Embracing Pavilion, the Suocui Bridge and the Hanyue Stage.

**Meals:**Breakfast,Lunch

**Accommodation:**Lijiang Hexi hotel

## Day 6

**Lijiang**

Visit the **Jade Dragon Mountain, Baisha Murals** at Baisha Village.

The 13 peaks of 18,360-foot **Jade Dragon Snow Mountain**, a treasure of wild plants and rare animals, are like a silver dragon lying in the clouds. The cable car will take you into the clouds, where you will be far away from the worldly hurly-burly, and find yourself in a real paradise. Many visit Ganhanzi, Baishuihe (White Water River), and Glacier Park from this cableway.

**Baisha Murals** are painted over a thousand years ago, combined the cultures of Han, Tibetan and Naxi people displaying the life stories of the Tibet, Buddhism, Confucian and Taoism.

**Meals:**Breakfast,Lunch

**Accommodation:**Lijiang Hexi hotel

## Day 7

## Lijiang

Visit the **Tiger Leaping Gorge**.

**Tiger Leaping Gorge** is located 60 km north of Lijiang City, Yunnan Province in southwestern China. It is part of the Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas World Heritage Site. Spring is the best time to visit, as melting snow flowing down from mountains makes the river turbulence at its peak.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Shangri la Old City Int'l hotel

## Day 8

### Shangri la

Visit the **Pudacuo National Park**, **Songzanlin Lamasery**.

Located near Shangri-La in China's Yunnan Province in southwest China, the **Pudacuo National Park** covers a total area of nearly 2,000 square kilometers.

This park has an average altitude of 3,500 meters and retains a well-preserved ecosystem within the virgin forests. The must-see scenery in this park includes Lake Bita and Lake Shudu. "Bita" means "a place with a dense oak forest" in the Tibetan language and "Bitahai" means a quiet lake. The **Bitahai Lake** is surrounded by mountains covered with ancient pines, oaks and rhododendrons, and appears like an emerald in the heart of the mountain. **Shudu Lake** is located in the northeast of Shangri-la and it is one of the largest fresh water lakes on the Diqing plateau. The lake is surrounded by a forest of fir, spruce and silver birch, and is home to lots of wild animals such as bears, golden cats, deer and pheasants.

The **Songzanlin Monastery**, often called Ganden Sumtseling Monastery or Guihua Monastery, is located at the foot of Foping Mountain near Shangri-La County in Yunnan Province. The monastery is built on a hillside and looks like an ancient fort. The Songzanlin Monastery is often called the little Potala Palace because of its traditional Tibetan architectural style. Although smaller than Lhasa's Potala Palace, the Songzanlin Monastery is magnificent, and its picturesque location and beautiful buildings make this an important stop for any visit to Yunnan Province.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Shangri la Old City Int'l hotel

## Day 9

### Shanghai

Fly from Shangri la to Shanghai. Relax and depart Shanghai.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:**