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Ethnic Minority Discovery in Southern China - Private Tour - 6 Days

Immerse yourself in the living cultural tapestry and awe-inspiring natural scenery of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on this 6-day private overland journey. Sail along the iconic limestone peaks of the Li River into Yangshuo before exploring the multi-tiered stalactites of Silver Cave. Delve deep into authentic minority traditions across Rongshui Miao villages, the historic streets of Danzhou Island, the mortise-and-tenon architectural wonders of Sanjiang Dong villages, and the dramatic cascading vistas of the Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces in Longsheng.

Tour Highlights

Take a scenic 3-hour Li River cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo surrounded by world-renowned limestone karst peaks and emerald waters.
Explore the dramatic underground geological chambers and shimmering stalactites inside Lipu's famous Silver Cave.
Experience warm Miao hospitality in Rongshui with traditional welcoming songs and vibrant reed-pipe (Lusheng) musical performances.
Wander through Qing Dynasty architecture and peaceful cobblestone alleys on the vehicle-free haven of Danzhou Island.
Marvel at the ancient mortise-and-tenon craftsmanship of the Chengyang Wind and Rain Bridge in the heart of Dong ethnic territory.
Hike among the breathtaking layered mountain vistas and centuries-old agricultural engineering of the Longsheng Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces.
Enjoy seamless private door-to-door ground transfers with professional local guiding throughout Guangxi's scenic mountain routes.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Guilin	airport-hotel transfer in Guilin

2	Day 2 Guilin - Yangshuo (by cruise)	take a cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo, port - hotel transfer in Yangshuo breakfast, lunch This morning, transfer to embark on a memorable 3-hour Li River Cruise. Upon arrive at Yangshuo, transfer to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day on your own. Li River Cruise, leisure time in Yangshuo In the morning, meet your guide at the hotel and transfer to embark on a memorable Li River Cruise. Through this 3-hour journey of China's best known natural scenery, you can appreciate unique karst landscapes as well as verdant hills and lovely waters. Then, arrive at Yangshuo at about 13:00 and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Ideas for leisure time in Yangshuo (optional tours): 1. Take a bamboo rafting on the Yulong River. Sitting in a chair on the raft and floating down the Yulong River, you will be impressed by the amazing natural beauty in the countryside. 2.Yangshuo County is dotted with rolling hills, bamboo forests and local villages. Taking an walking tour with your guide and explore this scenic countryside is not a bad choice. 3.Or you could join in a 3-hour Chinese Cuisine Cookery Class. It is a great chance to learn a course of Chinese dish from local people. Your friends and family will be amazed when you make them Chinese dishes at the party.
3	Day 3 Yangshuo - Lipu - Rongshui (by automobile)	private transfer of Yangshuo/Lipu/Rongshui breakfast, lunch In the morning, drive a half hour to Lipu and pay a visit to **Silver Cave**. It is a multi-storied karst cave, where stalactites developed in different geologic ages constitute various awe-inspiring sights. Afterwards, take a scenic ride to Rongshui (about 236 km). You will enjoy another amazing sight - **karst plain**, a place with lush green fields and rice paddies. Rongshui is the residence of Miao ethic group. Hospitable Miao people will sing songs and play the traditional reed-pipe instrument to welcome you.
4	Day 4 Rongshui - Danzhou - Sanjiang (by automobile)	private transfer of Rongshui/Danzhou/Sanjiang breakfast, lunch In the morning, take a car ride from Rongshui to **Danzhou Island** (about 51 km). Upon arrival, pay a visit to the **Old Town of Danzhou**. Wandering through the ancient streets, you will come across some historical constructions of Qing Dynasty. Later, head to Sanjiang (about 60 km), the residence of Dong ethnic minority group. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel.

5	Day 5 Sanjiang - Chengyang Scenic Area - Longsheng (by automobile)	private transfer of Sanjiang/Chengyang Scenic Area/Longsheng breakfast, lunch **Chengyang Wind and Rain Bridge, Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces** The Chengyang Wind and Rain Bridge is a combination of bridge, corridor, veranda and pavilion. Talented Dong people built the bridge without any nails or rivets. Though several decades old, the bridge is still very steady and looks like a brilliant rainbow crossing over the river. Today, take a 3-hour car ride to Longsheng. Longsheng is well known for its spectacular Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces. It is a beautiful place where the Zhuang and Yao ethnic people have lived for over the centuries. In the spring, when the terraces are full of water, they resemble irregular silver ladders; and in autumn, when the rice ripens, the mountains turn into golden waves.
6	Day 6 Longsheng - Guilin (by automobile)	private transfer from Longsheng to airport in Guilin breakfast

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What distinct ethnic cultures will we encounter during this 6-day tour?
A: This tour provides in-depth encounters with four prominent ethnic groups in southern China: the Zhuang, Yao (in Longsheng), Miao (in Rongshui), and Dong (in Sanjiang), highlighting their traditional costumes, wooden architecture, music, and local customs.

Q: What makes the Chengyang Wind and Rain Bridge in Sanjiang so famous?
A: Built entirely out of wood and stone using sophisticated mortise-and-tenon joinery, the bridge was constructed without a single iron nail or rivet. It combines bridge piers, covered corridors, and multi-eaved resting pavilions into a unified architectural masterpiece.

Q: What are the driving conditions and travel times like between destinations?
A: The route covers scenic rural highways and mountain valleys: Yangshuo to Rongshui takes approximately 3.5 to 4 hours (around 236 km), Rongshui to Danzhou and Sanjiang takes about 2 to 2.5 hours total, and Sanjiang to Longsheng is roughly a 3-hour drive. All transfers are carried out by private air-conditioned vehicle with flexible rest stops.

Q: Is this 6-day tour physically demanding?
A: The physical effort is generally moderate. While touring caves and walking through terrace trails or ancient village paths involves stone steps and gentle inclines, your private guide will adjust the pacing to suit your preferences. Comfortable walking or hiking shoes are recommended.

Tour Includes :

- Private English-speaking tour guide
- Private air-conditioned van
- Land transfers between airport and hotel
- Entrance ticket as listed
- Lunch as listed
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Cruise tickets as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- Flight and train ticket
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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