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Zhangjiajie Classic & Fenghuang Ancient Town Tour - 5 Days

Immerse yourself in surreal sandstone pillars and romantic minority heritage on this 5-day Hunan nature and culture tour. Ascend into the misty Avatar floating mountains in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, cross thrilling glass skywalks atop Tianmen Mountain, and brave the Grand Canyon Glass Bridge. Conclude your adventure along the picturesque riverbanks of Fenghuang Ancient Town, admiring illuminated Diaojiaolou stilted houses and authentic Miao traditions.

Tour Highlights

Avatar Floating Mountains: Marvel at the towering sandstone pillars across **Yuanjiajie**, **Mount Tianzi**, and take an exhilarating ride on the cliff-hanging **Bailong Elevator**.
Tianmen Mountain Thrills: Experience the world's longest passenger cableway, conquer the **Cliff-Hanging Glass Skywalk**, and gaze up at the majestic **Tianmen Cave**.
Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge: Walk across the world-famous transparent bridge suspended high above a dramatic limestone gorge.
Romantic Fenghuang Ancient Town: Stroll ancient flagstone lanes, take a nighttime boat cruise on the **Tuo River**, and discover **Miao and Tujia** ethnic folkways.
Tranquil Waters & Emerald Valleys: Enjoy peaceful nature walks along **Golden Whip Stream** and a scenic cruise across emerald **Baofeng Lake**.

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

2	Day 2 Zhangjiajie National Forest Park	breakfast, lunch **Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, Mount Tianzi Scenic Area, Yuanjiajie Scenic Area, Bailong Elevator** Experience a full-day, breathtaking journey through the otherworldly sandstone pillars of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, the true inspiration behind the floating mountains in the movie Avatar. Your adventure begins with a scenic cable car ride up the mountain, whisking you directly into the clouds. First, explore Tianzishan (Tianzi Mountain), renowned for its misty peaks and stunning panoramic views of thousands of jagged pillars rising from the valleys. Next, journey to Yuanjiajie, where you will stand face-to-face with the awe-inspiring Avatar Hallelujah Mountain and cross the First Bridge Under Heaven. After marveling at these gravity-defying landscapes, you will experience a thrilling descent aboard the famous Bailong Elevator, a soaring glass structure built into the cliffside. Conclude your unforgettable day with a peaceful, ground-level stroll along the crystal-clear waters of Golden Whip Brook (Jinbianxi), where you can admire the towering peaks from below amidst lush forests and playful wild macaques. Take a shuttle bus to Mount Tianzi Scenic Area and take a cable car to the mountain top. Mount Tianzi is admired as one of the top four scenic spots of Wulingyuan Scenic Area (UNESCO). Mount Tianzi is renowned by the amazing natural landscape, it embodies varied beautiful scenes at different time within one day and is reputed as “huge bonsai, small fairyland”. Afterwards, take a shuttle bus to Yuanjiajie (UNESCO), experience the magnificent scenery of jagged peaks and deep valleys. It is said that the Southern Sky Pillar in Yuanjiajie was the prototype of the floating mountains in the Film Avatar. Take the Bailong Elevator to get down from the mountain. The Bailong Lift is the highest outdoor elevator in the World.
3	Day 3 Tianmen Mountain & Baofeng Lake	breakfast, lunch **Tianmen Mountain (with glass skywalk), Baofeng Lake** Today, take an excursion to the Tianmen Mountain National Park. The stunning sightseeings include Tianmen Cave (also called Heaven's Door), the 99 Bends, vertical cliffs, and the glass skywalk. The 1,430-meter high skywalk offers visitor a unique vista of the mountainous summits and spine-tingling thrills. Baofeng Lake is one of most beautiful attractions of Wulingyuan Scenic Area. There were many TV series shoot in Baofeng Lake area due to its amazing natural scenery. Take a short cruise on the crystal-clear lake. **Good to know:** on foggy days, it is easier to walk across the pathway as you can see nothing below, however, the fun and thrilling feeling is less. You are advised to check the weather forecast to get the best experience in advance. Our tour guide can also give you some useful suggestions.
4	Day 4 Zhangjiajie to Fenghuang | Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon	private transfer from Zhangjiajie to Fenghuang breakfast, lunch **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge** As world's longest and highest glass bridge, Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge measures 430m in total length and 6m in breadth, and is suspended about 260m above the ground. Then, stop by at Sand-rock Painting Research Institution and transfer to Fenghuang Ancient Town (4 hours). Upon arrival, enjoy a night boat trip on Tuo River.

5	Day 5 Zhangjiajie Departure | Fenghuang Ancient Town	private transfer from Fenghuang to Zhangjiajie, airport transfer in Zhangjiajie breakfast, lunch **Fenghuang Ancient Town** Today, visit Fenghuang Ancient Town - one of the most beautiful towns in China. There are some ethnic groups live in Fenghuang including Miao, Tujia, and Hui. You could meet a lot of Miao people with their traditional blue garments decorated a white scarf. A large array of exquisite handmade silver ornaments could also be found in the local shops. Service ends.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the walking intensity across the scenic areas in Zhangjiajie?
A: While walking along paved stone paths and mountain steps is required, the itinerary utilizes cable cars, mountain eco-buses, and the Bailong Elevator to minimize strenuous climbing.

Q: Is the Glass Skywalk on Tianmen Mountain safe for visitors who fear heights?
A: Yes, the glass skywalk is engineered with multi-layered safety glass and reinforced cliffside barriers; visitors uncomfortable with transparent flooring can choose parallel solid-rock trails.

Q: How long is the drive between Zhangjiajie and Fenghuang Ancient Town?
A: The scenic overland transfer between Zhangjiajie and Fenghuang Ancient Town takes approximately 3.5 to 4 hours by comfortable private car via high-grade expressways.

Q: What makes staying overnight in Fenghuang Ancient Town special?
A: Evening transforms Fenghuang into a fairytale scene as red lanterns illuminate the traditional wooden stilted houses (Diaojiaolou) lining the Tuo River, creating a magical atmosphere best enjoyed on an evening boat ride.

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
- 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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