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Chongqing & Chengdu Discovery with Wulong & Dazu Rock Carvings - 7 Days

Experience the vibrant urban pulse, karst landscapes, and ancient grotto art of Southwest China on this 7-day overland adventure. Begin in Chongqing exploring the futuristic Liziba train-through-building, dramatic skyline decks, Wulong's UNESCO Three Natural Bridges, and the Dazu Rock Carvings. Continue west into Sichuan to encounter giant pandas, historic Buddhist temples, and Chengdu's relaxed teahouse lifestyle.

Tour Highlights

UNESCO Natural & Cultural Wonders: Explore the massive limestone arches at **Three Natural Bridges** in Wulong and the ancient Buddhist cliff sculptures of **Dazu Rock Carvings**.

Futuristic "Cyberpunk" Mountain City: Witness the iconic **Liziba monorail** passing through a residential building and take in panoramic skyline views from the **Chongqing Cloud Eye Observation Deck**.

Adorable Giant Panda Encounters: Visit the **Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding** to observe giant and red pandas in lush bamboo habitats.

Authentic Bashu Culture & Lifestyles: Stroll through historic **Ciqikou Ancient Town**, trek cliffside **Shancheng Alley**, and sip tea on bamboo chairs inside Chengdu's **People's Park**.

Historic Monasteries & Modern Vibe: Wander the tranquil courtyards of **Wenshu Monastery** and explore upscale heritage shopping at **Taikoo Li**.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Arrival in Chongqing	 airport/train station - hotel transfer in Chongqing
		 breakfast, lunch  Begin your sensory exploration of China's most futuristic mountain city at Ciqikou Ancient Town , wandering through its bustling, historic lanes lined with traditional Sichuanese teahouses and artisan shops. Next, marvel at Chongqing's legendary urban planning as you watch the Liziba Light Rail seamlessly glide straight through a high-rise residential building. Dive deeper into the local heritage by exploring Shancheng Alley (Mountain City Alley) , trekking past historic stilted houses and conquering the steep stone steps that showcase the raw, traditional charm of this vertical metropolis. Afterward, blend history with modern fantasy by ascending to the spectacular Chongqing Cloud Eye Observation Deck . Stand on this soaring open-air platform to enjoy a panoramic, bird's-eye view of the dramatic skyline and the winding Yangtze and Jialing rivers below as the city lights begin to shimmer. Conclude your day's journey by descending to stroll through the bustling pedestrian avenues of Jiefangbei , the vibrant

commercial heart of the city, perfectly capturing the roaring energy of this vertical metropolis.

Ciqikou Ancient Town

Founded in 998 AD, this is the epitome and symbol of the ancient city of Chongqing. Here, tourists can try out traditional crafts such as oil pressing, silk spinning, sugar making, and dough figure making, and taste various traditional snacks.

Liziba Station

Prepare to witness one of the most unique urban transit sights in the world. At Liziba Station, you will watch in amazement as a modern monorail train drives directly through the middle of a 19-story residential apartment building. It is a viral, must-see symbol of Chongqing's "cyberpunk" style and fascinating hilly geography.

Shancheng Alley (Mountain City Alley)

Built along the steep cliffs overlooking the Yangtze River, this historic alley is a living museum of old Chongqing. Walking along this traditional stone pathway, you will pass by old courtyard homes, local tea houses, and historic stone walls, offering a peaceful look into the traditional lifestyle and unique cliffside architecture of the city.

Chongqing Cloud Eye Observation Deck

Perched atop a 500-meter-high skyscraper, this thrilling open-air observation deck gives you the feeling of standing in the clouds. It provides an unmatched, 360-degree bird's-eye view of the entire city, its massive bridges, and the winding rivers far below. It is the ultimate spot for high-angle photography and panoramic city views.

Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street

Centered around the iconic People's Liberation Monument, Jiefangbei is the bustling heart of modern Chongqing. This vibrant, neon-lit pedestrian area is lined with massive shopping centers, local boutiques, and endless food stalls, making it a fantastic lively place to stroll, people-watch, and try famous local street food.



3	Day 3 Chongqing to Wulong Three Natural Bridges & Fairy Mountain	 private transfer of Chongqing & Wulong  breakfast, lunch  Spend a breathtaking day exploring the dramatic limestone masterworks of Wulong. Journey into the earth to discover the monumental scale of the Three Natural Bridges (UNESCO), a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring three colossal, self-supporting stone arches sheltering historic ancient outposts far below the canyon floor. Ascend to the refreshing alpine grasslands of Fairy Meadows (Xiannu Mountain), wandering past emerald pine forests and sweeping pastures that contrast beautifully with the surrounding gorges. Afterward, conclude your nature exploration as you board a comfortable private coach for a scenic drive northwest, relaxing as you journey through the changing landscapes straight back into the shimmering mountain metropolis of Chongqing. Three Natural Bridges (UNESCO) Marvel at a geological masterpiece within the UNESCO-listed South China Karst. This spectacular canyon features three massive, interconnected natural stone arch bridges that span across deep limestone gorges. Walking along the canyon floor, you will also discover a beautiful, traditional wooden courtyard house hidden right beneath the cliffs, famously featured in international movies. Fairy Mountain (Xiannu Mountain) Known as the "Switzerland of Southern China," Xiannu Mountain National Forest Park is famous for its vast, rolling alpine meadows, dense pine forests, and cool mountain climate. It offers a stark, beautiful contrast to the deep rocky gorges nearby and is a perfect, refreshing destination to enjoy scenic walks and peaceful pastoral landscapes. 
4	Day 4 Chongqing/Dazu to Chengdu by Bullet Train	 private transfer of Chongqing & Dazu, train station - hotel transfer in Chengdu  breakfast, lunch  Dazu Rock Carvings The Dazu Rock Carvings (UNESCO) is a series of Chinese religious sculptures carved on steep hillsides. Dating back to the 7th century AD, the Dazu Rock Carvings represent the harmonious synthesis of Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. The highlight of the rock grotto can be found on Mount Baoding. The largest statue in the world of the Thousand-Hand Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva and a half-length reclining Buddha can both be found here.

5	Day 5 Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Base & Kuanzhai Alley	 breakfast, lunch  Giant Panda Breeding Research Center, Kuanzhai Alley Explore this world-class conservation sanctuary for an intimate encounter with China's beloved national treasure. Beyond observing pandas in their lush natural enclosures, the onsite museum offers fascinating insights into their evolution, unique habits, and global conservation success. Located in the heart of Chengdu, Kuanzhai Alley is a vibrant historical and cultural district that showcases the city's unique, leisurely lifestyle. Comprising three parallel ancient alleys—Kuan Alley (Wide Alley), Zhai Alley (Narrow Alley), and Jing Alley (Well Alley)—this area features beautifully preserved courtyard architecture dating back to the Qing Dynasty. It offers a perfect blend of old Chengdu traditions and modern creative culture, where visitors can stroll through historic gray-brick lanes, experience traditional Sichuan tea houses, watch classic face-changing opera performances, and sample a wide array of authentic local street food.
6	Day 6 Chengdu People's Park & Taikoo Li	 breakfast, lunch  Wuhou Memorial Temple, People's Park, Taikoo Li The Wuhou Memorial Temple is a complex of pavilions and statues commemorating figures of the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220-80). Located in the center of Chengdu, People's Park is the perfect place to immerse yourself in the city's legendary, slow-paced lifestyle. It seamlessly blends lush natural landscapes and historic monuments with rich local traditions. During your visit, you can wander through Matchmaker's Corner in People's Park where parents search for suitable suitors for their children, and visit a traditional Tea House where you can try traditional Chinese tea. Sitting bamboo chairs, sipping local green tea, and watching locals chat or play mahjong offers an authentic window into the true soul of Chengdu's cultural heritage. Taikoo Li is a fashionable shopping district in the centre of Chengdu. But, this is not your ordinary indoor shopping centre – Taikoo Li has been developed around ancient streets and historical buildings yet is replete with modern facilities. Here, tradition and modernity complement each other to form a unique low-density urban space. Optional Experience: Sichuan Opera & Face-Changing Show Dive into local culture with an evening Sichuan Opera performance. This traditional Chinese theater is famous for its breathtaking, fast-paced stunts. You will watch performers switch colorful masks in the blink of an eye ("Face-Changing") and spit impressive bursts of fire ("Fire-Spitting"). It is a lively, visual, and highly entertaining show that requires no knowledge of the Chinese language to enjoy.
7	Day 7 Chengdu Departure	 hotel - airport/train station transfer  breakfast

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Is the intercity transit between Chongqing and Chengdu comfortable?

A: Yes, the journey is arranged via private air-conditioned vehicle, allowing for an en-route stop to tour the UNESCO-listed Dazu Rock Carvings before arriving directly at your hotel in Chengdu.

Q: How much walking is required at Wulong Three Natural Bridges and Dazu Rock Carvings?

A: Both sites feature stone stairways and paved trails through canyons and hillsides. Scenic elevators and golf carts are used where available, but comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Q: When is the best time to see the giant pandas active in Chengdu?

A: Pandas are most active in the early morning during their outdoor feeding and play routines. The visit is scheduled early in the day for the best viewing experience.

Q: What is the best season to take this Chongqing and Chengdu tour?

A: Spring (March to May) and Autumn (September to November) offer the most pleasant weather for outdoor exploring across both the mountain city terrains and karst nature parks.

Tour Includes :

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

Tour Excludes :

- International flight
- 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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