info@cits.com.cn +86-10-65222991

Shangri-La Ethnic Discovery (Summer Program) - 8 Days

This 8-day Yunnan tour guarantees departure on every Friday in Kunming from April to October. In 8 days, you can feast your eyes on the wonderful natural beauty as well as the historic and cultural heritages in Kunming, Dali, Lijiang and Shangri-La. The Stone Forest, Three Pagodas, Lijiang Old Town, Tiger Leaping Gorge, Ganden Songzanlin Monastery and Nixi Village of Tibetan will highlight your trip.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 (Fri) Kunming	airport-hotel transfer in Kunming The capital of Yunnan Province, **Kunming** is one of China's noted historical and cultural cities. The city is located in central Yunnan at the elevation of 1894 meters above sea level and is praised as the city of eternal spring.
2	Day 2 (Sat) Kunming	breakfast, lunch Stone Forest , Flowers and Birds Market The Stone Forest (UNESCO) is a typical Karst landscape formed some 270 million years ago. This geological wonder consists of limestone cliffs and peaks that have weathered into various shapes since their formation beneath the sea. Situated in the center of Kunming City, Flowers and Birds Market is the biggest and most ancient bazaar in Kunming. The market is home to many cultural relics, well-decorated shopping stores, various birds, diversified flowers and palatable snacks.
3	Day 3 (Sun) Kunming - Dali (by bullet train)	hotel-bus station transfer in Kunming, bus station transfer in Dali. Today, transfer to the train station and take a high-speed train from Kunming to Dali, second class seat, or about 2 hours. Three Pagodas of Dali, Dali Old Town The Three Pagodas is the symbol of Dali City. Three Pagodas are made of three ancient independent pagodas forming a symmetrical triangle. Take a walking tour of the Dali Old Town to capture its charm with narrow cobbled streets and traditional stone architecture.

4	Day 4 (Mon) Dali - Lijiang (by automobile)	transfer from Dali to Lijiang breakfast, lunch **Xizhou Town, Shaping Market, Old Town of Lijiang** In Xizhou Town, you will get an idea of what traditional Bai architecture really is. The asset of Xizhou are its well-preserved courtyards,which make the old town a living art museums. Shaping Market is a local market on every Monday. The local people come to the market from surrounding villages to exchange their daily wares, farming products, traditional clothes, or simply foods and vegetables. The Old Town of Lijiang (UNESCO) is one of the best-preserved ancient towns in China and is famous for its distinctive Naxi culture and ancient buildings.
5	Day 5 (Tue) Lijiang	breakfast, lunch **Black Dragon Pond, Dongba Culture Museum, Yuhu Village , Murals in Baisha Village** The Black Dragon Pond provides you an opportunity of taking great pictures of the crystal clear pond with backdrop of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountains. Visit the Dongba Culture Museum and gain a full glimpse of local Naxi ethic culture. The Yuhu Village is an ancient village of Naxi Ethnic Group. The famous Former Residence of Dr. Joseph Rock is also located there. The Baisha Village is one of the oldest towns in Lijiang as well as one of the earliest communities of the Naxi ethnic group. The 44 pieces of ancient murals there were carved in the early Ming Dynasty.
6	Day 6 (Wed) Lijiang - Shangri-La (by automobile)	transfer from Lijiang to Shangri-La breakfast, lunch **Tiger Leaping Gorge** Located 60 kilometres north of Lijiang City, the Tiger Leaping Gorge is one of the deepest and most spectacular river canyons in the world. Following an ancient trek, you will enjoy a magnificent close-up view of sharp cliffs and roaring water.
7	Day 7 (Thu) Shangri-La	breakfast, lunch **Ganden Songzanlin Monastery , Pay a visit to a Xizang family** The Ganden Songzanlin Monastery is the largest Xizang Buddhism monastery in Yunnan province. Built in the 17th century, during the reign of the Fifth Dalai Lama, it is often called ' the Little Potala Palace'. Pay a visit to a Xizang family. Sitting in their wooden house built with big sitting room and Buddhism hall, you may try some Xizang specialties such as buttered tea, local yogurt and barley wine.
8	Day 8 (Fri) Shangri-La	breakfast Check out l before 12:00 (no transfer service) Service ends.

Tour Dates:
From April to October

Guaranteed departure on every Friday based on minimum of 2 travelers

Tour Includes :

-- English-speaking guide
-- Air-conditioned coach or van
-- Land transfers by tourist car/coach as listed
-- Entrance tickets as listed
-- Chinese lunch as listed
-- Hotel with daily breakfast
-- Public bus ticket from Kunming to Dali by “Yunnan Express”;
-- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

-- Flight or train ticket
-- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
-- Tips for guides and drivers
-- Chinese Visa
-- Travel insurance

About Shopping or No-shopping Tours

Since October, 2013, CITS offers truly alternative prices of tours with or without shopping. Exceptionally, some tours only have one type price, such as seat-in-coach, hiking, self-driving and luxury tours, etc. Click here know more details.