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This tour features the distinctive Yunnan Province in Southwest China. In 14 days, this adventure brings you an ultimate travel experience that unfolds the most extraordinary natural landscape and cultural diversity. This tour also gives you a unique experience by walking on the Great Wall in Beijing, discovering the Terra-cotta Warriors in Xi'an, visiting the Giant Panda Breeding Center at Chengdu, and enjoying the view of the flourishing city of Shanghai.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	 airport - hotel transfer in Beijing
2	Day 2 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City , Temple of Heaven (UNESCO)</b> Stand in the heart of modern China at the world's largest public square, a site of profound historical significance and grand architectural scale. Walk into or drive through (sedan/minivan) Tian'anmen Square to marvel at its iconic surroundings, including the Monument to the People's Heroes and the Great Hall of the People. Step into the majestic imperial palace where 24 emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for five centuries. Explore the ceremonial courtyards and the exquisite private quarters of the royal family. Note: Closed on Mondays. In case of closure or ticket unavailability, the itinerary adjusts to Jingshan Park for a premier panoramic view overlooking the entire Forbidden City. Discover the Temple of Heaven, a timeless masterpiece of traditional Chinese imperial architecture. For centuries, ancient emperors held grand solemn rituals here to worship heaven and pray for favorable weather and abundant harvests. Admire its exquisite layout, profound cultural connotations and classic imperial architectural charm that embody ancient Chinese cosmology and ritual traditions  <b>Dinner Suggestions: Iconic Peking Duck</b> Indulge in a signature feast at a renowned, time-honored restaurant. Savor the legendary roast duck, celebrated for its signature crispy skin, tender meat, and the subtle aroma of fruit-wood roasting.

3	Day 3 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Great Wall, The Summer Palace (UNESCO)</b> Traverse one of the most extraordinary architectural wonders of the ancient world. This monumental landmark stands as a timeless testament to human ingenuity, ancient engineering prowess and China's profound historical heritage. Wander through the world's largest and best-preserved imperial garden. Originally designed as a royal summer retreat, it features an exquisite collection of classical pavilions and bridges centered around the tranquil Kunming Lake.
4	Day 4 Beijing - Xi'an (by bullet train)	 hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'an  breakfast  <b>Hutong Tour</b> The Hutongs are the historic arteries of Beijing, a network of narrow alleys that have defined the city's soul since the Yuan Dynasty (1271 AD). More than just passages, they represent the pinnacle of China's traditional neighborhood life and vernacular architectural art. From a bird's-eye view, the seamless integration of these winding lanes and classic Siheyuan (courtyards) resembles an intricate, orderly chessboard, hiding a world of delicate gardens, scholarly rockeries, and ancient relics that whisper stories of a bygone era.

<p>5</p>	<p>Day 5 Xi'an</p>	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> <b>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO), The Bell and Drum Tower Square, The Muslim Quarter (Huimin Jie)</b></p> <p>The Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO) is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses, and bronze chariots have silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years.</p> <p>Located at the very center of ancient Xi'an, the Bell and Drum Tower Square is a grand landmark that beautifully connects China's imperial past with its vibrant modern energy. This spacious public square offers a stunning vantage point between two magnificent Ming Dynasty masterpieces: the majestic Bell Tower, which marks the geographical heart of the city, and the historic Drum Tower, which stands at the entrance to the famous Muslim Quarter. Visited by millions each year, the square provides an exceptional setting to admire traditional triple-eaved wooden architecture, which comes alive at night with a spectacular display of colorful illuminations.</p> <p>Steeped in over a millennium of history, the Muslim Quarter is a vibrant sensory feast and the heart of Xi'an's legendary food culture. As you wander through its ancient stone-paved lanes, you are greeted by an incredible array of mouth-watering delicacies and authentic Silk Road flavors. From the savory aroma of charcoal-grilled lamb skewers to the rhythmic pounding of traditional nut candy, this bustling historic enclave offers an unparalleled glimpse into the heritage and culinary soul of the city's Hui community. It is the ultimate destination to immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere and rich, diverse tastes of old Xi'an.</p> <p><b>Leisure Time &amp; Optional Experiences</b></p> <p><b>Evening Recommendation:</b> Indulge in a celebrated Xi'an Dumpling Banquet, followed by an enchanting Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show—a vibrant revival of China's golden age of art and culture.</p> <p><b>Extended Exploration:</b> If your schedule allows, we highly recommend a journey to Mount Hua to witness its breathtaking natural peaks.</p> <p><b>Regional Highlights:</b> For a deeper dive into Buddhist history, consider a bullet train excursion to Luoyang to marvel at the Longmen Grottoes, one of China's three most renowned ancient cave complexes.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Day 6 Xi'an - Chengdu (by bullet train)</p>	<p> railway station transfer in Xi'an, railway station - hotel transfer in Chengdu</p> <p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> <b>Ancient City Wall</b></p> <p>The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.</p>

7	Day 7 Chengdu - Lijiang (by air)	 airport transfer in Chengdu, airport to hotel transfer in Lijiang  breakfast, lunch  <b>Giant Panda Breeding Research Center, Kuanzhai Alley</b> The Giant Panda Breeding Research Center is a massive ecological and zoological park offers a wonderful chance to get face-to-face with China's national treasure. There is also a panda museum that has detailed exhibitions on panda evolution, habits, habitats and conservation efforts. 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.
8	Day 8 Lijiang	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Murals in Baisha Village, Old Town of Lijiang</b> The Jade Dragon Snow Mountain is famous for a magnificent view of the glaciers. The snow-covered mountain resembles a jade dragon lying in the clouds, hence the name. 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. 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.
9	Day 9 Lijiang – Shangri-La (by automobile)	 private transfer from Lijiang to Shangri-La  breakfast, lunch  <b>Tiger Leaping Gorge</b> 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.
10	Day 10 Shangri-La	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Ganden Songzanlin Monastery , Pudacuo National Park</b> 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'. The Pudacuo National Park is notable as the first national park in China to meet International Union for Conservation of Nature standards. It incorporates the Bita Lake and the Duhu Scenic Area, and holds the stunning view of three parallel rivers and dense deciduous forests.

11	Day 11 Shangri-La – Kunming (by air)	 hotel - airport transfer in Shangri-la; airport transfer in Kunming  breakfast, lunch  <b>Stone Forest</b> 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.
12	Day 12 Kunming - Shanghai (by air)	 hotel - airport transfer in Kunming, airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai  breakfast
13	Day 13 Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Yu Garden, Bund, Shanghai Old Town</b> Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai. Step back in time and experience the historical heart of the city at Shanghai Old Town, where classic Jiangnan-style architecture and bustling street markets offer a fascinating contrast to the city's futuristic skyscrapers. Anchored by the 16th-century Yu Garden and the lively bazaar surrounding the City God Temple, this vibrant district allows you to wander through labyrinthine alleys lined with traditional gray-brick buildings, cross the iconic Nine-Turn Bridge, and sample world-famous local delicacies like Xiaolongbao (soup dumplings) at historic eateries.  <b>Leisure Time &amp; Optional Experiences</b> <b>Huangpu River Cruise:</b> See Shanghai's iconic skyline from the water on a Huangpu River Cruise. Sail past the Bund's 52 historic colonial buildings and the futuristic skyscrapers of Lujiazui, including the Shanghai Tower and Oriental Pearl Tower. Choose a day cruise for clear architectural details or a night cruise (highly recommended) to see the city illuminated in a dazzling light show. <b>Shanghai Tower Skywalk Experience:</b> Soar to new heights at the Shanghai Tower, China's tallest building at 632 meters. Ride the world's fastest elevator (18m/s) to the 118th-floor Top of Shanghai Observatory. Enjoy 360°panoramic views of the city, including the Bund's colonial architecture, the Oriental Pearl Tower, and the winding Huangpu River.
14	Day 14 Shanghai	 hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai  breakfast

## Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned car or coach
- Land transfers between airport or train station and hotel
- First entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed

## Tour Excludes :

- International flight
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa

- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
  - Domestic flight tickets with taxes and train ticket (2<sup>nd</sup> class seat) as listed
  - Service charge & government taxes
  - Travel insurance
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