

Journey to Mt. Kawagebo - Songtsam Yunnan Circuit - 5 Days

Journey to Mt. Kawagebo - Songtsam Yunnan Circuit offers breathtaking landscapes and wonderfully diverse cultures. Many of the twenty-five different ethnic minorities currently living in Yunnan can be found in this area, which features snow-capped peaks more than 6,000m high, glaciated gorges, and terraced rice fields. The peaceful people that inhabit the region have not only preserved this area for generations, but have also nurtured this “Shangri-La”.

Route

Shangri-La-Meili-Shangri-La



Attentive guide service

-Well-trained local guides are specialists on Tibet and the local region and will travel with you throughout the trip

Vehicles and drivers

-Travel in well maintained SUVs or MPVs. Experienced Songtsam drivers drive all vehicles.

Hotels and lodges

-Enable guests to experience the different cultures and landscapes inherent in these regions.



Meals

-During your journey you will get to try Tibetan cuisine, which includes a good amount of barley flour-based items, such as dumplings and noodles, as well as red meat, such as yak, beef and pork.

-At Songtsam lodges, we provide set menus, which combine Tibetan and Chinese cuisine and include complimentary soft drinks and a glass of wine.



Spotlight

- Important Tibetan monastery visits.
- Local family visits of different ethnic minorities: Tibetan, Naxi and Lisu.
- Learn how to print traditional Tibetan prayer flags.
- Incense burning and Tibetan holy site worshipping.
- Discovering hundreds of different kinds of rhododendrons (usually blossoming from late April to mid-May in Shangri-La, and late May in Meili).
- Revealing the home place of numerous flowers you find around the world.
- Wild mushrooms growing in the woods (usually from July to September) whilst hiking mountains and village paths.



Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Shangri-La	<p>🍴 lunch, dinner</p> <p>📍 - Pick up from Diqing Shangri-La Airport in the morning - Check into Songtsam Linka Shangri-la - Visit Songzanlin Monastery in the afternoon - Welcome dinner at the hotel Overnight at Songtsam Linka Shangri-La (Altitude: 3,300m)</p> 

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Day 2 Shangri-La - Meili (by automobile)



breakfast, lunch, dinner



- After breakfast, drive to Meili Lodge via Napa Lake
- Arrive at Meili and have lunch at the lodge.
- In the afternoon explore the surrounding village and visit a local family home to learn how to print traditional Tibetan prayer flags.
- Enjoy the sunset over snow mountain in the evening
- Dinner at the lodge.

Overnight at Songtsam Meili Lodge (Altitude: 3,600m)



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Day 3 Meili



breakfast, lunch, dinner



- Experience the golden sunrise over Mt. Kawagebo.
 - After breakfast, take part in a small ceremony to worship Mt. Kawagebo and hang the prayer flags printed yesterday.
- Daily activity plan - choose one of the following:
- *Plan A: (only valid from May to Oct)
Follow in the footsteps of plant hunters to the alpine pasture and discover the local way of life.
 - *Plan B:
Day hike into Baima Snow Mountain area for 4-6 hours with a picnic lunch.
- Dinner at the lodge.

Overnight at Songtsam Meili Lodge (Altitude: 3,600m)



4	Day 4 Meili - Shangri-La (by automobile)	<p> breakfast, lunch, dinner</p> <p> - Experience the golden sunrise over Mt. Kawagebo. - After breakfast, depart for Shangri-La via Dongzhulin Monastery - Arrive at Songtsam Lodge Benzilan for lunch. - Continue onto Shangri-La, check in and relax - In the evening, visit a local Tibetan family home to sample butter tea, try local delicacies, and enjoy a farewell hotpot dinner together. Overnight at Songtsam Linka Shangri-La (Altitude: 3,300m)</p> 
5	Day 5 Shangri-La	<p> breakfast</p> <p> -After breakfast, airport transfer to Diqing Shangri-La Airport. Service ends.</p>

Hotels and lodges

Songtsam Linka Shangri-La

Hidden in the city's peaceful and green valleys between Tibetan villages and Himalayan barley fields, our hotel is located a short distance away from the Songzanlin Monastery. Tibetan-style rooms, dining facilities, spa, and other modern amenities are housed in lovingly hand-built stone structures spread over 21 acres of hillside surrounded by snow-capped mountains.



Songtsam Lodge Meili

Built in an unspoiled village away from any tourists and overlooking the majestic Meili mountain range. Rooms are furnished with large comfortable beds, sofas, and timber flooring, providing a warm atmosphere that combines rustic charm with modern comforts. Most of the rooms come with a cosy fireplace and a stunning view of Meili Snow Mountain.



Tour Includes :

- All land transfers on best-in-class local transportation indicated in the itinerary.
- All admission fees and activities indicated in the itinerary.
- All accommodation based on double occupancy.
- All meals starting from lunch on the first day to breakfast on the last day.
- Drinking water and snacks throughout the trip.
- Complimentary soft drinks, coffee, tea, and drinking water at all Songtsam lodges.
- Service of local guides.

Tour Excludes :

- Medical, travel insurance or evacuation insurance plans.
- Personal telecommunication.
- Domestic or international airfare to and from Shangri-La.
- Excursions and activities not included in itinerary.
- China visa.

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