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Yunnan's Best Kept Secret: Nujiang Valley Eco Tour - 8 Days

Enjoy the wonders and charms of the eco tour in Yunnan, Southwestern China. Visit Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture and stroll through small villages to discover the life of the people. Meet local ethnic minorities, including face-tattooed ladies of Dulong ethnic group. Admire Nujiang Grand Canyon - the longest canyon in the world. Discover the core area of "Three Parallel Rivers" of the world natural heritage in Yunnan.

Impression of Nujiang

--Nujiang Grand Canyon is the longest, most mysterious and most primitive Grand Canyon in the world,its depth is far greater than the Colorado Grand Canyon in the United States. The deepest part of Colorado Grand Canyon is 1830 meters while the depth of Nujiang Grand Canyon is all more than 2000 meters, most of which has exceeded 3000 meters.

--Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture has the largest number of ethnic minorities. There are 22 ethnic minorities, including Lisu, Bai, Nu, Pumi, Dulong, Yi, Naxi, Tibetan, Dai, Hui, Jingpo, with Multiracial languages and different kinds of religious beliefs. The ethnic groups with the smallest population in China also live here, such as Dulong, Nu and Lisu.

--Nujiang Grand Canyon is the longest Canyon in the world, with a total length of more than 600 kilometers which is 160 kilometers longer than the Colorado Grand Canyon of the United States(440KM)

--Gaoligong Mountain in Nujiang Prefecture is known as "the world species gene Base", "the paradise of wild animals", "the birthplace of mammalian ancestors" and "the refuge of life"



Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport

1	Day 1 Dali - Liuku (by automobile)	private transfer from Dali to Liuku, 230km, 5-6hrs lunch, dinner (Lisu-style roasted chicken) Arrive at Liuku and enjoy the local Lisu Quartet performance. Hotel: 4 or 5 stars hotels in Liuku
2	Day 2 Liuku - Fugong (by automobile)	private transfer from Liuku to Fugong, 164km breakfast, lunch (rice mix with pork and chicken), dinner Head to Fugong (164Km, depart at 8 a.m. in Liuku hotel and will arrive at Fugong hotel at 17:30 p.m.), on the way visit Weirenfeng (35KM), Tiger Jump (20KM), Jinman Yintan (30KM), Feilaishi (3KM), Laomuden Catholic Church, Nu villages, Zhiziluo, the abandoned town of Bijiang (21KM), after visit all the tour sights, continue driving to Fugong (61KM). Hotel: quasi-four star hotel in Fugong
3	Day 3 Fugong - Bingzhongluo (by automobile)	private transfer from Fugong to Bingzhongluo, 155km breakfast, lunch, dinner Drive from Fugong to Bingzhongluo (155KM), on the way stops and visit Shiyueliang (30KM), Nujiang first roar (60KM), Jiangzhongsong (3KM), Nu characteristics village (37KM), the first bend of Nujiang river (7KM). Hotel: A local Featured INN (local guide will prepare some foods in advance and will arrange breakfast outside)
4	Day 4 Bingzhongluo - Gongshan (by automobile)	private transfer from Bingzhongluo to Gongshan, 44km breakfast, lunch, dinner Drive From Bingzhongluo to Gongshan(44KM). On the way stops and visit Shimenguan (4KM), Wuli Village(1KM), have a nice trekking tour in the old tea-horse caravan road (3KM), Qiunatong (4 KM,Vehicles under 7 seats could go there directly, if more than 7 seats, guests need to take the local vans), the border area of Yunnan and Tibetan(21 KM). Then in the afternoon, before continue driving to Gongshan, visit the tibetan Buddhism Temple - Puhua Temple (4 KM, Vehicles under 7 seats could go there directly, if more than 7 seats, guests need to take the local vans), Chongding Catholic Church and Dongfeng Christian Church. Hotel: A local 3 star Hotel (Have breakfast in the hotel, but local guide will prepare some foods in advance for breakfast)

5	Day 5 Gongshan - Dulongjiang (by automobile)	private transfer from Gongshan to Dulongjiang, 164km breakfast, lunch, dinner (beef hot-pot) Drive From Gongshan to Dulongjiang (98KM, 4-5 Hours with 694 bends on one way). On the way stops and visit Dulongjiang National Park(17KM,Vehicles under 7-11 seats could go there directly, if more than 11 seats, guests need to take the local vans), Dimopa Paltform(10KM, enjoy the splendid view and beauty of Biluo Snow Mountain), Shenshuzhuang Platform(6KM,enjoy the splendid view and beauty of Gaoligong Mountain), the entrance of Dulongjiang Tunnel(20KM,the length of this tunnel is 6.68KM), Dulongjiang Countryside(37 KM). In the afternoon, visit a local Dulong Family with the Face-Tattooed elder lady, visit Puwaka Dulong village and have a lovely walk along the Dulong riverside. Hotel: A local 3 star Hotel (local guide will prepare some foods in advance and arrange breakfast outside)
6	Day 6 Dulongjiang - Gongshan (by automobile)	private transfer from Dulongjiang to Gongshan, 98km breakfast, lunch, dinner Drive from Dulong River to Gongshan(98KM). Visit the Yueliang waterfall of Dulong River (45 KM, arrange a 8 km back and forth hiking tour), visit the old sites of Bapo Dulong nationality village as well as the new village of Bapo. Afterwards, drive back to Gongshan (190KM). Hotel: A local 3 star Hotel (Breakfast in the hotel but local guide will prepare some foods in advance)
7	Day 7 Gongshan - Liuku (by automobile)	private transfer from Gongshan to Liuku, 247km breakfast, lunch, dinner (Lisu-style Hand Pilaf) Drive from Gongshan to Liuku(247 KM). On the way visit Nujiang Grand Canyon, the site of Nujiang bathhouse of Lisu nationality (236KM, you could experience the open-air hot spring and bring your own swimsuit) ,watch the Suspension/Overhead cable performance across the Nujiang River which is close to the site of the bathhouse. Hotel: local 4 or 5 star Hotels in Liuku
8	Day 8 Liuku - Dali (by automobile)	private transfer from Liuku to Dali, 230km breakfast Drive back to Dali , end of travel. Liuku to Dali takes about 5-6 hours. Guests could have extra tour in Dali or leave directly after arrival at Dali Airport or Dali High-speed train station. Service ends.

Travel Tips

Seasons

The best seasons for tour is from December to the next April. The watercolour of Nujiang River turns green during this period. Among this period, February to April is the blossom season for all kinds of flowers including peach, kapok, rape flower, etc.

From May to September is the rainy season in this region, the watercolour of Nujiang River will become muddy and yellow. Some parts of roads are prone to have natural landslides or mudslides due to heavy rainfall.

Hotel and breakfasts

Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture a less developed area in west region of Yunnan. Local hotels cannot compare to those in big cities. Local guide will help to make your trip more comfortable.

--Liuku Hotel: Elevator available , Buffet breakfast available;
--Fugong Hotel: Elevator available, Chinese breakfast, prepared by the local guide in advance;
--Bingzhongluo Hotel: Elevator not available, no breakfast in hotel, prepared by the local guide in advance, need to go outside for it (Chinese Breakfast);
--Dulongjiang Hotel: Elevator not available, no breakfast in hotel, prepared by the local guide in advance, need to go outside for it (Chinese Breakfast);
--Gongshan Hotel: Elevator available, Chinese breakfast, prepared by the local guide in advance.

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 and dinner as listed
- Hotels with breakfast
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

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

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