



Taste of Yunnan 8-Day Discount Tour (CITYN8)
Kunming 昆明 – Shilin (Stone Forest) 石林 – Jiuxiang Caverns 九乡溶洞群 –
Dali 大理 – Lijiang 丽江

Please note:

- * Prices listed are for a minimum tour group size of 10 people and a Chinese-speaking tour guide.
- * For groups of less than 10, availability of bilingual English-speaking tour guides is not guaranteed.
- * Chinese names are written with the simplified characters used in Mainland China.

Day 1: U.S.A. – Hong Kong

Today you will take a flight to China's "Pearl of the Orient"—**Hong Kong**.

Day 2: Hong Kong – Kunming D

Kunming, known as the "Spring City" or "City of Eternal Spring" because its weather is mild throughout the year, is the capital of Yunnan Province. Among its approximately 7 million inhabitants, there are members of many ethnic groups: the majority Han, as well as numerous minority groups like the Bai, Ni, Dai, Hani, and Naxi. Following your afternoon arrival in Kunming, CIT's expert tour guide will meet you at the airport and escort you to the hotel where you will be spending the night. After a brief rest to recover from your trip, you will dig into a delicious dinner of local Yunnan-style cuisine, and then enjoy an **ethnic minority song and dance show**.

Special Arrangements: song and dance show (少数民族风情歌舞表演)

Kunming Accommodations: Weilong Hotel 威龙饭店 (4-Star) or equivalent <http://www.wlhotel.com.cn/>

Day 3: Kunming – Shilin – Jiuxiang – Kunming B/L/D

After breakfast, you will first visit a place famous for its natural scenery: the **Shilin** ("Stone Forest") **Scenic Area**, which takes its name from the limestone pillars that rise like giant trees over the landscape, creating a truly strange and unique sight. You can stroll along footpaths through the "forest" and enjoy the famous sights in the area, which include **Lion Pavilion, Sword Peak Pond, Lotus Peak, and Sea of Romance**. From Shilin you will proceed to **Jiuxiang**, a "key national scenic area" whose main feature is a cluster of limestone caverns. Among other striking sights, the caves feature a spectacular waterfall that produces a sound like thunder. After touring the caves, you will return to Kunming to sample some of Yunnan's renowned Pu'er (Pu-erh) tea and enjoy a dinner featuring two famous local delicacies: "crossing the bridge" rice noodles and pot-steamed chicken.

Day 3 Attractions:

Shilin Scenic Area (石林风景区, Shílín Fēngjǐngqū)

Lion Pavilion (狮子亭, Shīzi Tíng)

Sword Peak Pond (剑峰池, Jiànfēng Chí)

Lotus Peak (莲花峰, Liánhuā Fēng)

Sea of Romance (爱情海, Àiqíng Hǎi)

...and other famous sights

Jiuxiang Caverns (九乡溶洞群, Jiǔxiāng Róngdòng Qún)

Special Arrangements: authentic Yunnan cuisine—**Pu'er tea** (普洱茶, Pǔěr Chá), "**crossing the bridge**" **rice noodles** (过桥米线, Guòqiáo Mǐxiàn), **pot-steamed chicken** (气锅鸡, Qìgō Jī)

Day 4: Kunming – Dali B/L/D

Today, after breakfast, you will head to the **Dragon Gate Scenic Area** in Kunming's beautiful **Western Hills**. Next, you will tour **Grand View Tower**, located in **Grand View Park**, whose gates feature an engraving of a famous poem written during the Qing Dynasty that is believed to be the longest "antithetical couplet" ever written. Admire the view of the many boats dotting the waters of **Lake Dian**, to the south of the park. After visiting the **Jade Artifact Exhibition Hall**, you will proceed by coach to the highland city of Dali. There you will stop at the docks at **Lake Er** (sometimes called **Erhai Lake**), the second-largest lake in Yunnan Province, to take a boat trip. Shaped like an ear, from which it takes its name, the lake has an elevation of 1,972 meters above sea level and covers an area of 251 square kilometers. Lake Er and **Cang Mountain** ("Jade Green Mountain"), which rises on one side of the lake,



combine to form a harmonious “mountain-and-water” (shānshuǐ) scene. You will visit **Erhai Park** on the south side of the lake to admire the view. We have also arranged for you to see a “Three Courses of Tea” song and dance show, traditionally performed by the Bai ethnic group as a way of welcoming guests. Afterward, you will have free time to explore Dali’s **Old Town** area, including **Foreigner Street**, with its distinctive blend of Eastern and Western, ancient and modern. For dinner, you will have a chance to sample some local cuisine.

Day 4 Attractions:

Dragon Gate Scenic Area (龙门景区, Lóngmén Jǐngqū)

Grand View Park (大观公园, Dàguān Gōngyuán)

Grand View Tower (大观楼, Dàguān Lóu)

view of **Lake Dian** (滇池, Diānchí) and the **Western Hills** (西山, Xī Shān)

Jade Artifact Exhibition Hall (玉器展示馆, Yùqì Zhǎnshìguǎn)

Lake Er / Erhai Lake (洱海, Ěrhǎi / 洱海湖, Ěrhǎi Hú)

Erhai Park (洱海公园, Ěrhǎi Gōngyuán)

view of **Cang Mountain** (苍山, Cāngshān)

Dali Old Town (大理古城, Dàlǐ Gǔchéng)

Foreigner Street (洋人街, Yáng rén Jiē)

Special Arrangements: boat ride on Erhai Lake, “Three Courses of Tea” song and dance show (三道茶歌舞秀表演, Sāndào Chá Gēwǔxiù Biǎoyǎn), local cuisine

Dali Accommodations: **Landscape Hotel** 兰林阁酒店 (4-Star) *or equivalent*

<http://www.landscapehotel.com/new-english/index2.asp>

Day 5: Dali – Lijiang B/L/D

Today you proceed by coach to the “Switzerland of the Far East”: **Lijiang**, which literally means “beautiful river.” Along the way, you can admire the view of Dali’s striking **Three Pagodas**, the most famous symbol of Dali, as you pass by. After your arrival in Lijiang, you will visit Lijiang’s **Shuhe Old Town** area and **Black Dragon Pool**. After a stop for some shopping at the **Lijiang Local Products Center**, you will enjoy a true culinary delight: a “Prince’s Mansion” banquet.

Day 5 Attractions:

view of **Dali’s Three Pagodas** (崇圣三塔, Chóngshèng Sāntǎ)

Shuhe Old Town (束河古镇, Shùhé Gǔzhèn)

Black Dragon Pool (黑龙潭, Hēilóng Tán)

Lijiang Local Products Center (丽江土特产中心, Lijiāng Tǔtèchǎn Zhōngxīn)

Special Arrangements: **Prince’s Mansion banquet** (王府宴)

Lijiang Accommodations: **Shiner Hotel** 实力大酒店 (4-Star) *or equivalent*

<http://www.ynshiner.com/news/shownews.jsp?newClassID=24&newsID=160&newArealD=1&newClassID=27&newArealD=1>

Day 6: Lijiang B/L/D

After breakfast, you will proceed to **Jade Dragon Snow Mountain**, which rises like a tower over the Jinsha River in the northwestern part of Lijiang. Its main peak has a height of 5,596 meters above sea level and is snow-capped throughout the year. Your trip to the mountain will take you across **Dry Sea Meadow**, a vast open part of Lijiang Valley, to reach the best position from which to admire its peaks. Then you will take a gondola up the mountain and walk through an unspoiled forest for ten minutes or so. Suddenly a broad, beautiful field will appear before you: **Cloud Fir Meadow**. After taking time to stroll along the path and absorb the magnificence of the scene before and around you, you will head back down the mountain and stop to admire the falls at **White Water River**, where you can get up close and personal with a group of trained yaks. You will also have a chance to see the acclaimed show **Impression Lijiang**, with a local cast featuring members of numerous Yunnanese ethnic groups. Afterward, you will head to the **Dayan Old Town** area of Lijiang.

Day 6 Attractions:

Jade Dragon Snow Mountain Scenic Area (玉龙雪山风景区, Yùlóng Xuěshān Fēngjǐng Qū)

Dry Sea Meadow (甘海子, Gānhǎizi)



Cloud Fir Meadow (云杉坪, Yúnshān Píng)

White Water River (白水河, Báishuǐ Hé)

Dayan Old Town (大研古镇, Dà yán Gǔzhèn)

Special Arrangements: cable car ride up Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, **Impression Lijiang** (印象丽江)

Day 7: Lijiang – Kunming – Hong Kong B

After breakfast today, you will say goodbye to lovely Yunnan. You will head to the airport to board a flight to **Kunming**, where you will catch a connecting flight to **Hong Kong**. After your arrival in Hong Kong in the evening, you will take a high-speed train from the airport into the city, and from there transfer to your hotel. After you get settled in, you may have leisure time to explore the city and make your own plans for dinner in one of the world's most famous fine dining destinations.

Hong Kong Accommodations: **Newton Hotel Kowloon** 香港九龙丽东酒店 (3-Star) or equivalent

Day 8: Hong Kong – U.S.A.

Today you are free to arrange your own transportation to the airport by whatever means is most convenient (taxi, shuttle, or subway) to board a flight back to the United States. If you wish, you may also extend your stay in Hong Kong; please let us know if you would like us to help you make these arrangements.

2011 Prices and Departure Dates

Departure Wednesday	From SFO/LAX					
	Land Only	Air Ticket & Land	Single Occupancy	Fuel Surcharge	Taxes & Fees	Total Price*
1/12,26	\$789	\$1499	add \$180	\$130	\$79	\$1708
2/9,23	\$789	\$1499	add \$180	\$130	\$79	\$1708
3/9,23	\$689	\$1399	add \$180	\$130	\$79	\$1608
4/6	\$789	\$1499	add \$180	\$130	\$79	\$1708

* "Total price" includes **air ticket, fuel surcharge, taxes and fees, land transportation, meals** (as noted on the itinerary), **hotels, tour guides, complimentary accident insurance, and all of the attractions listed on the itinerary (including the "special arrangements")** but does NOT include the **additional charge for single occupancy**; the base price per traveler assumes that hotel rooms are shared by two people.

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- 60 or more days prior to departure: \$200 per person will be assessed.
- 45-59 days prior to departure: \$300 per person will be assessed.
- 30-44 days prior to departure: \$400 per person will be assessed.
- 15-29 days prior to departure: \$500 per person will be assessed.
- 3-14 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person will be assessed.
- Less than 3 days or nonappearance: 100% of total charge.

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