

EXPLORE CHINA, THE SOUTH-WEST 23 days from OCTOBER 11 to November 2, 2016

The New Zealand China Friendship Society offers a further educational tour in the “Explore China” series. The tour will visit the two SW provinces of Sichuan and Yunnan for an in-depth experience of this area. Starting and ending in the two provincial capitals, Chengdu and Kunming, travellers will experience aspects of the social and physical geography that this area has to offer. A two night stopover in Shanghai is scheduled on the way home.

Tour Highlights:

The capitals

Chengdu - Shows, old streets, parks, pandas.

Kunming - With a total of 26 minorities in Yunnan, the Ethnic Minorities Museum is a must see.

Shanghai - A day excursion, or free-time to shop, to be arranged according to group preferences.



The landscape

From the plains of Sichuan, the travel will take us across grasslands, mountain valleys and high passes. Views of mountain ranges over 6,000 metres above sea level (masl) will depend on the weather, but the timing is hopefully for clear early autumn views. Then fly to the NW corner of Yunnan before heading south through increasingly lowland scenery and vegetation.

The people

In the remote areas, the predominant minority people will be Tibetan and Lisu people. We will stay in small communities where they are in the majority.

Sichuan Province

Sacred mountain Emei Shan, Leshan - Big Buddha
Mount Siguniang area
Luding of Long March fame
Danba, Jiayu Tibetan town.

Yunnan Province

The old towns of Lijiang, Dali, Jianshui.
Terraced fields of Yuanyang.
Stone Forest.



Fully escorted, 3 to 4-star, twin-share accommodation. All inclusive price \$7,950 (estimated, subject to currency exchange), includes domestic flights in NZ, all meals, etc, (excludes Chinese visa and insurances).



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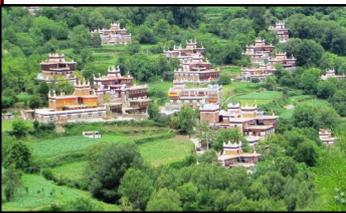
Monday October 10 Depart New Zealand

Day 1 Arrive Shanghai, connect to Chengdu, relax, light activities, stay in **Chengdu**.

Day 2 Travel to Leshan, visit the Big Buddha, stay at the foot of **Mt Emei**.

Day 3 Spend the day on Emei Shan, stay at the foot of the mountain.

Day 4 Travel to **Luding** (7.5 hours), visit Luding Bridge, a famous site of the Long March.



Day 5 Travel 4.5 hours north to Danba, stay in a guest house in the Tibetan village of **Jiaju**, called the most beautiful

Tibetan village.

Day 6 Travel to Four Maidens Mountain, stay at 3160 m at entrance to **Siguniang Mountain**.

Day 7 Spend a day in the valleys in this beautiful mountain area, **Siguniang Mountain**.



Day 8 Visit Wenchuan, the preserved site remembering the 2008 earthquake on the drive back to **Chengdu**.

Day 9 Morning visit to the Panda Breeding Centre to catch bamboo eating time, city sights in the afternoon or the historical irrigation works of Dujiangyan. Stay in **Chengdu**.



Day 10 Fly to UNESCO Cultural Heritage City of Lijiang, wander the lanes of the old city, **Lijiang**.

Day 11 Visit Jade Mountain, enjoy a Zhang Yimou show on the mountain, stay in **Lijiang**.

Day 12 Bus to Dali, visit Bai minority village of Xizhou on the way, stay in **Dali**.

Day 13 Explore the old town, visit the pagodas, Lake Erhai, stay in **Dali**.

Day 14 Train to **Kunming**.

Day 15 By bus via Tonghai, with its 800 year connection to the Mongolian Yuan dynasty, to ancient town of **Jianshui**. Enjoy minority cultural performance in the evening.

Day 16 Morning, visit drum tower for French history display, Confucian scholars exam centre. Afternoon, travel to **Yuanyang**, stay in a **village guest house**.

Day 17 Yuanyang terraced rice fields, a second night in the guesthouse.

Day 18 Return to **Kunming**.

Day 19 Day trip to Stone Forest, stay in **Kunming**.

Day 20 Spend time in the Yunnan Minorities Museum and Nationalities Village; walk in the Western Hills for view over Lake Dianchi, **Kunming**.

Day 21 Light activities, fly to **Shanghai**.

Day 22 A free day shopping, or a day excursion, perhaps to the water village of Zhouzhuang, to be arranged according to group preferences. Stay in **Shanghai**.

Day 23 Depart Shanghai for New Zealand, early afternoon, arrive Auckland early on **Wednesday November 3**.

