

Travel itinerary – 8 DAY DALI - LIJIANG - TACHENG -BENZILAN -SHANGRI-LA

****NO BOOKING HAS BEEN DONE****

Rate & space are subject to availability at the time of booking.

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ITINERARY

1st Day Arrive Dali

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Arrive Dali airport, met and greeted by your English-speaking guide, transfer to hotel for check in.

Meals will be on your own.

Overnight in Dali

2nd Day Dali

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Breakfast at hotel In the morning, visit the previous royal temple of Dali Kingdom - **Chongsheng Temple**, and get a glimpse of the local characteristics of Yunnan Buddhism. Then go to **Xizhou Ancient Town** to visit the **Yan Family Courtyard** and learn about the family legend of the rise and fall of the Bai ethnic group on the Ancient Tea Horse Road. In the afternoon, stroll along the **Erhai Lake Ecological Corridor** to feel the poetic and picturesque scenery of Cangshan Mountain and Erhai Lake. Overnight in Dali



3rd Day Dali - Lijiang

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Breakfast at hotel After breakfast, go to Lijiang. After arriving, take a car to visit **Heilongtan**, overlooking the sacred mountain in the hearts of the Naxi people - Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, and watch the most beautiful reflection of the snow mountain . Then go to **Mu Mansion** to appreciate the architectural art that combines the temperament of the Central Plains, the charm of the Tang and Song Dynasties, and the essence of Naxi, and appreciate the ups and downs of the Mu familTusi

family for hundreds of years. In the afternoon, drive to **Baisha Ancient Town** (7 kilometers, about 15 minutes by car). This beautiful and ancient town is the earliest settlement of the Naxi people in Lijiang, the birthplace of the Naxi people in Lijiang, and the earliest political center of the Naxi people. There are still many Naxi courtyards of local people here, which retain the ancient Naxi legacy. Visit Baisha **Embroidery School** and listen to Dongba explain Dongba culture. "Dongba" is the name of the Naxi people for the clergy of Dongba religion, which means The "wise men" are the highest level of intellectuals of the Naxi people and the main inheritors of Dongba culture. Learn the **traditional hand embroidery**, or learning to write "the only living hieroglyphic script in the world - **Dongba script**. (Learning time 45-60 minutes). Overnight in Lijiang



4th Day **Lijiang - Tacheng**

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Breakfast at hotel After breakfast, go to the Upper **Tiger Leaping Gorge** Scenic Area (80 kilometers, about 2 hours drive). The Yangtze River squeezed through the gap between Haba Snow Mountain and Yulong Snow Mountain, forming a spectacular canyon. The narrowest part of the canyon is the famous Tiger Leaping Gorge. According to legend, a tiger can step on a huge rock in the river and jump over the Jinsha River. Watch the "Tiger Leaping Stone" and feel the majestic momentum of Tiger Leaping Gorge. Lunch at Xueying Jinsha to enjoy special farm dishes. Then go to **Shigu Town**, which was an important wharf for the Red Army to cross the Jinsha River during the Long March. Continue forward and you will arrive at the First Bend of the Yangtze River. After being blocked by the Hailuo Cliff here, the Yangtze River (Jinsha River) turns sharply into a V-shaped bend and flows northeast, forming the First Bend of the Yangtze River. Continue to Tacheng in the afternoon (2 hours, about 95 kilometers). It is recommended that you rest early today and prepare for tomorrow's trip. Overnight in Tacheng



5th Day Tacheng - Benzilan

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Breakfast at hotel In the Baima Snow Mountain range, there is the world's highest-altitude primate - the Yunnan golden monkey, which is known as a national treasure along with the panda. After breakfast, head to the **Yunnan Golden Monkey National Park** to learn about these cute and rare wild animals in their natural environment. The wild population of Yunnan golden monkeys is scarce, and the national park is currently the only place where you can watch them up close without disturbing them. After watching the Yunnan golden monkeys, we will drive to Benzilan. On the way, we will pass through a typical dry and hot river valley. Although the river is surging and the mountain breeze is gentle, the heat is unbearable . On the way, we will stop at the **earthenware village to experience the production of earthenware**. We will **visit a Tibetan family**, learn about Tibetan culture, and enjoy their daily Tibetan snacks. This includes drinking a bowl of hot butter tea and tasting tsampa made from highland barley flour. Finally, we arrived at Benzilan, a key town on the ancient Tea-Horse Road. It has always been the only way to Tibet and integrates the cultures of Tibetan, Han and Naxi peoples. Overnight in Benzilan



6th Day

Benzilan - Shangri-la

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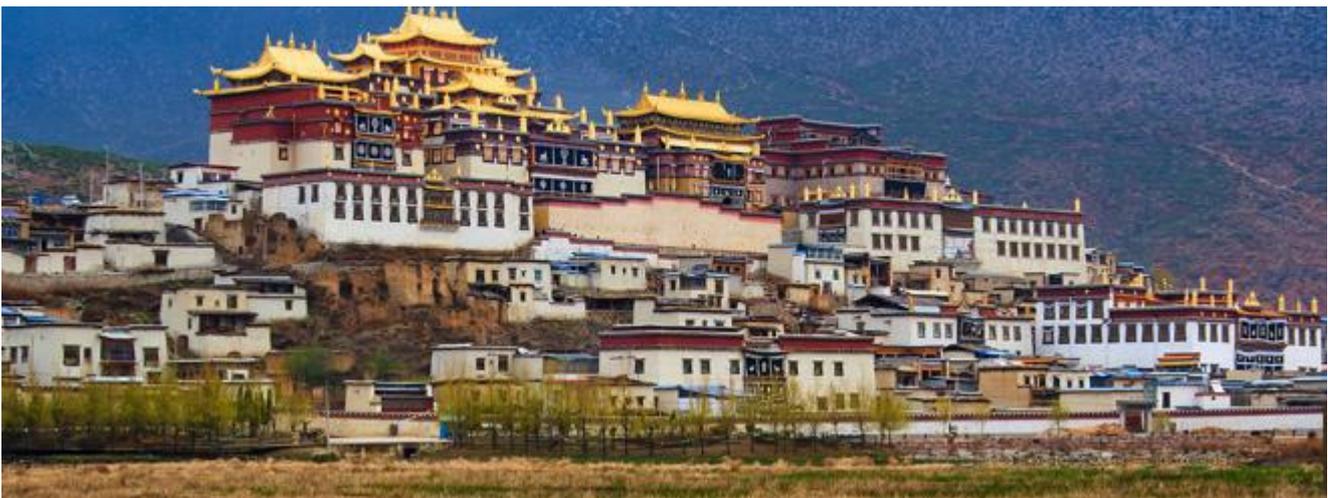
Breakfast at hotel After breakfast, go to the **Jinsha River Big Bend Observation Deck** to see the great view of the Big Bend. Then go to the Shangri-La Grand Canyon, also known as "**Balagzong**". The park is located more than 80 kilometers northwest of Shangri-La County. Because one end of the canyon is named Shangge and the other end is named Lila, it is named Shangri-La Grand Canyon. It is said that the Blue Moon Canyon mentioned in the book "Lost Horizon" is here. The Gangqu River in the middle of the canyon is squeezed by the new mountain building movement at the bottom of the valley with an altitude of only more than 1,000 meters, while the two banks are facing each other with magnificent peaks as high as 4,000 to 5,000 meters. The Balagzong Snow Mountain at the end of the canyon with an altitude of 5,545 meters is one of the three sacred mountains in the Kham area. Then go to Shangri-La and check in to the hotel. Overnight in Shangri-la



7th Day **Shangri-la**

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Breakfast at hotel After breakfast, visit the spectacular **Songzanlin Temple**, which is the largest Tibetan Buddhist temple in Yunnan Province and is known as the "Little Potala Palace". It is not only beautifully built, but also contains many religious instruments and precious cultural relics. It is known as the "Tibetan Art Museum" that "integrates the great achievements of Tibetan plastic arts". Then we will go to **Napa Nature Reserve**, which is the largest grassland in Zhongdian County and one of the most scenic spots with plateau characteristics. Due to the careful care of Tibetans, many birds visit here every autumn, such as black-necked cranes, yellow ducks, and bar-headed geese flying high and low over the grassland, which is quite lovely. In the evening, we will stroll in **Dukezong Ancient City**. This ancient city with a history of thousands of years has Moonlight Square at its center, surrounded by quaint Tibetan wooden houses. It is the best-preserved and largest Tibetan residential complex in China, and the hub of the Ancient Tea-Horse Road. If you are lucky, you can also dance Guozhuang dance with the locals. Overnight in Shangri-la



8th Day **Shangri-la - Lijiang departure**

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Breakfast at hotel
Transfer to Lijiang (2-2.5 hours drive) for airport flight back home

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CITY	HOTEL
DALI	Courtyard Guesthouse 古城大院里
LIJIANG	Doof Resort 丽江多弗古城南门店, boutique or BIVOU
TAHCENG	Tianyu Boutique 塔城天域
BENZILAN	Lux Boutique 奔子栏丽世酒店
SHANGRI-LA	Linden Center Shangri-la Naada , boutique 喜林苑纳达小院

Price is SGD 2648 Per person for twin sharing

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Minor program changes are sometimes necessary, depending on road – and weather conditions. Prices are subject to change in case of VAT or other tax increases.
- Official check-in time 14h00 and check-out time 12h00.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation as indicated in the program or similar
- Meals as indicated in the program
- All the transfers and tours as indicated in the program with local English-Speaking guide
- Entrance fees as indicated
- Service charge, room tax and handling fee

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- All International air tickets to/from China;
- Recommended tips: USD5 per person per service day;
- All Supplements
- Early check-in and late check out charges from the hotel;
- Optional tours/ services;
- Other meals and services which are not indicated in the program;
- Chinese Visa;
- Personal insurance;
- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry & etc;