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## Colorful Yunnan 6 Days / 5 Nights



**Private Tour, Depart everyday**

Experience all the beautiful wonders Yunnan has to offer over six days and five nights.

From **Stone Forests** to **Baisha Murals**, enjoy the architecture dating to a time long gone peacefully placed next to the serene untouched environment.

### Day 1 – Hong Kong –Kunming

Depart flight from **Hong Kong** by KA 760 at **1200hrs**, arriving in **Kunming** at **1425hrs**, our guide will meet you outside the baggage claim area at Kunming Airport and transfer you to the hotel for day rest or rest of the day is on your own to explore the city.

Enjoy your overnight stay at hotel.

### Day 2 - Kunming

After enjoying the leisurely breakfast, full day tour to visit the **Qiongzhu Temple** and the **Stone Forest** will be started.

**Stone Forest** – The scenic area is situated in the Shilin Yi Autonomous County, about 86 kilometers away from Kunming. Covering an area of 400 square kilometers, the Stone Forest scenic area is composed of seven scenic spots, including the Big Stone Forest, the Small Stone Forest, Naigu Stone Forest, Da Die Shui, Long Lake, Moon Lake, Zhiyun Cave and Qifeng Cave. The Stone Forest is a typical model of China's Karst, which is mainly distributed in Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Sichuan and Yunnan provinces.

There after proceed to visit **Qiongzhu Temple**. During the Tang Dynasty (618-907), Yunnan was a separate country called Dali. One day, while two brothers of royal lineage were hunting in the hills outside Kunming, they spotted a bizarre rhinoceros. With hopes of capturing it, they followed the rhinoceros deep into the woods of Yu'an Mountain where the magical animal suddenly disappeared.

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Just as they lost sight of the rhinoceros, the brothers saw a group of monks who were unlike any monks they had seen before. When the monks saw the brothers, they vanished in clouds leaving only their walking sticks planted in the ground. By the following day, these walking sticks had become an entire bamboo forest. The amazed brothers knew that they had met enlightened, supernatural beings and, in order to honor them, they built Qiongzhu Temple in the forest of bamboo.

Account of the Qiongzhu Temple dates back to the Song Dynasty, but it was during the Yuan Dynasty (around 1280) that a highly renowned monk, who was reputed to have learned Buddhism from central China, gave his teachings that brought great fame to the temple as a spiritual center. After a devastating fire, the Emperor Guangxu of the Qing Dynasty rebuilt the temple by adding five pavilions during the late 1880's. The temple's most outstanding artistic and perhaps spiritual feature is the distinguished, finely crafted statues of the 500 Luohans (Buddhist Arhats, or 'enlightened ones') sculpted by the brilliant artist, Li Guangxiu. Once you are ready, return to your hotel for the rest of the day.

### Day 3 – Kunming – Dali

Take an early morning flight to **Dali** around **0700hrs**, arriving at **0730hrs**, meet and assisted upon arrival, proceed to visit the **Erhai Lake Park**, the **Three Pagoda Temple** and the **Dali Old Town**.

**Three Pagoda Temple** - Having a history of more than 1,800 years, the Three Pagodas are symbolic constructions of the ancient Dali City. Located at the foot of Mount Cangshan and facing Erhai Lake, approximately one kilometer from Dali. As the name implies, the Three Pagoda Temple is made up of three ancient independent pagodas standing in a symmetrical triangle. It will be a nice place for visitors to know the development of Buddhism in Yunnan during ancient times.

After you are ready proceed to **Dali Old Town**. Her history can be traced back to the Tang Dynasty when Dali was the capital of Nanzhao Kingdom. However, the current city was originally built in 1382 during the Ming Dynasty. In 1982, the city gate was rebuilt and the two characters 'Da Li' was the handwriting of Guo Moruo, a famous litterateur and poet of China. Nowadays, the Fuxing Road that goes through the South City Gate and the North City Gate has become a prosperous market street, selling marble, bandhnu and jewelry.

**Erhai Lake Park** is a famous alpine lake in Yunnan, known as Kunming Lake in ancient times, just as its name implies. The name translates to "Ear Sea Lake" because of its ear-like shape (if you're looking at a map, use your imagination), sits a lofty 1,972 m above sea level.

Thereafter return to your hotel to rest at your own leisure.

### Day 4 – Dali – Lijiang Old Town

After breakfast, today we will spend three hours driving to Lijiang where we will be transferred to the hotel. On the way to Lijiang, visit the **Bai Traditional House** in Xizhou and Zhoucheng, famous for tie dyeing. Visit the **Square Street** of the Lijiang Old Town.

**Lijiang Old Town** - Lying on the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, this was originally built in the later period of 13th Century. It has an elevation of 2400 meters and covers an area of 939 acres. The population of the old town is over 25,000, most of which are Naxi people. What is interesting is that Lijiang Old Town is the only Chinese historical and cultural town built without city walls.

## Day 5 – Lijiang

Today, we continue the journey in Lijiang. Firstly, we proceed to visit a local Naxi family in **Baisha Village** and the **Baisha Murals**, the **Rock Joseph's Former Residence** in **Yuhu Village** to witness their culture & music.

The notable **Baisha Murals** are the cultural outcome of the local Naxi nation. The painting project has lasted for 300 years from the Ming Dynasty to the Qing Dynasty. During the end of the Ming and the early period of Qing, it was the heyday of Lijiang murals. In 1996, Baisha Murals were announced as a Key Cultural Relics Protection Site of China.

The Naxi Ethnic group has a population of over 250,000 people. Divided into two dialect groups The Naxi Ethnic group has its own written language called "**Dongba Characters**". They include over 1,400 single characters and are considered unique "living pictographs". They are the only living people to use hieroglyphics in the world. Dongba Characters to this day preserve a rich literary culture that features works on religion, philosophy, art, astronomy, history, music, dance and painting

The afternoon is free for your leisure to enjoy the small bridges, swift streams, cobbled streets and grey tiled roofs of the Residential Houses in the Lijiang Old Town. Enjoy the **Naxi Ancient Music and Dance Performance** at Dongba Palace in the evening.

## Day 6 – Lijiang – Kunming – Hong Kong

After enjoying the relaxing breakfast, you shall be picked up from the hotel, proceed to the airport for flight to **Kunming** by MU at **1100hrs**, arriving in **Kunming** at **1150hrs**, connect to KA 761 at **1520hrs**, arriving in **Hong Kong** at **1735hrs**.

*Journey End*

## Hotel Envisage

	Category A	Category B
<b>Kunming</b>	Kunming Grand Park	Kunming King World Hotel
<b>Dali</b>	Dali Regent Hotel	Dali Landscape Hotel
<b>Lijiang</b>	Lijiang Guanfang hotel	Yingxiang Gucheng Wenyuan hotel
<b>Cost (HKD) On per person twin share</b>	12,600	11,990
<b>Cost (HKD) Single supplement</b>	2,100	1,600

### Cost includes -

- Economy class air ticket from Hong Kong to Kunming & return by Dragonair or alternative available airlines
- Economy class air ticket from Kunming to Dali // Lijiang to Kunming by China Eastern or alternative available airlines
- Hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis with daily breakfast at the above mention hotels or similar alternative available hotel
- 4 lunches at local Chinese restaurants (incl. 1 soft drink per person per meal)
- Sightseeing tour with English speaking local guide in each city per itinerary given
- Private air condition car for arrival , departure airport transfer & sightseeing excursion
- Entrance fee on single visit at all monuments
- All service charge, room tax & baggage handling
- Blue Cross China basis plan coverage

### The above prices do not includes –

- China Visa free
- Dinner & other meals not specified in programme
- Tipping to local guide, driver , hotel & local servicing staff
- Porterage services at hotels & airport
- Expenditure of personal nature such as drinks, laundry, tips to driver & guide etc.