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Chengdu
Leshan
Qianwei
Mount Emei
Chengdu

Get off the beaten track to discover the hidden ancient town Luocheng near Leshan Grand Buddha and take the world's only functioning steam train running in Qianwei, afterwards head to the sacred Buddhist mount Emei for the splendid sunrise.

Type
Private
Duration
4 days
Theme
Photography
Trip code
WS-305
Price
From £ 383 per person

Itinerary

The classic steam train in Qianwei county, southwest of Chengdu, is regarded as 'A living fossil of the Industrial Revolution'. Since opened to the public in 1959, the steam train became the main transportation for the local villagers. With the railway line of 19.84 kilometers, narrow gauge of 0.76m, and the steam engine driven technology invented by Watt at 18th century Britain, this train appeals to many visitors from both and abroad.

Rapeseed flower blossoming in spring is another highlight at the valleys all the train riding. From March (from 15th to 25th, about 19 days), when the temperature begins to rise, the rapeseed flower blossoms around the fields and the hills. The golden sea of flowers' and pleasant countryside view attract tourists and photographers.

Day 01 :

Chengdu - Leshan Grand Buddha - Luocheng Ancient town - Qianwei

In the morning, drive about 1.5 hours to Leshan, appreciate the farmlands and villages along with the driving (*If you go in the late March or early of April, then you will see the vast Rape Flower blooming*). Upon arrival, you will be arranged to visit Leshan Leshan Grand Buddha which was completed in 803 of Tang Dynasty after 90 year's construction and enjoys the fame of the biggest sitting stone sculpture in the world with a 71-meter height. Carved on the cliff face, the sculpture is well designed with perfect balance and effective water drainage system. Here you can choose to climb up the hill to visit the Giant Buddha and the temples behind it or take a boat tour to have a whole view of the Buddha.

After lunch at Leshan, head to Luocheng ancient town, a gem for those interested in traditional teahouse culture! Luocheng is renowned for its boat-like architecture: the two sides of its main street narrow down at both ends and widen gradually towards the middle, thus creating the oval shape of a boat. It is covered in traditional grey tiles and flamboyantly decorated with historic scenes and a smiling Buddha. Joining the locals for a cup of tea, you can really get an impression of what village life must

have been like in the old days. Late afternoon head to Qianwei for overnight.

Day 02 :

Jiayang Steam Train - Mount Emei (B)

Today drive to take China's only existing steam train in Qianwei to gain a unique experience. The Jiayang Steam train has been running for almost half a century in Qianwei county, you will be arranged to take the steam train to Bajiao valley where the old coal mine is located. Late afternoon drive to Emeishan for overnight.

Day 03 :

Mountain Emei Half Mountain - Golden Summit (B)

Today you will be arranged to visit half Mountain Wanian Temple, then continue to the Golden Summit.

In the morning, take the local sightseeing bus to Wannian Parking Lot (half an hour), then take a cable car or walk about 40 minutes to visit Wannian Temple, built in Tang Dynasty and is the biggest temple at Emei scenic area, then continue travelling to Qinyin Pavilion, White Dragon Cave, Monkey area all the way down to Wuxiangang, where you can have lunch.

After lunch, continue your bus journey to Leidongping (1.5 hours), then walk to Jieyin Hall (half an hour walk) where you can take a cable car to Golden Summit (or if you choose to walk, then it takes 2 hours). If you are lucky enough, you may see Buddha Rays and saint lamps. Overnight at Golden Summit hotel.

Day 04 :

Mount Emei - Chengdu

Enjoy the splendid sunrise at Golden Summit, visit the Huazang temple, Golden summit Buddha Statue. On a clear day, you will see the highest peak in Sichuan - Gongga Mountain. Afterward, take the cable car and sightseeing bus down to the foot of the mountain, and drive to Chengdu, end the trip.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

All required government taxes and fees.

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Meals that are not specified in the tour itinerary.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Round-trip Cable car to Mount Emei's Golden Summit.

Sightseeing boat ticket for Leshan Grand Buddha.

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