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Guiyang

Kaili

Rongjiang

Congjiang

Zhaoxing

Guiyang

Exploring the beautiful Qiandongnan and attending the atmospheric Zhouxi Lusheng Festival is the best way to experience the breathtaking scenery, strong ethnic customs, and colorful ethnic culture of Guizhou.

Type

Private

Duration

7 days

Theme

Family focused, Festival

Trip code

GE-05

Price

From € 598 per person

Itinerary

This 7-day Guizhou Zhouxi Lusheng Festival tour is with breathtaking natural beauty exploration and colorful ethnic cultures and customs discovery. Visiting the traditional ancient Miao or Dong villages in Qiandongnan, such as Matang village, Langde village, Shiqiao village, Basha village, Zhanli village, and Zhaoxing village, and attending the atmospheric Zhouxi Lusheng Festival offer you an opportunity to encounter the friendly and hospitable folk people, get close to their lives and experience the strongly unique Miao and Dong cultures and customs. By walking in the beautiful countrysides and stepping onto the picturesque Gaoyao and Jiabang rice terraces, you will have a chance to appreciate the breathtaking natural landscapes of Guizhou and the masterpieces of the Miao and Dong people who have cultivated here for generations.

Day 01 :

26 Feb. 2024: Arrive in Guiyang



Welcome to Guiyang, a magical city with superb air quality, enjoys the plateau climate without experiencing altitude sickness. Besides, there are lots of flavor gastronomy that you should not miss. Upon your arrival, your local guide and driver will meet you at the airport/train station and then transfer you to the hotel. After that, freely explore Guiyang on your own. Stay overnight in Guiyang.

Day 02 :

27 Feb. 2024: Guiyang-Kaili, 3 hours' drive

This morning, drive about 3 hours to Kaili. As the capital of Qiandongnan, Kaili is regarded as the base of southeast Guizhou's ethnic culture tour. Today's first stop is **Matang village**, where you can see the Gejia group, which is not listed among 55 minority groups in China. The Gejia people of Matang adore bow and arrow. As the legend goes, the ancestors of the Gejia people were heroes who could shoot the sun with an arrow. You will appreciate the traditional Gejia batik in the village, and learn the art of batik. After lunch, continue the drive to **Langde Long Skirt Miao Village**. This village is considered to be the live museum of Miao Culture. Most wooden buildings were built from 1616-1911. Late afternoon, drive to your hotel in Kaili. Stay overnight in Kaili.

Day 03 :

28 Feb. 2024: Attend the Lusheng Festival in Zhouxi

Spend a full day today by attending the most common and grand traditional festival in the Miao nationality area **Lusheng Festival in Zhouxi town**. Held on the 19th of the first month of the lunar calendar every year (usually between the late February and early March of the Gregorian calendar), it is the best way to experience the unique folk life and culture of the Miao People in Guizhou. Today, you can enjoy the atmospheric Lusheng music and Lusheng Dance with the locals. Late afternoon, drive back to Kaili. Stay overnight in Kaili.

Day 04 :

1 Mar. 2024: Kaili-Rongjiang, 4 hours' drive

In the morning, pay a leisure visit to explore **Shiqiao Miao village**. Shiqiao Miao village is famous for its old technology of papermaking. The ancient traditional methods of production can be traced back to the Tang dynasty. After lunch, further driving to Rongjiang, on the way stop at **Gaoyao terrace**, which is an unimaginably beautiful place, every autumn, the Gaoyao terraced fields are filled with a cheerful golden yellow. Covering an area of more than one thousand acres, the terraced fields are also like beautiful Miao belts, decorated with majestic mountains. Later, continue driving to Rongjiang, after arrival, visit **Chejiang Dong village**, where you can see the highest drum tower. Stay overnight in Rongjiang.

Day 05 :

2 Mar. 2024: Rongjiang-Jiabang, 3 hours' drive

After breakfast, drive about 3 hours to **Jiabang terraces** for today's highlight. This place is an isolated village with beautiful terraces because of its tough road. Things/views there keep very original and few visitors know it. Here you can enjoy a soft hike through the terraces and villages, enjoying the beautiful views, typical wooden houses, and unique local life. Late afternoon, drive to your hotel in Jiabang. Stay overnight in Jiabang.

Day 06 :

3 Mar. 2024: Jiabang-Congjiang-Zhaoxing Dong Village, 4 hours' drive

Morning drive to explore **Basha village**, a hidden kingdom occupied by the legendary Basha Miao people, and the Last Gunmen's Tribe in China. When the boys grow to 16 years of age, an "adult ceremony" will be held for them. The adult male of Basha Miao Village, carries a hunting gun on his shoulder and a gunpowder bag, a bullet bag, and a knife around his waist, making himself up like an ancient warrior.

Then continue driving to **Zhanli village**, a quiet and beautiful Dong village. Here, couples are allowed to have two children, all households have one girl and one boy; virtually no two girls or two boys rearing in a family. It is said that the village attained the target by way of Huanhua medicinal herb, which was kept and inherited by Pharmacists in the village. If there is a boy in the family, the next child will be a girl after taking Huanha herb and water from "banyan well for a girl", vice versa. We can see two mysterious "banyan wells" in the village, one for boys and the other for girls.

Lastly, visit **Zhaoxing village**, the largest Dong village with over 1,000 Dong households in China. It has a history of nearly 2000 years. The village is divided into five natural sections. Each section has a clan and each clan has a drum-tower, a Wind-Rain-Bridge, and a stage. Stay overnight in Zhaoxing.

Day 07 :

4 Mar. 2024: Zhaoxing-Guiyang, 4 hours' drive / Departure from Guiyang



This morning you will be escorted back to Guiyang, the drive takes about 4 hours. Your guide and driver will see you off at the airport or train station to departure, end the service with WindhorseTour.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

The tour price is based on 3 star standard hotels. At your request we can provide pricing for different levels of service such as budget hostel, luxury 4 star standard hotels or deluxe 5 star standard hotels.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Domestic travel accident insurance.

If you have any questions please inquire with one of our Travel Advisors.

Meals allowance for your guide and driver.

Please contact one of our Tour Advisors to get a custom quotation made to your requirements.

3 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.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

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.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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