

EN404 Shanghai-Suzhou-Kunming-Stone Forest-Lijiang-Zhongdian-Lhasa-Chengdu-Shanghai 15 Days

Shangri-La-Tibet 15 Days

Tour Code: EN404

Tour Itinerary:

DAY 1 USA-Shanghai

You take transpacific flight to Shanghai.

DAY 2 Shanghai (L)

Upon arrival, you are met and escorted to the hotel.

DAY 3 Shanghai (B, L)

You first visit China's ancient glories at the Shanghai Museum and Yu Garden. Then you visit a carpet factory and continue on to see the colonial-style architecture at The Bund and the Children's Palace. Next, you see the traditional shopping streets of Nanjing Road or the modern Huai Hai Road.

DAY 4 Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai (B, L)

This morning, you travel by motorcoach to Suzhou, renowned for its legendary gardens. Upon arrival, you explore the scenic waterways on a Grand Canal cruise. Then you continue on to tour Pan Men City Gate and the lovely Humble Administrator's Garden. In the afternoon, you visit the new Suzhou Museum, designed by noted architect I.M. Pei, and visit the Embroidery Research Institute.

You may travel to Suzhou by train if group is less than 6 tour members.

DAY 5 Shanghai-Kunming (B, L)

You fly to the city of Kunming, at the foot of the Himalayas. Then you go on to tour the 400-year-old Golden Palace Temple at the top of Mingfeng Hill, home of the Taoist Taihe Palace (Hall of Supreme Harmony) and the largest copper temple in China.

DAY 6 Kunming-Stone Forest-Kunming (B, L)

Today you take an excursion to the legendary Stone Forest, where you will marvel at the enthralling labyrinth of jagged limestone crags. This area is home to the Sani Minority, known for their fine embroidery and dancing skills.

DAY 7 Kunming-Lijiang (B, L)

You fly to breathtaking Lijiang in the morning. The Naxi ethnic minorities of Lijiang have a splendid history and culture, with their unique traditions, architecture and traditional dress. You first visit the ancient Dayan Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where the houses are

wood-and-earth structures with tiled roofs and flower-filled courtyards. Then you see the Mu Family Mansion, ancient home of a Naxi noble, is now a museum offering insight into Naxi history and culture. Next, a tour takes you to scenic Black Dragon Pool with its Moon Embracing Pavilion and Dongba Cultural Village. Besides, you can enjoy views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain reflecting in the pond.

DAY 8 Lijiang (B, L)

If weather permits you may see a morning outdoor show, impressive Lijiang-Snow Mountain or an evening performance in a theater, Li Shui Jin Sha. Then you visit Joseph Rock's former residence. In the afternoon, you visit Baisha village to see its Ming and Qing dynasty frescos, then tour Yuhu Village, a well-preserved Naxi community.

DAY 9 Lijiang-Zhongdian (B, L)

You travel by motorcoach to Zhongdian, the stunningly picturesque setting believed to be the inspiration of the mythical Shangri-La described in James Hilton's novel, Lost Horizon. En route, you can see the "First Bend" of the Yangtze River at Shigu, and astounding Hutiao (Tiger Leap) Gorge on the Jinsha River, one of the deepest gorges in the world.

DAY 10 Zhongdian (B, L)

Today, a breathtaking sightseeing tour of this beautiful region brings you the view of 17th-century Ganden Songzanglin Monastery and scenic Napa Lake. Then you go on to tour Zhongdian's Tibetan-style old town and local market.

DAY 11 Zhongdian-Lhasa (B, L)

This morning, you fly to Lhasa, mountainous capital of Tibet where you will be greeted at the airport with a traditional Tibetan welcome ceremony (Welcome ceremony with 10 or more passengers). The rest of the day is free to adjust to the altitude of one of the world's highest plateaus—about 12,000 ft. above sea level.

DAY 12 Lhasa (B, L)

An extraordinary day of sightseeing shows you Norbulingkha, summer palace, built by the seventh Dalai Lama in the 18th century. Then you go on to magnificent Sera Monastery to see groups of red-robed young monks debate Buddhist doctrines in lively traditional style. Alternatively, you can visit scenic Drepung Monastery once home to 10,000 Lamas.

DAY 13 Lhasa (B, L)

You will not soon forget the spectacular architecture at the world-famous Potala Palace. Being former living quarters of the Dalai Lama, it has massive 1,000 room structure towers over this mountain city. Then you continue on to visit the famous Barkhor Market where you may shop for Tibetan items. You see one of Tibet's holiest shrines, revered 7th century Jokhang Temple, where pilgrims come to worship before the statue of the Sakyamuni Buddha, lavishly enthroned in gold. This evening, you enjoy a memorable Tibetan dinner and show where you will be welcomed with a traditional Yak Dance (Yak Dance with 10 or more passengers).

DAY 14 Lhasa-Chengdu-Shanghai (B, L)

This morning, you bid farewell to the mountains of Tibet as you fly to Chengdu and then

Written by Kaisertour

continue on to Shanghai.

DAY 15 Shanghai-USA (B)

You are transferred and take the flight to home.

Departure Date: January-December

Price: Special Offers on request.

Service Included:

- * Entrance fees.
- * Meals as listed in the itinerary, B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=Dinner.
- * Private Car/Van for transfers & sightseeing and English-speaking Local Guide.
- * Hotels deluxe/comfort class (Land category 4-star or 5 star by any possibility, twin share bases with breakfast).
- * Trains and Flights as listed in the itinerary and Airport Taxes.

Service not Included:

- * Visa Fees and International flight.
- * Gratuities, Tips to guides and drivers.
- * Personal Expenses.
- * Single Room Supplement.

Note:

Prices are not valid by High Season and Chinese holiday periods, for e.g.: April 30th - May 3th, Sep 30th to Oct 7th, and Chinese New Year period which usually falls in End of January. With high season and main holidays the Price will increase. Price for Superior class hotels will be some higher and for middle class hotels will be some lower.

We thank you for your interest in the tour above. By questions please feel free to contact us. For a fast response, please submit a quick Reservation or Enquiry form below by clicking button "Enquiry", and we'll get back to you by e-mail within 24 hours.