

4 Days Li River and Terraces Tour

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Duration: 4 days

Attractions: Rice Terraces Field, Li River Cruise, Yangshuo Countryside tour, Reed Flute Cave

Overview: It's said that Guilin has got the most stunning natural landscape under heaven. It has attracted tons of visitors each year with its unique charisma. This trip will navigate you around the city and its surroundings to explore the most authentic ethnic life. By the day starting, you will depart for Longli Terraces Field. It's ordinary rice field in other place, but it's art here. Back dropped on mountains, terraces look like colorful sitting dragons. In the second day, you will take the Li River Cruise and enjoy the real Guilin views. This day would consume lots of storage in your camera. Next day, you will find yourself in a picturesque Yangshuo countryside and enjoy the fresh air and clear mind. Before you leaving this place, you will head for Reed Flute Cave and see the amazing work God has done to finish this tour strong.

Highlights

1. Approach the local people's life by visiting the Longji Terraces and see the rice being planted;
2. Enjoy a leisure cruise on Li River and be completely immersed in the breathtaking views of bank side;
3. Stroll in the restful West Street and enjoy a little afternoon time;
4. Ride a bike in the Yangshuo country and be away from the hectic urban life;
5. Go inside the Reed Flute Cave and see the God's amazing work.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Longji Terraces

07:30 a.m: Meet your tour guide and head for Longji Terraces Rice Fields.

09:30 a.m - 15:00 p.m: Enjoy the amazing natural views of **Longji Terraces** and taste the authentic Zhuang nationality food. Situated about 27 kilometers southeast of Longsheng County, there is a vast region of rice terraces stretching layer upon layer. It is Longji Rice Terraces (Dragon Backbone's Rice Terraces), an grand terrace in China! Since the construction in Yuan

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Dynasty (1271-1368), the terrace was completed till the early Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). It represents a great accomplishment of profound wisdom and strenuous labor of minority people in South China.

With the passage of four different seasons, the terrace shows people various kinds of sceneries, displaying a grandeur of great nature. In spring, with the irrigation, the terrace presents a picture of chains or ribbons hung on the hillsides. With the coming of Summer, massive green shadows upon the terrace from the heaven. With the commencement of Autumn, ripened millet blends the stems, giving people hope of harvest. In winter, the whole terrace is covered with white snow like a playful dragon.

Wondering in the terrace, one can not only enjoy the natural beauty, but also experience the unique culture of ethnic minorities. There are several minorities, including Zhuang, Miao and Yao. One can visit their wooden buildings, learn their beautiful dances and appreciate their costumes and Longji tea.

17:00 p.m: Guilin Hotel drop off at the tour end.

Day 2: Li River Cruise, West Street

09:00 a.m: Meet your tour guide and start your Guilin hotel.

09:00 - 13:00 p.m: Coming to Guilin, Li River Cruise is an activity you simply can't miss. Surrounded by the stretching mountains in both sides, Li River is meandering through slowly and quietly. You will aboard the ship prepared for you and enjoy the picturesque natural views. With the swimming ducks, napping fisherman on the bank, and buffaloes eating green grass, you will feel like wandering in the fairyland. The ship will lead you to Yangshuo.

Please be aware that your lunch is included in the cruise.

14:30 - 17:00 p.m: Disembarking the ship, you will wander in West Street. West Street is a street featured with western style. It's an unique cultural symbol in Yangshuo. Because of its existence, every foreigners feel welcomed and like home. As the first western-style street, West Street has been a model for other tourist cities to clone from. Coming here, you will see various kinds of western stores and shops selling traditional Chinese decorates like small embroidery pouch,

Chinese knots, and lucky bag.

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17:00 p.m: Drop off at Yangshuo hotel for rest.

Day 3: Yangshuo Countryside biking, Moon Hill, Dragon Bridge, Bamboo Rafting

09:00 - 10:00 a.m: Being picked up from hotel, you will find yourselves into a splendid picture. Brooks are gurgling on the ground. Verdant trees are erecting on both sides and dancing with the wind. Birds are singing. Mountains are fading into distance. Being in such a relaxing and picturesque place, you can ride a bike going down the paths. With the guidance of our representative, you can also learn some facts and history of Yangshuo. You are suggested to take bikes around the countryside road and enjoy yourselves.

10:20 - 12:00 p.m: Biking for about 10 mins, you will encounter a big peak in the shape of moon. This is **Moon Hill**, your next stop. Inside the moon hill cave, there are various stalactite, some like Chang'e, some like Jade Bunny, and there is also a osmanthus tree, all of which reassembles the legend Guanghan Palace on the moon. Follow the visiting route, you will find the moon shape changes from crescent to full just like the real moon!

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Have lunch at a Yangshuo restaurant for break.

13:20 - 14:20 p.m: Your next big site would be Yulong River. Unlike the long and big Li River, Yulong River is actually smaller, but still with distinct features. First, you will walk on the **Dragon Bridge**. Built in Ming Dynasty, this bridge has a history of 600 years. The whole bridge is 36m long. 4.2m wide and 9m high. It is inscribed with various patterns and looks very grand.

14:30 - 16:30 p.m: Lastly, you will rent a **bamboo raft** and drift on the Yulong River like a local person. Don't worry, your local guide will help you to rent a raft and there would be local farmer who help to make it move along.

17:00 p.m: Come back to Yangshuo hotel for rest.

Day 4: Seven Star Park, Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill.

09:00 a.m: Greeted by your tour guide at your hotel lobby, you will set out for your last day tour.

09:20-12:00 a.m: The first and the very highlight is Reed Flute Cave. This name came from the fact that Reed grows near the cave, which is said can be made into flute. Coming into the Reed

Flute Cave area, you will see the luxuriant flowers and trees immediately. On the left, there is a

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pond surrounded by the restaurants, shops, tea houses, pavilions and bridges. Inside the cave, you will be intoxicated by the various stalactites, stalagmites and columns. Under the shower of different lights, all the stones are bizarre and motley.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Lunch at your own arrangements under the recommendations of our tour guide.

13:20 - 15:00 p.m: After lunch, you will leave for **Seven Star Park**. As any other sites in Guilin, it is also famous for its natural landscapes. Under the introduction of your tour guide, you will stroll through the grand yet not-so-tall Mt.Seven Star, ancient Yuehua Bridge, and spectacular cave. Meanwhile, you will see the diligent Guilin citizens exercising in the park. Some are singing. Some are dancing. Some are playing. While some are practicing, Their singing and laughing can make you feel happy and excited to try some practice on your own.

15:20 - 16:40 p.m: Your last site in Guilin would be Elephant Trunk Hill. From the name, you can guess what you will be looking at. As the city symbol, Elephant Trunk Hill is the typical representation to Guilin mountains and water. Coming inside the site, you will see some stone carvings of elephants. Keep moving, the hill looks like an elephant trunk will come into your eyes. On the hill, all the rivers and views are right in front of you. There are small Love Island, standing tower, drifting rafts waiting for guests and sea eagle ready for catching fish.

17:00: Transfer back to hotel for rest. Your Guilin and Yangshuo 4-day tour draws a conclusion.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned, including cable car up and toboggan down the Great Wall.

Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals except lunch on Li River Cruise

Personal expenses or private entertainment items in sites.

Tips or gratuities for guide and driver if we did a good job(recommended)

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Accommodations

What to take: smile and a relaxing heart.

Good to know:

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or the shops for shopping.
2. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food with a fair price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.
3. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. If you want a tour with a duration exceeding the working period of our tour guide and driver, we need to charge you for your extra hours with the standard of 100 RMB per hour.
4. The tour we provide you are based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for over 6 hours yet less than 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
5. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
6. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will be only with your families or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
7. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
8. Please advise in advance in case you want to enjoy the Impression Liusanjie Show.
9. Please take medicine in case you are seasick on Li River Cruise.
10. Please prepare some cash in cash some small stores can't take credit card.
11. The accommodation condition in Guilin is quite difference comparing to developed regions. Some star-level hotels are pretty old, we suggest you try some newly-established hotels.
12. There is a huge difference in the hotel price between peak season and low season. Do not regard the low-season price as usual price.
13. Book your hotel in advance. Do not follow people who provide accommodations nearby the

entrance of train station or airport.

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14. If you do the Li River Cruise on big boat, your lunch will be included.

FAQ

1. When is the best time to visit Guilin?

Re: The best time to visit Guilin is April - October. As a scenery city, Guilin is worldly famous for its picturesque river and mountains. In April, Longji Terraces will appear extremely appealing, just like a hand-drawn painting. In May and June, Guilin and its surrounding will get a lot of rain, which makes a great time to ride boats or bamboo rafts on Li River and Yulong River. While around the Mid-Autumn festival, the Elephant's Trunk Hill will be very splendid under the moon.

2. What should we take beside some basics?

Re: Please bring a hat that can also function like a umbrella as Guangxi Province can be rainy and foggy most times. Even when you travel in Summer, please bring a thin coat with you.

3. Is there anything we should prepare for Reed Flute Cave?

Re: You are advised to bring flashlight when you will visit some caves.

4. What kind of cruise we will take on Li River?

Re: There are two kinds of boats on Li River. Most people will choose Cruise, which is safer and the tour time is longer. The cruise would last about 4 hours. We will arrange 4-star big cruise for you.

Don't worry.

Some people may choose small boat. It will last about 1 hour. Plus, that's illegal, let alone some private boats owned by locals.