

6D5N YUNNAN: UNESCO World Heritage Yuanyang Rice Terraces, Jianshui, Mile & Kunming

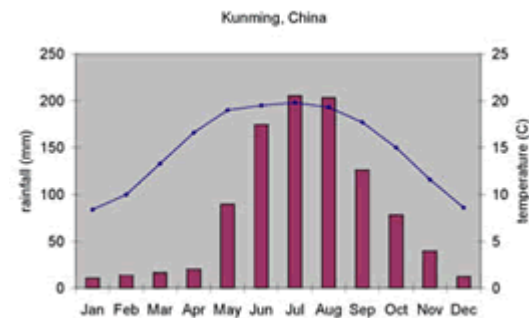


HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNESCO World Heritage Rice Terraces of Yuanyang
- Jianshui ancient town
- Hani minority village
- Yi minority village
- Yanzidong Cave with underground river

BEST TIME TO VISIT:

Spring, from March to early May and Autumn, from late Sep to early Nov. Summer will have more rain. For best photography of Yuanyang rice terraces; the optimum time for terraces filled with water is Jan to early Mar, for terraces of golden ripe rice is mid Sep to mid Oct. See Kunming rainfall & temperature chart on the left as general guide.



DAY 1: Kunming arrival (D)



5pm Air Asia arrival at Kunming airport. Transfer to **Kunming** city for dinner (including Kunming's signature dish **Crossing-the-Bridge Noodles**). Check in hotel and evening at leisure to visit **Golden Horse Gate** area and **Zhengyi road shopping street**. Overnight in Kunming.

DAY 2: Kunming - Jianshui (B/L/D)



Transfer to **Jianshui**, an old city with a history of 1,200 years that was the center of trade and culture for this area. Visit Jianshui's **Confucian's Temple**, the 3rd largest Confucian temple in China (after Qufu and Beijing). Then explore **Zhu Family Garden**, a beautifully preserved former Qing Dynasty period ancestral home of a wealthy merchant, complete with gardens and a private performance stage. Visit **Chaoyang Gate**, which is older than Beijing's Tiananmen Gate. Lastly, visit a **workshop producing Doufu** (bean curd). Overnight in Jianshui.

DAY 3: Jianshui – Yanzidong - Yuanyang (B/L/D)

Transfer to **Yanzidong** (swallow cave) and take boat ride into this cave with a river running through it. The cave is famous for bird's nest and subject to timing; you may encounter a demonstration of locals scaling up the cliff wall to get to the bird's nest.

Continue to **Yuanyang**, famous for rice field terraces stretching to long distances. **Yuanyang Rice Terraces** is now **UNESCO World Heritage** listed. Located on the southern slopes of Ailao Mountain in Yuanyang County (part of Honghe Hani Autonomous Prefecture), these rice terraces are the masterpiece of the ingenious skill of the Hani people for generations. For most photographers and nature lovers, this is a must visit place, with some serious photographers living here for weeks in order to capture the perfect photo. Overnight in Yuanyang.

DAY 4: Yuanyang (B/L/D)



Early morning transfer to **Duoyishu** Terraced Fields for sunrise viewing. This section is famous for sunrise due to its wide valley in full view and its location where the sun will rise from the mountains in front. During early spring, as the sun rises in height upwards, the water in the rice terraces will reflect different colours, changing colours as time passes by. While during late summer, it will be terraces of golden

colour as the rice waits to be harvested. So be patient to photograph all the variations of colours during sunrise. (note, sunrise viewing is subject to weather as sometimes the rice terraces can be covered by morning fog)

Then visit **Shengchun** village's morning market, follow by **Luomatian**, **Bada** and **Malizhai** rice terraces viewpoints. Then visit **Qingkou** Village of Hani people, where you will see some examples of traditional mushroom shaped Hani houses. Late afternoon, transfer to **Laohuzui** (Tiger Mouth) rice terraces, its location making it the favourite for sunset viewing. Overnight in Yuanyang.

DAY 5: Yuanyang - Mile (B/L/D)

Transfer to **Mile**, a county with over 23 ethnic peoples, including Han, Yi, Miao, Hui and Zhuang. Yi is the largest ethnic minority group here, making up 30% of the total population. Visit the **Keyi Yi Culture Ecological Village**, located in the Xisan Township. There are more than 200 households of Axi, one of the subgroups of the Yi ethnic group.

Then visit **The Huquan (Lake Spring) Ecological Park**, a comprehensive recreational center built with artificial beaches, tea houses, an amusement park, a five star hotel and hot spring spas. Overnight in Mile.

DAY 6: Mile – Kunming airport departure (B/L)



Visit the **Mile Buddha**, a 65 feet statue of Maitreya (the future Buddha). "Maitreya", a Sanskrit word, is translated as "Mile" in Mandarin, which is exactly the same word as the name for the county. Transfer to Kunming airport with lunch en-route. Catch 5.30pm flight home. Arrival in KLIA2 at 9.50pm.

RATES: per person, twin sharing, travel dates MAR to NOV 2015.

OPTION A: 3 star hotels

12 or more: RM 2475 8 paxs: RM 2715 4 paxs: RM 2985

2 paxs: RM 4445 Single Supplement: RM 475

Child With Bed (up to 11yr): RM 1920

Child No Bed (up to 11yr): RM 1495

OPTION B: 4 star hotels

12 or more: RM 2600 8 paxs: RM 2850 4 paxs: RM 3115

2 paxs: RM 4590 Single Supplement: RM 580

Child With Bed (up to 11yr): RM 2075

Child No Bed (up to 11yr): RM 1495

Rates & itinerary subject to changes in Forex rates, unforeseen surcharges, domestic airfare prices, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Return airport-hotel transfers and private car/coach for tour excursion.
- b) Accommodation according to 3 star or 4 star option selected.
- c) Full board meals from Dinner Day 1 to Lunch Day 6. Breakfasts will be at hotels.
- d) English speaking tour guide
- e) Entrance fees for attractions as per itinerary
- f) 1 bottle drinking water per pax per day

EXCLUDING:

- a) Return KL-Kunming airticket, airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Itinerary is timed for Air Asia flight schedule and subject to changes in flight timings. Air tickets can be booked at www.airasia.com
- b) Guide & Driver tipping rate: Yuan 200 /group/day for tour guide and Yuan 100/group/day for driver; pay at end of their service
- c) China visa – if EI Sol arrange: sgl entry RM85 + EI Sol service charge RM 20
- d) Travel insurance: can be arranged separately – RM 52 /pax (6 to 10 days coverage)
- e) Expenses of personal nature like additional activities not in itinerary, hotel bellboy/porter tippings, laundry charges, mini bar charges, etc.