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YUNNAN

THE CHINA YOU DID NOT EXPECT

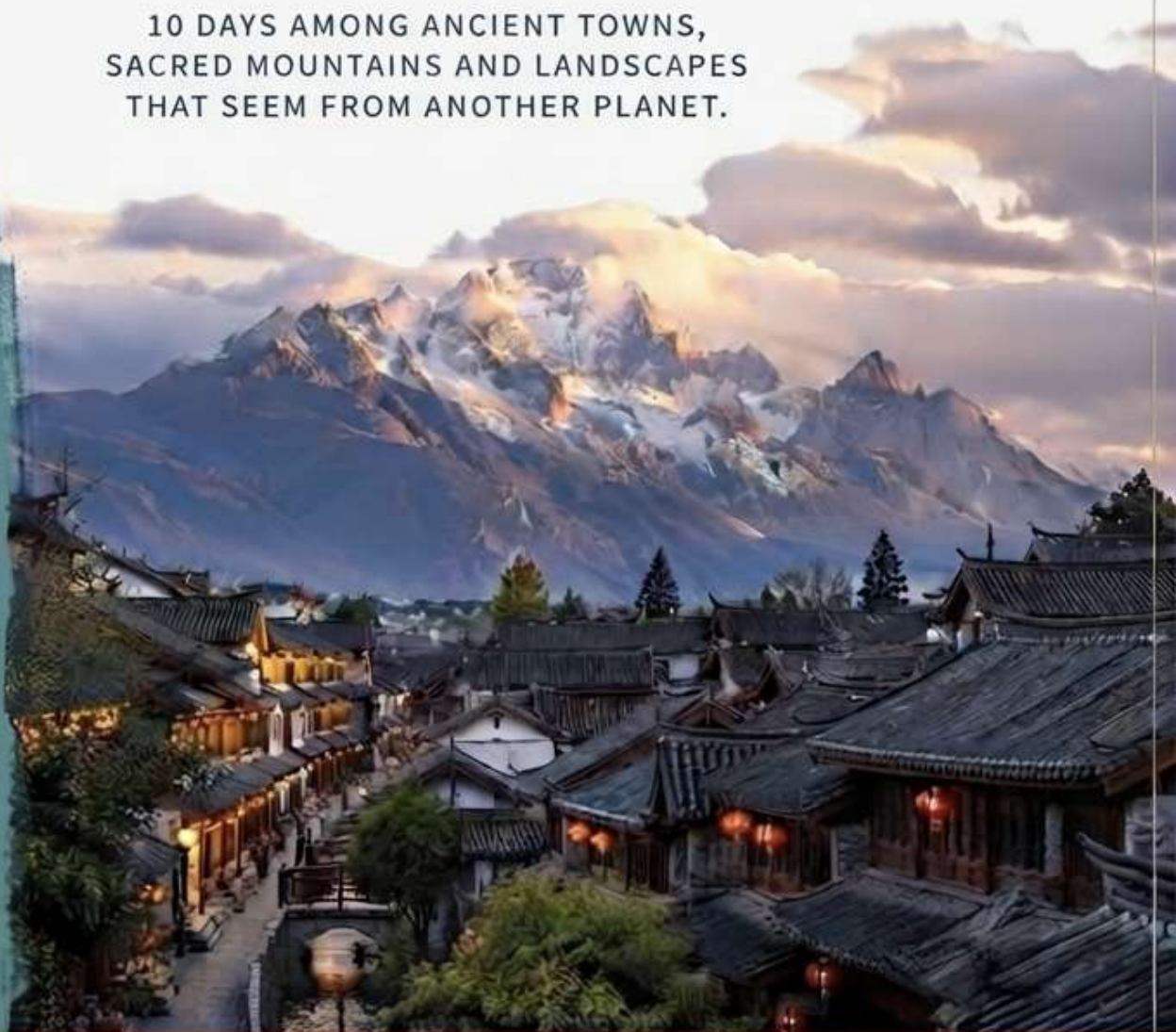
10 DAYS AMONG ANCIENT TOWNS,
SACRED MOUNTAINS AND LANDSCAPES
THAT SEEM FROM ANOTHER PLANET.


IMPRESSIVE
NATURE


VIBRANT
CULTURE


ANCIENT
TOWNS


UNIQUE
GASTRONOMY



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INSPIRATION FOR YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE



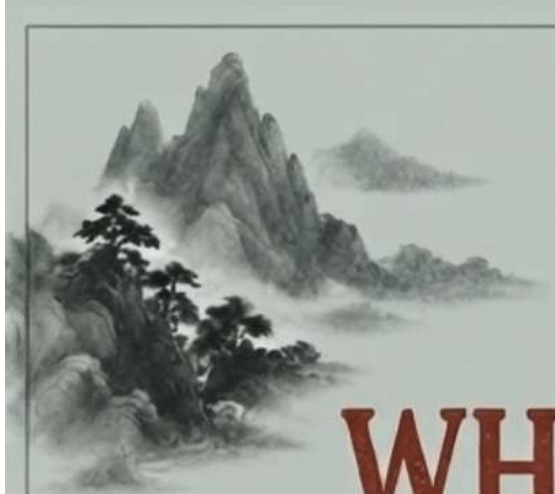
WELCOME TO YUNNAN

—  The most diverse province in China  —

If you are looking for a different China, Yunnan is one of the most fascinating places in the country.

Here you will find perfectly preserved ancient towns, snow-capped mountains, seemingly infinite rice terraces, Tibetan culture, and some of the most impressive landscapes in Asia.

It is an ideal region for those who wish to experience a more authentic face of China, far from the traditional routes of Beijing, Shanghai, or Xi'an.



WHO YUNNAN IS FOR

—> Nature, culture, and a different China <—



IDEAL FOR



Viajeros que buscan una China menos turística



Amantes de la naturaleza y los paisajes espectaculares



People s interesadas en ancient villages and local culture



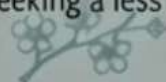
Photography, soft adventure, and authentic experiences



BEST TIME IE OF YEAR



Travelers seeking a less touristy China



Spring (March to May) and Autumn (September to November) are the best times to visit Yunnan, due to its pleasant climate, clearer skies, and spectacular landscapes.

Summer: more rain.
Winter: colder in high altitude areas.

WHERE IT IS AND HOW TO TRAVEL IT



KUNMING



GARDENS, HISTORY, AND LOCAL LIFE

Kunming, the capital of Yunnan, is the ideal gateway to begin this journey. its pleasant climate, tranquil parks, and relaxed pace make it an excellent first encounter with a more local and authentic China.

DAY 1

FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH KUNMING



LODGING:

Boutique hotel near Green Lake, ideal for resting and walking around the most pleasant area of the city.
Guided tour of Green



RECOMMENDED DISH:

Try the famous Crossing the Bridge Noodles, one of the most emblematic dishes of Yunnan.



RECOMMENDED DISH:

Bring a light jacket; although the climate is mild, mornings and nights can be cool.



DESTINO CHINA TIP:

Ensure you have comfortable shoes for exploring the city walking paths.



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DAY 2

NATURE AND SURROUNDINGS



LODGING:

Second night at the same boutique hotel in Kunming to maintain a comfortable pace at the start of the trip.



TOUR:

RECOMMENDED DISH:

Dinner with wild mushroom specialties from Yunnan, highly appreciated in this region.



RECOMMENDED DISH:

Wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen, especially if you will be spending several hours outdoors.



DESTINO CHINA TIP:

Stay hydrated and bring water, as the especially if you will be spending several hours outdoorong.



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RHYTHM OF THE DAY: GENTLE AND CULTURAL

A calm beginning to acclimatize, observe, and enjoy Yunnan without rushing.

DALI



LAKE, ANCIENT VILLAGES, AND TRANQUIL LIFE

Dali is one of the most enchanting destinations in Yunnan. Between Erhai Lake, the Cangshan Mountains, and its ancient city, it offers more relaxed rhythm and a perfect blend of landscapes, local culture, and charming corners.

DIA 3

FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH DALI



LODGING:

Boutique hotel inside or near Dali Ancient Town, ideal for walking through its small streets and enjoying the local atmosphere.



TOUR:

Guided tour of Dali Ancient Town, its historic gates, traditional streets, and viewpoints with mountain views.



RECOMMENDED DISH:

Taste local specialties of the Bai ethnic group and enjoy a quiet dinner with fresh local ingredients.



RECOMMENDED DISH:



DESTINO CHINA TIP:

Bring comfortable footwear and a light jacket; mornings and nights in Dali can be fresh.

DIA 4

NATURE AND SURROUNDINGS



LODGING:

Second night in Dali to enjoy the area calmly and make the most of the activities around the lake.



TOUR:

Excursion around the surroundings of Erhai Lake with panoramic stops and a visit to the famous Three Pagodas.



ACTIVITY:

Bicycle ride or scenic tour alongside the lake to enjoy the landscape and the tranquil life of Dali.



RECOMMENDED DISH: facing the lake and tasting fresh products typical of the zone. The sun can be strong.

DESTINO CHINA TIP:



If you are going around the lake, bring sunscreen and water; the weather is usually pleasant but the sun can be strong.



RHYTHM OF THE DAY: RELAXED AND SCENIC

Dali invites you to slow down, enjoy the landscape, and connect with a more tranquil and authentic China.

SHAXI



✦ TEA ROUTE, RURAL CALM AND HISTORIC CHARM ✦

Shaxi is one of the best-preserved jewels in Yunnan. This small town, an ancient key point of the Tea and Horse Route, offers a slower experience among cobblestone streets, traditional courtyards, rural landscapes, and an authentic atmosphere difficult to find in other destinations.



LOUR TOU:

Guided tour of Sideng, the historic plaza, the ancient theater, the Yujin bridge, and the most emblematic corners of the ancient Tea and Horse Route.



ACTIVITY:

Walk or bicycle ride through the surroundings of the town to discover fields, temples, and small rural paths.



RECOMMENDED DISH:

Try homemade Yunnan cuisine, rice, noodles, fresh local produce, and a quiet dinner on a town terrace.



CHINA DESTINATION TIP:



Shaxi is best enjoyed without haste. Bring comfortable footwear, a light jacket, and time to calmly explore its streets and surroundings.



RHYTHM OF THE DAY: PAUSED AND AUTHENTIC

Shaxi is a beautiful pause within the journey; a place to walk without haste, connect with history, and discover a serener and more local China.



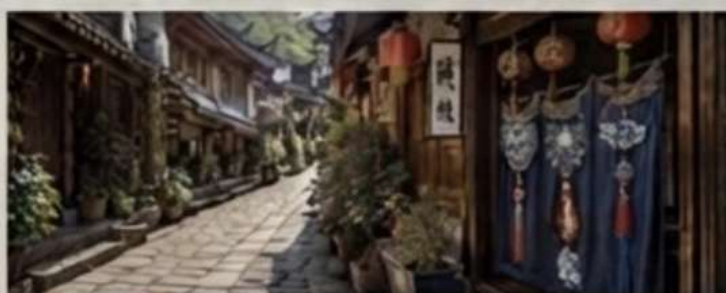
DAY 6-7:

LIJIANG



ANCIENT CITY, NAXI CULTURE, AND SACRED MOUNTAINS

Lijiang is one of the most well-known jewels of Yunnan, famous for its ancient city, its canals, its Naxi heritage, and the spectacular views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Here, the journey combines history, high-altitude landscapes, and an enchanting atmosphere ideal for exploring calmly.



TOUR:

Guided tour of the Ancient City of Lijiang, Sifang Square, historic alleys, Black Dragon Pool, and Viewpoints with views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.



ACTIVITY:

ACTIVITY: Walk at dawn or dusk through the canals of the ancient city, cultural visit to learn about Naxi heritage, and free time to discover shops, cafes, and photogenic corners.



RECOMMENDED FOOD:

Try Yunnan specialties like rice noodles, local Naxi dishes, and a quiet dinner with a view of the ancient city rooftops.



DESTINO CHINA TIP:

Lijiang can feel more touristic than other Yunnan destinations, but it is still very special if you explore early, get away from the most crowded streets, and take the time to observe its local life.



RHYTHM OF THE DAY: CULTURAL AND SCENIC

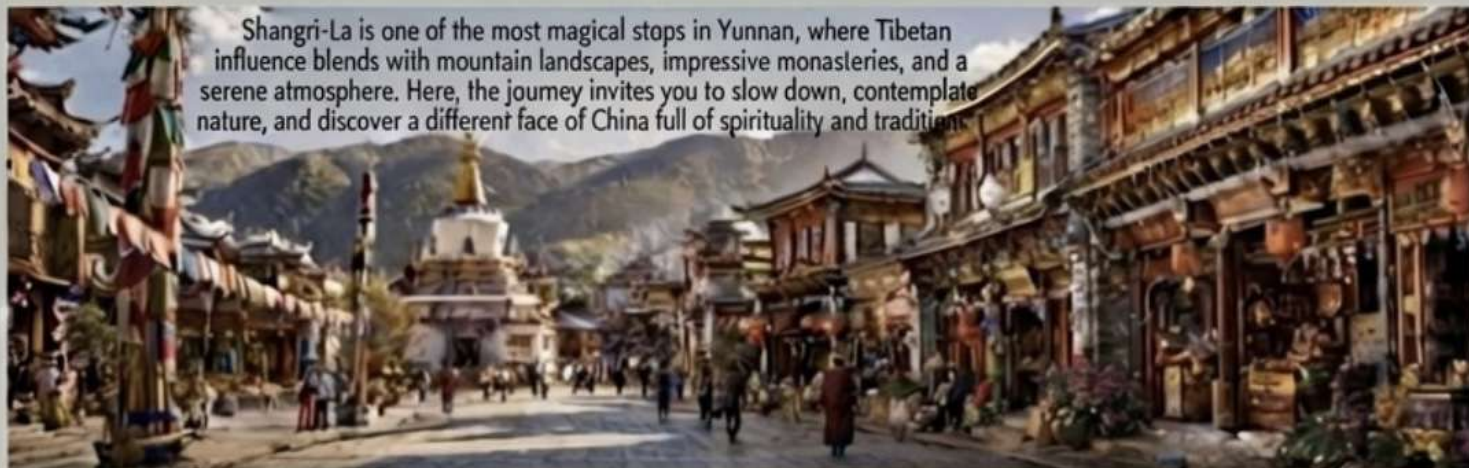
Lijiang is a perfect stop to combine heritage, landscapes, and tranquil moments among ancient streets, canals, and unforgettable mountain views.



SHANGRI-LA

TIBETAN CULTURE, MONASTERIES, AND HIGH-ALTITUDE LANDSCAPES

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LODGING:

Three nights in a boutique hotel or lodge with local charm, ideally near the Old Town, with mountain views, for a tranquil and cozy stay.



TOUR:

Sample Tibetan and mountain specialties, such as yak hot pot, Tibetan bread, butter tea, and other comforting dishes typical of the region.



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DESTINO CHINA TIP:

Shangri-La is located at a high altitude, so it is advisable to take the first day calmly, stay hydrated, and take advantage of the destination's unhurried pace to enjoy it better.



RITMO DEL DÍA: SPIRITUAL Y ESCÉNICO

RHYTHM OF THE DAY: SPIRITUAL AND SCENIC



Shangri-La is the perfect close for this tour; a place to connect with nature, Tibetan culture, and the calm of the local surroundings.



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Yunnan is only the beginning.

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