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Guiyang
Kaili
Rongjiang
Zhaoxing

Feeling strong ethnic customs by attending the grand Lusheng festival in Gulong town and viewing the breathtaking natural beauty which is surrounding the Miao and Dong groups' villages.

Type
Private
Duration
5 days
Theme
Festival
Trip code
GE-07
Price
From £ 441 per person

Itinerary

The highlight of this 5-day tour will take you to the Lusheng Festival, the biggest traditional festival in the Miao region. Travelers will attend this unique Lusheng Festival feast at Gulong Town of Qiandongnan Prefecture (which is held on the 27th day of the ninth month of the lunar calendar), to see a magnificent team playing Lusheng, fierce and crazy bullfighting, colorful ethnic costumes, Lively national dance, and other exciting activities. In addition, visiting the Miao and Dong villages in Kaili, Rongjiang and Zhaoxing will give you a deeper understanding of the traditional culture and customs of these two ethnic minorities. The itinerary will end in the Tang'an Terraces. You will see the terraces in front of you are like an oil painting, quiet and peaceful.

Day 01 :

9 Nov. 2023: Guiyang Arrival - Kaili, about 3 hours' drive

Upon arrival at Guiyang airport or train station, to be met and picked up by our tour guide and driver. Then transfer to Kaili City, it takes about 3 hour's drive. On the way to Kaili, you will visit **Xiasi Ancient Town** which was once known as the "Little Shanghai" and the "Pearl on the Qingshui River". You can walk along some of the cobbled streets of the old streets, feel the history, culture, and unique folk customs here. Afterward, you will be transferred to the hotel. Stay overnight at Kaili.

Day 02 :

10 Nov. 2023: Full Day Lusheng Festival at Gulong Town

Today you will spend the whole day in Gulong for Lusheng festival activities. In the morning we will drive about 2 hours to **Gulong Town to attend the Lusheng Festival** (held on the 27th of the 9th month in the lunar calendar), the largest Miao national festival with the strongest ethnic features, which is being held here today. The local people are all dressed up, playing Lusheng, singing, and dancing. You will also see many interesting entertainment activities and wonderful performances. Late afternoon drive back to Kaili. Stay overnight at Kaili.

Note: If not during the Lusheng Festival, we will arrange to visit 1-2 ancient villages or home visits instead.

Day 03 :

11 Nov. 2023: Upper Langde Miao village - Rongjiang, about 4 hours' drive

Morning drives about 45 minutes to visit **Upper Langde Miao village** and experience a greeting ceremony in front of Langde if it is not raining. The local women who wear traditional costumes standing in front of the village gate will offer you cups of rice wine to drink when you enter their village, and there will be another dancing performance waiting for you inside the village. Afterward, drive 3 hours to Rongjiang Town. On the way to Rongjiang, we are going to visit **Wudong Miao village** which is isolated in Leigong Mountain (2,178meters), the village is about 1,300meters high above sea level. Then we pass through the old forest of Leigongshan State Nature Reserve. Stay overnight at Rongjiang.

Day 04 :

12 Nov. 2023: Rongjiang - Zhaoxing, about 1.5 hours' drive

Visit a **morning market in Rongjiang**, in which we will see Miao, Dong, and Shui women selling vegetables and meat. Some of them carry their fresh vegetables every morning with bamboo baskets walking on the market street and ask local people if they need it. After the market tour, we will drive along the **Duliu river**, we will make some stops for you to take pictures of villages on both sides of the river. On the way to Zhaoxing, we will visit the **Zhanli Dong village** and **Huanggang village**, the village that is thought to be one of the most interesting and traditional Dong villages in Guizhou. Stay overnight at Zhaoxing.

Day 05 :

13 Nov. 2023: Zhaoxing - Congjiang or Guiyang Departure

In the morning, we take a local shuttle bus or a local car to Tang'an, and start our hike from **Tang'an to Zhaoxing, down the hills, and passing through terraced rice fields**. After lunch in Zhaoxing, drive to Congjiang railway station, from which you can take the bullet train to your next visit or other cities (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Guiyang) or drive back to Guiyang airport.

Note: The terraced landscape is affected by factors such as irrigation, crop harvests, and weather. The scenery seen every month is very different.

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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