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Lijiang Quick Facts

- **City Name:** Lijiang (丽江, lì jiāng)
- **Population:** 1.1 million
- **Location:** Southwest China
- **Features:** It is famous for the Lijiang Ancient City with over 800 years.
- **Area Code:** 0888
- **Zip Code:** 674100

Overview

Lijiang is a prefecture-level city in northwestern Yunnan Province situated on the Jinsha River, one of the two principal headwaters of the Yangtze (the other principal headwater of the Yangtze being the Min River). The name Lijiang in the Nahki (alternatively, Naxi) language - the Nahki being the largest ethnic minority in Lijiang, though several other ethnic minorities are represented in the city - means in fact 'bend in the Jinsha River'.

Lijiang was a tiny settlement before it found itself in the midst of a battle during the Yuan (CE 1279-1368) Dynasty, after which the village grew into a city.

There are a number of interesting sights to take in around Lijiang besides Lijiang Old Town, which was placed on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1997. (For example majestic, snow-capped Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Tiger Leaping Gorge and Lake Lugu.

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Lijiang is located in low latitude plateau, with small annual temperature difference and pleasant weather condition. As high mountains have stopped the cold current from the north, there are no extreme cold winters or hot summers for most areas of Lijiang. The annual average temperature ranges from 12.6 °C to 19.8 °C. The temperature ranges from 18.1 °C to 25.7 °C in the hottest month and from 4.2 °C to 12.1 °C in the coldest month. The weather is like spring all the year round.

Lijiang has distinct dry and wet seasons, namely the dry season lasting from November to the following April and the rainy season from May to October. As Lijiang is located at an altitude of 2,400 meters, there is strong Ultraviolet radiation and tourists should prepare some suns cream, sunglasses and umbrellas in case of suffering from sunburning.

Best Visiting Time

Lijiang has no obvious seasonal difference. Thanks to the favorable weather condition, Lijiang is suitable for touring throughout the year. Autumn (September to November) can be ranked the most beautiful season of Lijiang, boasting cool weather, blooming flowers and evergreen trees, which is the best time for traveling to Lijiang.

Spring (March to May)

Spring in Lijiang boasts sunny and warm days, with the temperature ranging from 6°C to 20°C. For packing, long-sleeved coat and pants are necessary.

Summer (June to August)

Summer ranks as the rainy season of Lijiang, with the temperature ranging from 15°C to 26°C. There is frequent rainfall and lightning storms may occur in August. For packing, T-shirts, pants, sun cream, sunglasses and umbrellas are recommended.

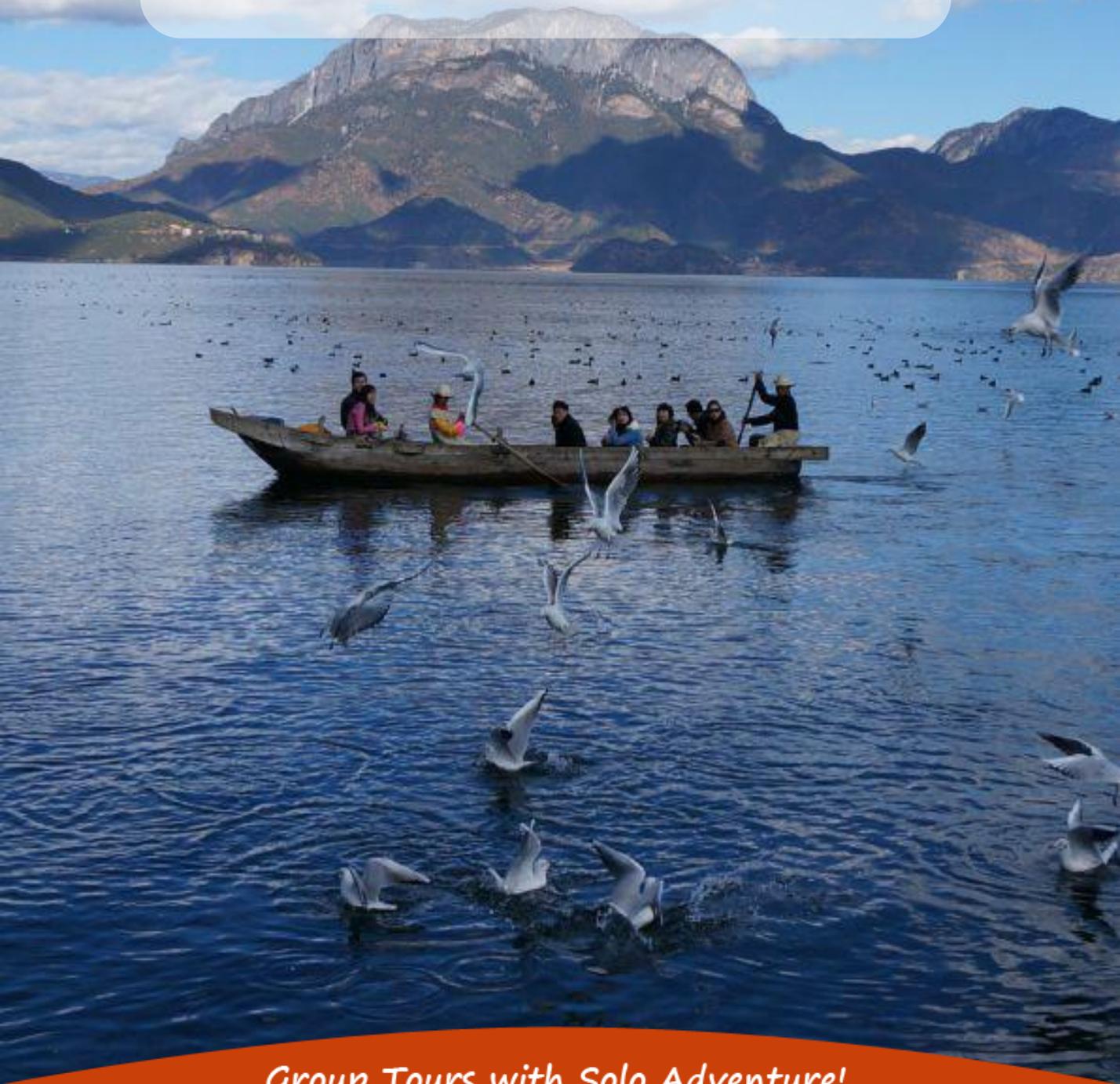
Autumn (September to November)

Early autumn is characterized by rainy days, with the temperature ranging from 10°C to 23°C. From October, the rainfall decreases greatly and mid-October marks the end of rainy days and it becomes drier day by day.

Winter (December to the following February)

Winter in Lijiang is characterized by dry and relatively cool days, with the temperature ranging from 0°C to 12°C. For packing, warm clothes, such as thick sweaters, cotton-padded jackets and down jackets are recommended.

What to See in Lijiang



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Lijiang Ancient Town

Lijiang Old Town, originally a village, is located on the outskirts of the present-day city of Lijiang, Yunnan Province. The old, original village is built around the concept of a network of canals that were intended to provide water to each and every household. The source of the water is [Black Dragon Pool](#)(黑龙潭), a natural spring from which arises 3 small rivers, denoted simply as the East, West, and Middle rivers.

History and Naxi Culture

Lijiang Old Town covers an area of about 4 square kilometers and lies 2,400 meters above sea level. It was built during the late Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279), making the village some 800 years old.

There are about 4,200 original families living in the old town today. The village's layout is unique, being a perfect fusion of Han Chinese, Bai, and Tibetan styles.

The Naxi people who inhabit the old village today did not always live here. Originally, they were brought in to occupy the area for the sake of expediency. Kublai Khan stationed troops in Lijiang on his southward march to do battle with the Dali state, and after the successful completion of that campaign, Naxi tribesmen of the Mu clan who were loyal to the Mongol chieftain were relocated to Lijiang.

It was thus that the old village was built and came to be inhabited by the Mu clan of the Naxi culture.

- **Admission:** 80 yuan for maintenance fee
- **Opening Hours:** This is a living city, so it never "closes"
- **Getting there:** From the new city (Lijiang City), the only way to get to the Old Town is walk, or rent a bike (automobiles are not permitted in the village).



Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

Yulong ("Jade Dragon") Snow Mountain lies about 20 kilometers north of the city of Lijiang in the northwest corner of Yunnan Province. The mountain, which covers a total area of some 400 square kilometers, stretches about 32 kilometers in a roughly north-south direction, and about 13 kilometers in a roughly east-west direction. Jade Dragon Snow Mountain faces Haba Snow Mountain, with Tiger Leaping Gorge - and at its bottom, the Yangtze River, aka Jingsha River here in its upper reaches - barely separating them.



- **Opening Hours:** 7:00-18:00
- **Getting there:**

There is a regular bus that services Jade Dragon Snow Mountain from the city of Lijiang, which, in peak tourist periods, can be filled to capacity. An alternative possibility is to take a tour bus from a hotel in Lijiang. The itinerary is Ganhaizi - Baishui River - Yunshan Meadow. From Yunshan Meadow skiers can take a ski lift/ ropeway up the mountain. The fare for the ski lift/ ropeway is 22 yuan each way [not everybody skis :)], and the fare for the tour bus is 47 yuan, round trip. As indicated, you can take a closed cable car up the mountain to the Four-Seasons Ski Resort. The fare is a whopping 165 yuan, round trip, but it offers a spectacular view. A third way to get to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain from the city of Lijiang is to go on horseback, which will take an hour or so and will set you back 30 yuan.

Tiger Leaping Gorge

The Tiger Leaping Gorge stretches from the Qiaotou village through the Zhongdian County and eventually ends at the Daju village, Lijiang City. The gorge is 18 kilometers long situating along the upriver of the Jinsha River, or the Golden Sand River. It can be divided into three parts based upon its hypsography characteristics: the upper gorge, the middle gorge and the lower gorge. The most famous scenic spots are the Mouth of the Gorge and the Tiger Leaping Pebble, both of which are on the upper gorge.



How to Get There?

Take the shuttle on the special tourist line at bus stations or in front of all the main hotels in Dayan town. It is possible to be back the same day. You can also get there by river. Board the cruise ship at the Fist Bend of the Yangtze River and travel 40 kilometers down along the Jinsha River (the Golden Sand River). It takes about 70 minutes and RMB 100 yuan for the ship fare including RMB 30 yuan for the admission fee of the gorge. You can take a close look at the gorgeous scenery of the Tiger Leaping Gorge. After leaving the ship, you have to travel 30 kilometers to Hutiao Town (the Tiger Leaping Town) by foot.

More Tips:

1. Two new cafes providing services and western-style food and internet for foreign tourists and hikers have sprung up at Tiger Leaping Town.

2. While visiting the Tiger Leaping Gorge, special attention is needed when walking as stones in road are very slippery. Skid proof shoes are a necessity for visitors.

- **Best time to visit:** May to July
- **Address:** 60 kilometers from Lijiang
- Naxi nationality autonomous county
- **Visiting Time:** about 8 hours
- **Opening Hours:** 7:00a.m.- 21:00p.m.

Shuhe Naxi Village

Shuhe Naxi Village, also known as **Longquan Village** by the local people, located 4 km to the northwest of Lijiang ancient town, is the earliest habitation for the Naxi ancestors in Lijiang, and one of the most well-preserved important markets along the Tea-Horse Ancient Road.

Opened during the Tang Dynasty(CE 618-907), the Tea-Horse Road stretches from Xishuang Banna of south Yunnan via Dali, Lijiang, Diqing to Tibet, passing through the temperature zones of subtropics, temperate zone and cold temperate zone, with an elevation of about 100m up to 8,000m. It is the living specimen depicting the transition of farming civilization to commercialized civilization, and is also the model market town opening to the outside world and becoming a dynamic place for caravan travel.

- **Location:** 4 km to the northwest of Lijiang ancient town
- **Get There:** You can take a taxi in Baisha ancient town.
- **Ticket Price:** Free ticket
- **More Tips:** If you ask for directions from the local people, don't say "Shuhe", you should say "Longquan", they would possibly don't know the name of Shuhe.



Lugu lake

The Lugu Lake is a magnificent body of water which is tucked amidst gorgeous land formation. This is like a shimmering gem which rests right in the middle of the hills and mountains in Yunnan. Hence, the immense beauty that envelopes the surroundings can be very overwhelming.

The great thing about the Lugu Lake is that it is not too far from the main streets of the Lijiang City. People do not have to go too far to be able to escape the noisy streets and busy areas of the city. This lake is just about 200 kilometers from the center.

There are also five different islands which can be seen in Lugu Lake. Some people climb up the higher plane to be able to catch a glimpse of the five islands and take beautiful pictures. When seen from a bird's eye point of view, the five islands look like boats which gracefully float on the serene water of the lake.

- **Location:** 72 km from Ninglang Town, Lijiang City
- **Get There:** There are direct shuttle buses from Lijiang to Lugu Lake every day with the price of 73 yuan.
- **Ticket Price:** 80 yuan
- **Opening Hours:** 08:00 - 18:00
- **More Tips:** Respect the customs, habits and religion of local minorities.



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Baisha Village

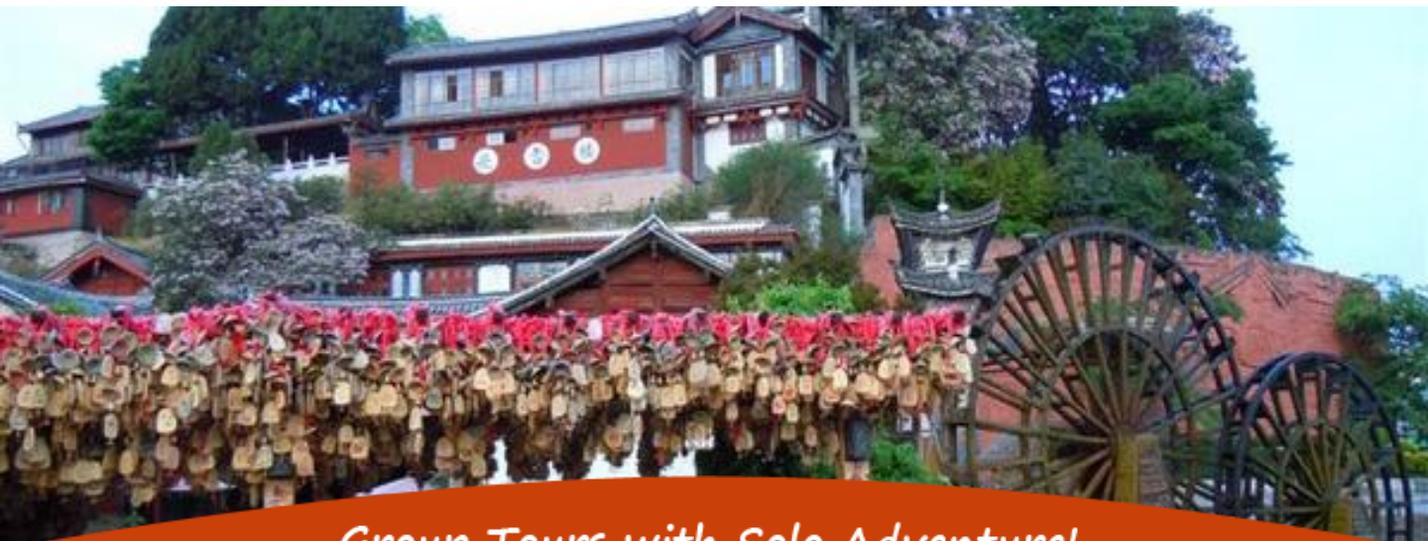
Baisha Ancient Town is one of the oldest zones in the city of Lijiang. It got its name of “Baisha,” meaning “white sand,” from the typical natural white sand in the area. Baisha was the cradle of the Tusi Dynasty which evolved from the Mu clan, and was also the earliest settlement of the Naxi people. To be found today are many ancient constructions that were originally built during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), for example, Dabaoji Palace, Liuli Temple, and Wenchang Palace. The well-known Baisha Frescoes can be seen in Dabaoji Palace.

Mural at Baisha Village

The originality and figures of the mural paintings depict religious stories of Buddhism, Lamaism, Daoism and the Naxi Dongba religion and reflect the cultures and artistic forms of the Naxi, Tibetan, Bai minority and Han. Therefore, Lijiang Mural is quite different from other frescos. The 44 pieces of Baisha murals were firstly painted in the early [Ming Dynasty](#) and finished in the early [Qing Dynasty](#), over the course of 300 years. They are over 500 years old so visitors are not allow to photograph them.

- **Add:** No.113, Gaoyin Street, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou
- **Admission:** Free; 30 yuan for Baisha **Mural**
- **Opening Hours:** A whole day; Baisha Mural: 07:00-21:00
- **Getting there:**

To get to Baisha Village, you can just get a taxi or take a bus ride from Lijiang City. You can also acquire a bicycle from the city and ride your way to the village. You can also take a bus-ride to the said village by specifically taking Bus Number 6 and dismount at the crossing going to Baisha. The trip will cost you about 2 yuan for a one-way ticket. Currently, a round-trip taxi ride to Baisha Village will cost you about 40 yuan.



Mufu

For people who are looking for a place which will open up their eyes about the [culture of China](#), going to **Mufu** or Wood Mansion is a good choice. This is also such a grandiose destination because of the intricate decorations for each structure. The rooftops are adorned with beautifully curved tips. The façade is ornamented with traditional Chinese designs. The interior of the mansion is a sight that is absolutely stunning because of the laborious artistry which can be seen in the walls, ceilings and doors.

The great thing about Mufu is that it perfectly blended various elements from [Ming](#), [Tang](#) and [Sung Dynasty](#). Today, this serves as an embodiment of the influences that these dynasties have brought to the people.

- **Location:** Located in Shizishan Hill, inside Ancient City.
- **Get There:** Vehicles are not allowed in the Mufu because it is inside the Ancient City. Hence, it is necessary to walk, exit Lion Hill Park in the southern gate and the entrance of the Mu Palace is just nearby.
- **Ticket Price:** 45 yuan
- **Opening Hours:** 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- **More Tips:** Pick the time of the year when rainfall is seldom to be able to explore the entirety of Mufu without any hassle.



Suggested Itineraries

Travel to Lijiang in Three Days:

Day 1: Arrival – Lijiang Ancient City - The Mufu (Wood Mansion) - Wangu Tower

Day 2: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain - Baisha Murals at Baisha Village

Day 3: Departure

Travel to Lijiang in Four Days:

Day 1: Arrival – Lijiang Ancient City - The Mufu (Wood Mansion) - Wangu Tower

Day 2: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain - Baisha Murals at Baisha Village

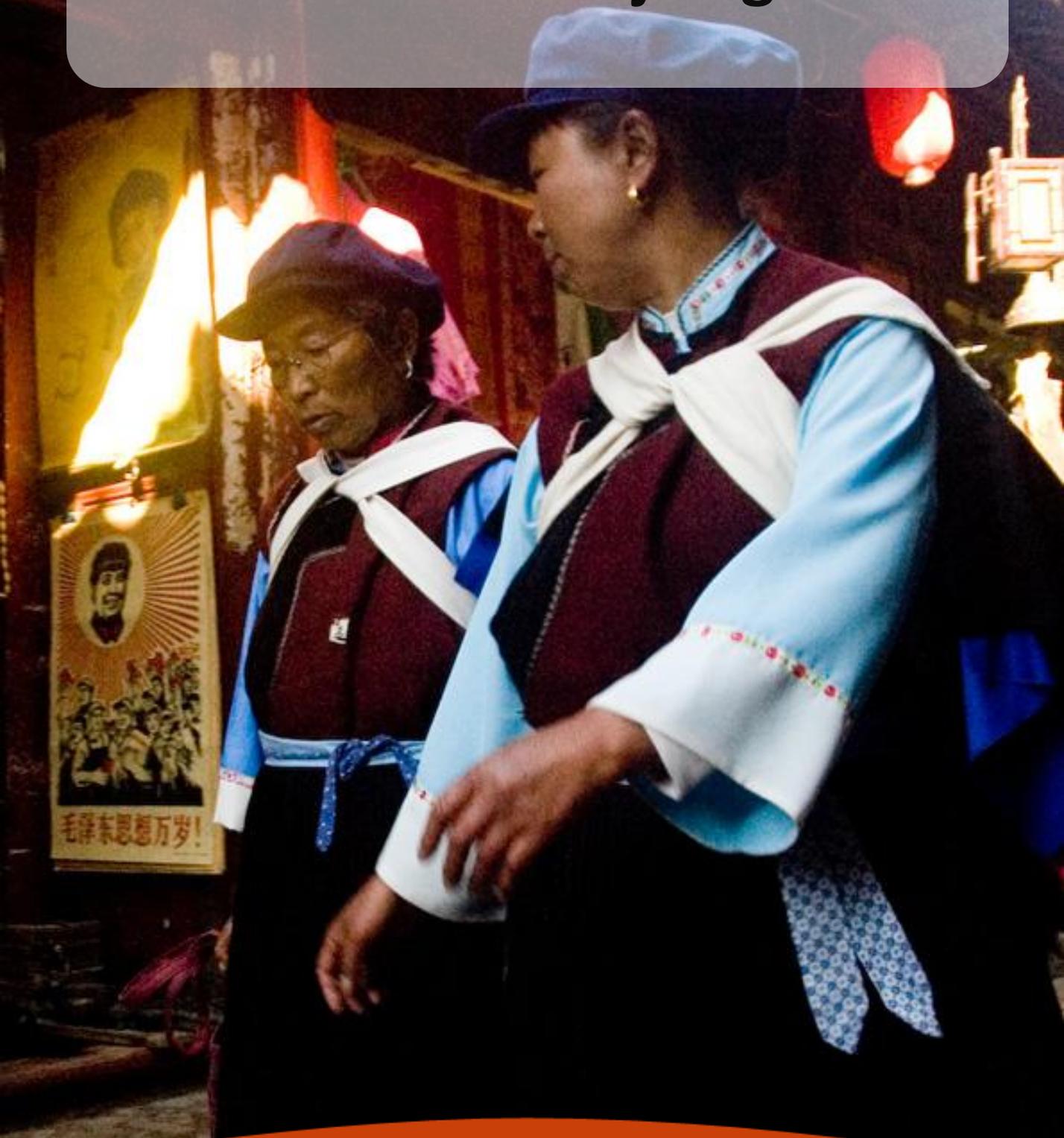
Day 3: Tiger Leaping Gorge - View the first bent of Yangtze River at The Stone Drum Town (Shigu Town)

Day 4: Departure



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Recommended Lijiang Tours



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[5-day Tiger Leaping Gorge Hiking Tour](#)

Day 1 Visit Lijiang Old Town and Wangu Tower

Day 2 Baisha Murals at Baisha Village, The Jade Dragon Mountain

Day 3 Hiking from Qiaotou to Halfway Hostel, Tiger Leaping Gorge

Day 4 Hiking from Halfway Hostel to Tina's, Hiking from Tina's to middle part of Tiger Leaping Gorge, Xincun village Pier to lower Tiger leaping Gorge

Day 5 Departure

Leave Lijiang for your next destination Click <http://www.chinatravel.com/tours-to-lijiang/> for more Lijiang tours. If you want to design your own tour, China Travel can help [tailor-make a tour for you](#) which can save your time, money and trouble!



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What to Do in Lijiang

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Ancient Naxi Music

The Ancient Naxi Music is a living musical fossil of human civilization; it contains sacred cultural heritage of Chinese history and has great importance in Chinese cultural development as well as the world music industry.

The Naxi people live in the area of "three parallel rivers" northwest of the Yunnan province. They enjoy the lifestyle of being very close to the nature and wild lives, and they are born talent dancers and singers. Thanks to the unique geographic and natural environment of Lijiang City, the diversified culture groups have been living in harmony. The Naxi music reflects the rich cultural diversity; it is rooted deeply in the social, economic and daily lives of Naxi people. The function of Naxi music varies from wedding songs, to funeral dirges, from banquet performance to entertaining musicals and so on.



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Lashi Lake Wetlands

What is so special with lakes which make them worthy of a holiday adventure? When one sets eyes on the Lashi Lake Wetlands, this question would not arise. The Lashi Lake Wetlands is such a magnificent place that tourists often find themselves wanting to stay much longer because of the serenity that they feel when they are here.

The Lashi Lake Wetlands is also labeled as the National Wetland Park. The elevation is up to 2,500 meters. Because of that, this gives a wonderful view of the province and the climate is also much cooler than other parts of Yunnan, even during the summer months.

Things to Do

Boat Ride and Fishing; Horse Riding; Bird Watching

- **Location:** Located about 10 kilometers away from Lijiang center.
- **Get There:** There is no public transportation from the main streets of Lijiang to the Lashi Lake Wetlands. Cabs can take tourists here and the ride takes about 20 to 30 minutes.
- **Ticket Price:** 30 yuan
- **Opening Hours:** All day
- **More Tips:** The winter is the best time of the year to watch birds.



What to Eat in Lijiang



Break to eat the world Restaurant

This restaurant is easily to be found out. It is on the main street. There are many green plants outside the restaurant. The specialty of this restaurant is Guoqiao Qielong(an eggplant which does not cut off and supplied in a plate give people a first impression of fish). Almost every guest would order Guoqiao Qielong.

Must-Try Dishes

Guoqiao Qielong (过桥茄龙) (A big and long eggplant supplied in a plate gives people a first impression of fish); Fish and Pickled Cabbage (酸菜鱼); Fried Beef and Tomato (西红柿牛肉); Deep Fried Chicken Wing (五香鸡翅); Salad of Jidou pea jelly (鸡豆凉粉)

- **Featuring:** Minority Chinese
- **Good For:** Families with kids, Friends Get-Together; Lovers; Outdoor seating
- **Price:** 54 yuan per person
- **Address:** No.6 Xingren Upside Section, Wuyi Street, Gucheng, Lijiang 674100, China/ +86 15812221419

Nearby Attractions

[Lijiang Ancient Town](#); [Mu Mansion](#); [Jade Dragon Snow Mountain Ski Resort](#); [Lashi Lake Wetlands](#); [Lugu lake](#); [Laojun Mountain Scenic Area](#); [Baisha Village](#)

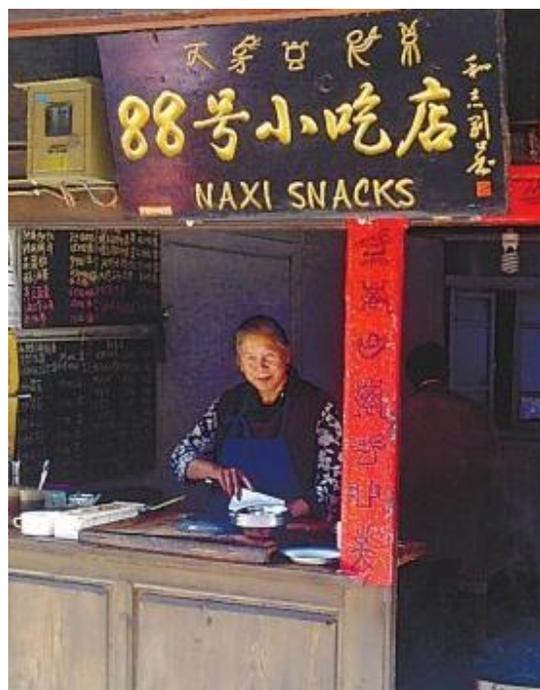


88 Snack

88 Snack provides authentic Naxi food. It is 5 minutes walking time from square. Visitors could easily find this place. Foods in there are diverse.

Although it does not look great from outside, great local foods are served inside. Many locals would stop by to eat and take-away. If you look for authentic local food and experience, this place is one of the best choices. Enjoy the local food eating opportunity.

The menu in here is in English as well as Chinese. There are pictures of food in the menu.



Must-Try Dishes:

Potato Pancake(土豆烤饼); Salad of Jidou Pea Jelly (鸡豆凉粉) ; Naxi Fried Rice (纳西炒饭) ; Tofu (豆腐) ; Lijiang Baba (丽江粑粑) ; Rice Noodle (米线) ; Naxi Barbecue (纳西烧烤) ; Dongba Grilled Fish (东巴烤鱼) ; Naxi-Style Spicy Pork (纳西辣猪肉) ; Fried Vegetable (水戏杨花)

- **Featuring:** Fast Food
- **Good For:** Families with kids, Friends Get-Together; Lovers
- **Price:** 38 yuan
- **Address:** 88 Wu Yi Street, Lijiang, China/ +86 0888-8888676

Nearby Attractions:

[Lijiang Ancient Town](#); Mu Mansion; [Jade Dragon Snow Mountain Ski Resort](#) ; [Lashi Lake Wetlands](#); [Lugu lake](#); [Laojun Mountain Scenic Area](#); [Baisha Village](#)

What to Buy in Lijiang

Lijiang Specialty

Dongba Tie-dyed: Mixing up Bai minority Tie-dyed and Miao minority batiks craft and Dongba culture, Dongba Tie-dyed craft has possessed aesthetic value and become special ornaments. Visitors may buy hats, dresses and clothes that used Dongba Tie-dyed craft.



 Lijiang snow tea – a vitamin-rich petal that is shaped like chrysanthemum and is as white as snow.



Solo Adventure in Lijiang

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Chine Chine Wine Bar & French Cafe

Chine Chine Wine Bar & French Cafe is a quaint café in beautiful Baisha. This authentic village is still preserved from Lijiang's busy tourism so it remains tranquil and peaceful. In this café, you can find happy hour and value tranquility. It was started by Chinese and French friends and offers Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch, Reservations and Late Night dining options.



Must-Try Dishes:

Tibetan cheese (西藏起司), Ham plates (火腿), Burgundy beer(勃艮第啤酒), Shangri-la beer (香格里拉啤酒), Croques Monsieur (法式热三明治) and Imported French wine (进口法国红酒) .

- **Address:** Baisha main street, Lijiang County, Yunnan Province, China/ +86 13501851151

N's Kitchen

N's Kitchen is a quaint little café in Lijiang and provides people with tranquility so that visitors slow down their fast working pace and enjoy a peaceful meal. Its upstairs location gives a good view over the square.



Must-Try Dishes:

Burger (汉堡); Hawaii pizza (夏威夷披萨); Banana Milkshake (香蕉奶昔); Goat's Cheese; Spaghetti (意面); Omelet (蛋卷); American breakfast (美式早餐)

- **Address:** 2F, 17 Jishan Alley, Xinyi Street, Lijiang, China/+86 0888-5120060

Lijiang Hotels

Banyan Tree Lijiang

Opened in March, 2006, Banyan Tree Lijiang is located in Lijiang Shuhe Ancient Town, about 50 minutes' drive from Lijiang Sanyi Airport. Xinhua Cultural Plaza and Black Dragon Pool Park are within a short distance.

Banyan Tree Lijiang cleverly adopts the essence of local Naxi traditional architecture and integrates into the natural landscape harmoniously. Guests have a broad perspective and view of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in spacious villas. There are private swimming pool, coffee shop and parking lot available.

- **Address:** Shuhe Yuerong Road, Lijiang 丽江悦榕庄
- **Hotel Tel:** 0888-5331111
- **Quick Enquiry:** +86-773-2838787

Crowne Plaza Lijiang Ancient Town

Opened in September, 2009, Crowne Plaza Lijiang Ancient Town is located inside a high altitude of 2400 meter world cultural heritage ancient city —Lijiang. Town Square is within five minutes walk. A 30-minute drive sees guests to the picturesque Yulong Snow Mountain.

Crowne Plaza Lijiang Ancient Town is a luxury business and leisure resort hotel. The hotel building cleverly combines modern fashion elements and the essence of Naxi traditional architectural features. Guests can taste natural beauty and traditional culture of Lijiang in the hotel. There are business center, parking lot and inside door swimming pool.

- **Address:** No.276 Xianghe Road, Old Town District, Lijiang
丽江和府皇冠假日酒店
- **Hotel Tel:** 0888-5588888
- **Quick Enquiry:** +86-773-2838787

Lijiang Blossom Hill Inn

Opened in April, 2010, Lijiang Blossom Hill Inn is located in picturesque Lijiang Ancient Town. The unique history precipitates out a pure atmosphere for physical and mental rest. Lijiang Blossom Hill Inn is close to parking lot of Lijiang Ancient Town, Sifang Street is within ten minutes' walk. Lijiang Blossom Hill Inn also offers easy access to Shuhe Ancient Town and Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

Lijiang Blossom Hill Inn is a boutique inn sharing beauty and joy. The very special Naxi courtyard integrates fashionable modern elements into traditional Naxi architecture. Guests can experience star- comfort and privacy, and rich natural and cultural atmosphere. There are comic book club, tea room and parking lot in the inn.

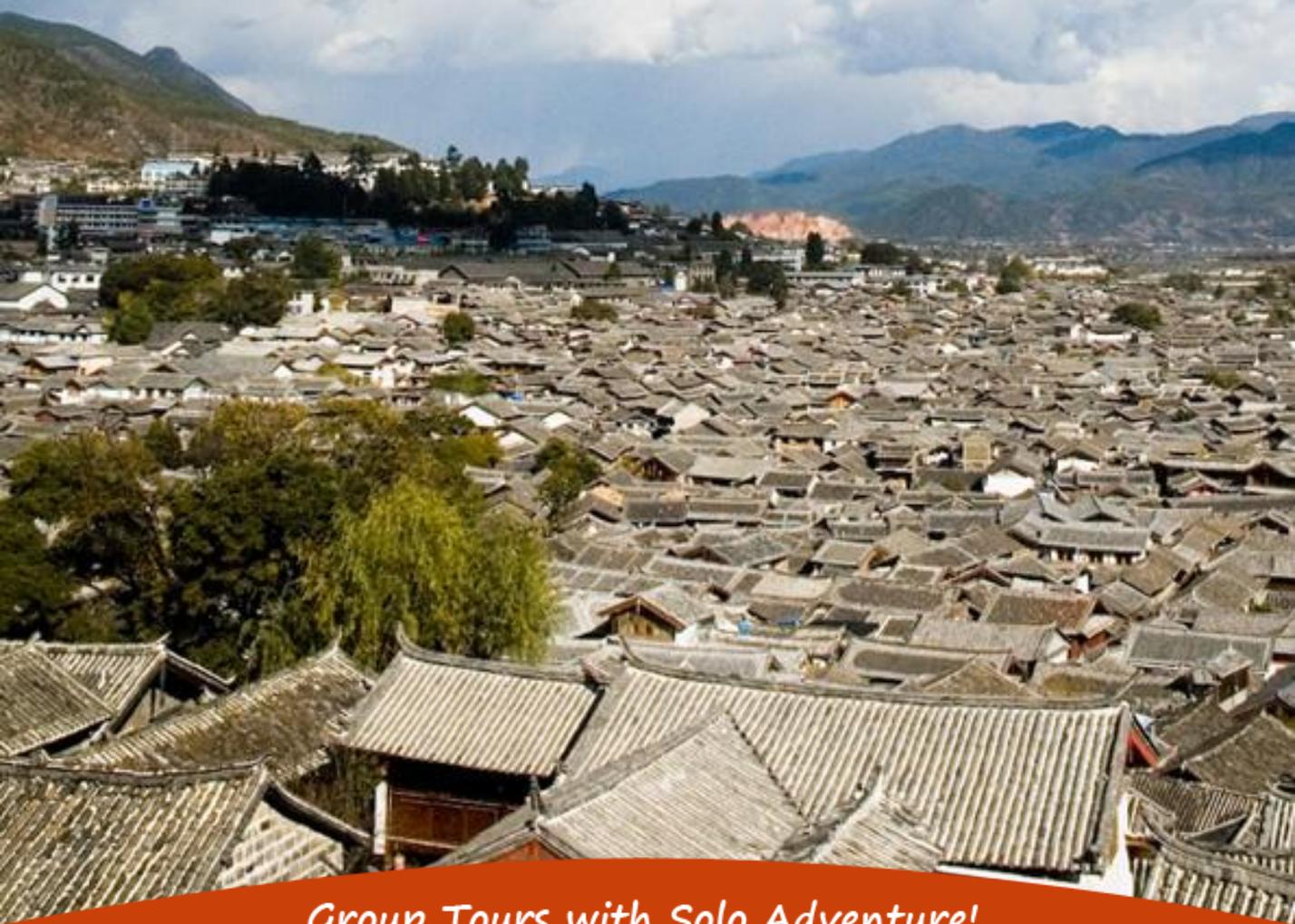
- **Address:** No.97 Wenzhi Lane, Wuyi Street, Lijiang 丽江花间堂高级私人客栈
- **Hotel Tel:** 0888-5188123
- **Quick Enquiry:** +86-773-2838787

Sanhe Hotel Lijiang

Located at the entrance of the famed ancient city, Sanhe Hotel Lijiang was opened in 1995 and renovated in 2004. The hotel was formerly one of the best-preserved garden-style residences in Lijiang, built more than 70 years ago. After renovation, the hotel still retained some of the old residence's traditional and intricate designs and furnishing, allowing guests to enjoy a truly authentic Chinese lifestyle. Designed in the style of traditional Naxi architecture, Sanhe Hotel Lijiang is a unique hotel with a convenient location and comfortable environment which should not be missed by guests visiting the historic city of Lijiang.

- **Address:** 4, Jishan Hutong, Xinyi Street, Lijiang 丽江古城三合酒店
- **Hotel Tel:** 0888-5120891
- **Quick Enquiry:** +86-773-2838787

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Lijiang Airport which can handle Boeing 747 / Airbus 320 and other middle size aircraft and is located in the south of Lijiang city, 28 kilometers away from the downtown. It was opened in July, 1995. Now it has Flights to Kunming , Banna, Beijing , Shanghai , Guangzhou , Shenzhen , Chengdu , Nanjing and Guiyang . It also offers chartered airplane service. There are flights from Kunming to Lijiang every day and the trip is about 40 minutes' flight.

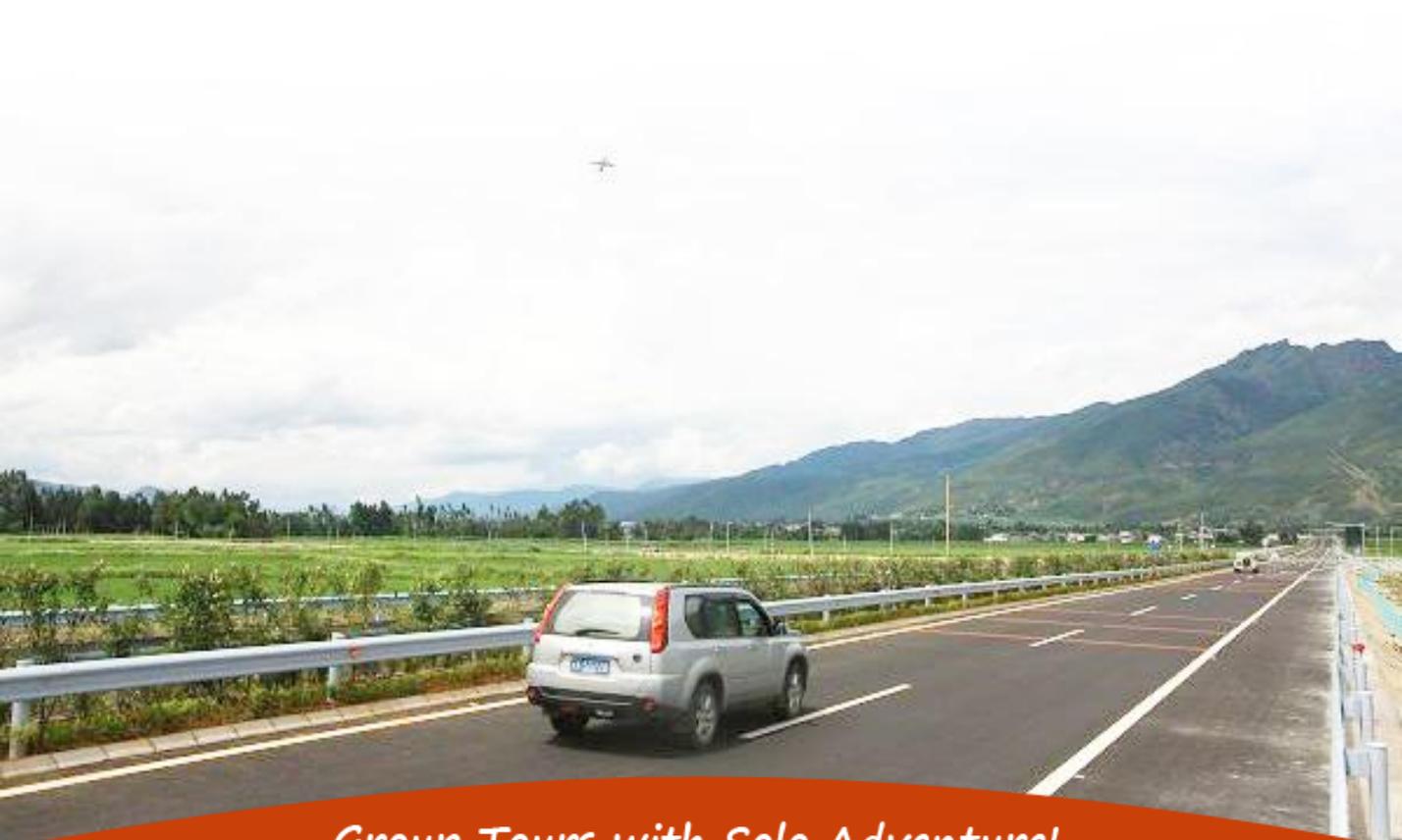
- **Airport inquiries telephone number:** 0888-5173081
- **Flight inquiring telephone number:** 0888-5161289、 5161291、 5173079
- **Chartered airplane service telephone number:** 0888-5124720
- **Urban ticket office:** 0888-5164720、 5161291
- **Telephone call for appeal of service complaint:** 0888-5173019
- **Airport hotel telephone number:** 0888-5141000
- **Lijiang to Kunming:** Monday and Sunday
- **Use time:** 40 minutes
- **Lijiang to Shanghai:** Tuesday, Friday and Sunday
- **Use time:** 4.5 hours
- **Lijiang to Xishuangbanna:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- **Use time:** 50 minutes.



Lijiang Highway

The No.214 National Highway runs from south to north through Lijiang . Traveling north it passes Zhongdian (Shangri-la) and leads to Tibet; to the south it runs through Dali extending in all directions. In 1999 the Highway from Dali to Lijiang was opened, which improved the condition of transportation. The roads are almost all winding mountain tar-coated roads.

The distance Kunming to Lijiang is about 500kms. Express buses operate from Kunming to Dali on 320 National Highway and Dali to Lijiang; you have to take the 214 National Highway.



Lijiang City Transportation

Buses

Smart cards buses are available and mini-bus and small trucks are also a convenient means of transport.

Tourism specific routes

It costs one Yuan to take a bus from the station to the Dongba Cultural Center, and it costs nine Yuan for each person to take a bus from the downtown to the Jade Dragon Mountains. Three routes are available to Shaping where you can view the Jade Dragon Mountains: one is to take the plank road built along the face of a cliff, which costs you RMB ten Yuan, another is to ride a horse, which costs you RMB sixty Yuan, the other is to take a cable car, which costs you RMB forty Yuan.

Bicycle

Bicycle is one of the best ways to go sight-seeing in the downtown area. You can hire a bike at No. 70, Xenia Street, the Red Sun Square and the Youth Hotel. The rent is about fifteen Yuan per day. But the service of bike for rent in the Youth Hotel is only for the guests who stay in the hotel.

Tips

The attractions are scattered over Lijiang Prefecture so car or bus are usually required to see the attractions. The Mosuo people can offer truck, tractor and horse but get ready for the bumping mountain roads.



Taxis

Generally the flag fall is the first three kilometers is RMB six Yuan and then 1.6 Yuan per kilometer for a small cab and RMB seven Yuan flag fall for a Santana cab then 1.8 Yuan per kilometer.

