

Southwest China: Treasures of Sichuan & Guangxi

CAVE TEMPLES, GIANT PANDAS, AND MAGICAL GUILIN



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Introduction



ABOUT OUR NEW TRIPS

This is a new adventure for 2025 and one that we are particularly excited about offering with one of our most veteran Trip Leaders Roger Williams. However, as with all new departures, flexibility and a spirit of adventure are always appreciated! Activities are described in the itinerary but they can vary, sometimes considerably, depending on weather conditions, the group, and other factors.

TRIP DATES

September 7-24, 2025

Lost civilizations, Buddhist holy mountains, legendary karst landscapes, and famed culinary traditions welcome us as we explore Sichuan and Guangxi, two of China's most culturally rich provinces. Our journey with Asia explorer and WT Trip Leader Roger Williams begins in Chengdu, the first city to have its cuisine honored by UNESCO. Here we'll visit the giant panda reserve and watch a performance of Sichuan opera. Moving eastward, we visit the pandas at Duijiangyan Panda Base, explore the sacred peaks of Mt. Qingcheng and Mt. Emei, and see Dazu's UNESCO-listed cliffside cave temples and massive Buddha sculptures. Our grand finale is famed Guilin, with its mystical karst landscape of limestone towers rising from rice paddies. Join us for a fascinating exploration of Southwest China!

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TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 18 days
Arrive: Chengdu, China
Depart: Guilin, China
Lodging: 17 nights hotels
Meals: All meals included except 2 dinners
Activity: Cultural Adventures
Trip Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6
Cultural exploration and walking tours, some overland travel

DAY 1, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

CHENGDU

Arrive in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province, where you are met for transfer to the hotel. Tonight we gather for a trip orientation and Welcome Dinner at the Yun Fu Chinese Restaurant. Overnight at the St. Regis Chengdu or similar...D

DAY 2, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

CHENGDU / PANDA BASE / OPERA PERFORMANCE

We start the day with a visit to the Chengdu Panda Base, a public non-profit breeding and research institute for giant pandas, red pandas, and other rare animals. It's an opportunity to get a close-up look at the charismatic panda, an icon of Chinese culture. For lunch, we'll go to Meizhou Dongpo, a local restaurant in the Kuanzai Ancient Alleys, three parallel alleys that date from Qing Dynasty, then stroll along the traditional alleyways of one of Chengdu's oldest neighborhoods. Later, we can enjoy tea at the People's Park, as the locals do, or join them to learn how to play mahjong. This evening, we will watch a performance of Sichuan Opera, with its "face-changing" tradition. Overnight in Chengdu...BLD

DAY 3, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

JINSHA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE / SHUIJINGFANG MUSEUM

On our morning visit to the Jinsha Site Museum, one of China's most significant recent archaeological discoveries, we'll learn about the Shu Kingdom, which lasted for more than a millennium before its fall in the fourth century BC. We will see the relics unearthed from the site, including exquisite decorative pieces in gold and jade. After lunch, we explore the Sichuan University Museum, home to more than 85,000 cultural relics, including stone carvings, calligraphy, ceramics, bronze ware,

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and lacquer ware. Later this afternoon, we'll step into the Shuijingfang Museum and learn about the wine culture of ancient Sichuan. Tonight we'll have a hot-pot dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Chengdu...BLD

DAY 4, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

SANXINGDUI MUSEUM / BROCADE MUSEUM / CHENGDU YONG LING MAUSOLEUM

Driving outside the city, we visit the Sanxingdui Museum, the site of a mysterious ancient kingdom dating back over 3,000 years and just unearthed in 1986. It holds impressive and unique bronze heads with gold masks as well as other unique relics. Back in the city, we visit the Chengdu Shu Brocade & Embroidery Museum. Brocade-weaving has a 2,000-year history in Sichuan and we can watch skilled weavers working at an authentic loom. At the small Chengdu Yong Ling Mausoleum & Museum, we'll find the royal tomb of Emperor Wang Jian (847-918), who founded the 10th century Shu Kingdom, with exquisite sculptures carved on his coffin's platform, including warriors and dancers. Dinner is at a local restaurant, and we'll take a walk through the old part of town afterwards. Overnight in Chengdu...BLD

Driving Time: Approximately 1 hour

DAY 5, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

MUSEUM OF SICHUAN CUISINE / COOKING CLASS / DIJUANGYAN

After a morning visit to a local outdoor market, we'll head to the Museum of Sichuan Cuisine, one of China's most prestigious culinary spots. Here we watch the making of one of Sichuan's most famous cooking ingredients: chili bean paste (doubanjiang), referred to as the "soul of Sichuan cuisine." A local chef will teach us how to cook some renowned Sichuan dishes, including Kung Pao chicken and Mapo Tofu, which we will enjoy for our lunch. Heading to the small city of Dujiangyan, we visit its famed irrigation system, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For over 2,000 years, the city's hand-built system has been supplying water to the vast Chengdu plains and farmlands, as well as preventing the flooding of Minjiang River. We'll visit the key weir projects and learn how the system distributes water for irrigation and flow control without using dams. Dinner and overnight at the Six Senses Qing Cheng Mountain Hotel in Dijuangyan or similar...BLD

Driving Time: Approximately 1 hour

DAY 6, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE / MT. QINGCHENG

Today we visit the giant pandas at the Dujiangyan Panda Base, one of three reserves managed by the China Conservation and Research Center for the giant panda. More than 40 pandas live here in enclosures with both indoor and outdoor areas. In the afternoon, we explore UNESCO-listed Mt. Qingcheng (4,132'), one of the birthplaces of Taoism and one of the four most important Taoist mountains. We can take a walk in this serene landscape and visit some of the Taoist temples on the mountain (note: the steps and walkways at Mt. Qingcheng are paved, but they are steep in places). If energy permits, we can explore the peaceful Jiezi Old Town, with its stone pagodas and Qing Dynasty homes. Dinner is at a local restaurant. Overnight in Dujiangyan...BLD

DAY 7, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

LESHAN GIANT BUDDHA / MT. EMEI

On our drive to Leshan, we make a short stop at the Jiajiang Thousand-Buddha Cliff and take a walk on the stone-paved path along Qingyi River, where we'll see ancient carvings and inscriptions. After a late lunch in Leshan, we visit the remarkable Leshan Giant Buddha, 20 stories high and carved out of a cliff face during the Tang Dynasty (618-907). It is the largest stone-carved statue of the Buddha in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We can take a cruise to enjoy views of this remarkable statue and its picturesque surroundings. Afterwards, we continue to Mt. Emei, one of the four sacred Buddhist mountains in China. The balance of the day is free. Dinner is at a local restaurant. Overnight at Le Méridien Emei Mountain Resort or similar in Leshan...BLD

Driving Time: Approximately 2.5 hours

DAY 8, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

MT. EMEI / WANNIAN TEMPLE

Early this morning, we take the cable car up to the Golden Summit of Mt. Emei (10,101'), a peak long famed for its rich Buddhist culture and stunning landscapes. We'll explore the ancient temples of this UNESCO World Heritage Site and enjoy panoramas across a sea of clouds and mist-shrouded peaks. Later, we visit the Wannian Temple and its Beamless Brick Hall, dating from the Ming Dynasty. At the foot of Mt. Emei, we can take a stroll around the Baoguo Temple, the largest Buddhist temple on the mountain. Dinner is on your own. Overnight in Leshan...BL

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DAY 9, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 ANYUE COUNTY / YUANJUE CAVE

A morning drive brings us to Anyue County, known as the Home of Rock Art. There are over 200 sites of prehistoric rock carvings in the county, most dating from the early and middle Tang Dynasty. After lunch, we visit Yuanjue Cave, which has around 100 niches and small caves preserved from Tang Dynasty (618-907), Five Dynasties (907-960), and Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127). The four main caves are from the Northern Song Dynasty. Dinner and overnight at Munsea Hotel Anyue or similar...BLD
Driving Time: Approximately 3 hours

DAY 10, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 PILU CAVE / DAZU ROCK CARVINGS / CHONGQING

Heading to the traditional-style Shiyang village this morning, we visit the exquisite Pilu Cave complex. Of its five caves, the Avalokitesvara in Water and Moon Shadow cave is considered the most special. The cave's Avalokitesvara (bodhisattva) figure is a rare masterpiece from Northern Song Dynasty. If time permits, we'll head to nearby Huayan Cave, with its elaborate sculptures. Continuing to Dazu for lunch, we visit the Dazu Rock Carvings, which include the elaborate cliffside sculptures at Baodingshan. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999, the 7th century Dazu Rock Carvings represent a high achievement of ancient Chinese rock-sculpted art, depicting diverse subjects from Buddhist to Taoist and

Confucian themes, as well as scenes of secular life. We'll drive to Chongqing for dinner and overnight in the Westin Chongqing or similar...BLD
Driving Time: Approximately 2.5 hours

DAY 11, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 HUGUANG GUILD HALL / STILWELL MUSEUM / CHONGQING

At the juncture of the Yangtze and its tributary, the Jialing River, the mega-city of Chongqing is the epitome of rapid economic development in western China. At the same time, there is much to be explored from its past. We'll visit Huguang Guild Hall to learn about the massive resettlement program initiated during the Qing Dynasty to fill up the depopulated regions of Sichuan. We follow up with a visit to the Stilwell Museum, housed in the former residence of General Joseph W. Stilwell, a United States Army general who served in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II. The museum shows his bond with China through historical photos as well as his living quarters. We'll also make a short visit to the bustling Ciqikou Old Town, with its traditional alleys. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Chongqing...BLD

DAY 12, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 CHONGQING HISTORIC SITES MUSEUM / CHONGQING

We'll visit the Chongqing Historic Sites Museum of the War of Resistance this morning, the most comprehensive museum

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in China about the Second Sino-Japanese War. After lunch, we enjoy an easy stroll along Chongqing's mountain trails, passing historic ruins, traditional neighborhoods, and cultural relics along the trail. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the hotel...BL

DAY 13, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 GUILIN / REED FLUTE CAVE

A high-speed train journey brings us to Guilin, Guangxi Province's second largest city, well known for its fascinating karst landscape of hills, rice paddies, and limestone towers. After a late lunch, we visit the famous Reed Flute Cave, a masterpiece of nature with spectacular stalactites and stone formations that date to the Tang Dynasty. If time permits, we visit Seven Star Park, with its picturesque hills and limestone caves. Dinner is at a local restaurant, followed by a leisurely walk along the historic East-West Alleys. Overnight in Guilin at the Shangri La Guilin or similar...BLD
Train Travel: Approximately 4 hours

DAY 14, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 GUILIN / DAY TRIP TO LONGSHENG / RICE TERRACES

A day trip brings us to Longsheng, known as the Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces because its landscape of sculpted rice fields are said to resemble a dragon's spine. We'll explore Ping'An village and have lunch at Li An Lodge, located on a hilltop above Ping'An terraced fields. The views from here across picturesque terraced fields and small villages are stunning. If energy permits, we can take an easy hike along a mountain trail to Longji Zhuang village, with impressive views of the Longji rice terraces along the way. Return to Guilin in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight at hotel...BLD
Driving Time: Approximately 1.5 hours

DAY 15, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 LI RIVER CRUISE / YANGSHUO

A leisurely cruise brings us along a beautiful part of the Li River. We'll have upper-deck seats on a luxury cruise vessel as we sail past amazing limestone mountains, rice fields, and local villages. After lunch at the Moondance Yangshuo Resort, we drive through scenic countryside to the village of Gaotian to visit a local farmhouse, learn about village life, and watch a tofu-making demonstration. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

Overnight in the small city of Yangshuo at the Banyan Tree Yangshuo or similar...BLD
River Cruise: Approximately 3.5 hours
Driving Time: Approximately 1-1.5 hours

DAY 16, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 RAFT EXCURSION / IMPRESSION LIUSANJIE PERFORMANCE / YANGSHUO

Traditional bamboo rafts carry us down the Yulong River as we admire the views of karst hills, the meandering river, and cormorant-fishing rafts in the distance. We'll enjoy a relaxing ride, with two people per raft and a guide who steers the raft with a long pole. After lunch, we'll explore the peaceful countryside of Yangshuo and take a walk along the Yulon River. This afternoon, there is free time to shop or enjoy leisure time at a local café. After dinner, we will attend the Impression Liusanjie Performance, a grand spectacle. It is a music, dance, and light show with over 600 performers, set in the largest natural open-air theatre in the world. Overnight at hotel in Yangshuo...BLD
Rafting Time: Approximately 1 hour

DAY 17, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 DUTOU / FULI TOWN / SUGAR HOUSE

A ferry brings us across the Li River for a walk to the village of Dutou and the nearby town of Fuli, with a visit to a rural market. Fuli is known as the home of Chinese painted fans, the hand-made folding fans with traditional Chinese landscape paintings or calligraphy. We'll visit a local fan-making family workshop. After lunch, we can take a private fan-painting lesson at Sugar House, with the guidance of the local master artisan who has been making the painted folding fans for over two decades. Return to the hotel this afternoon, or enjoy an optional guided bike ride in the countryside. Tonight we gather for our Farewell Dinner. Overnight at hotel in Yangshuo...BLD

DAY 18, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 DEPART VIA GUILIN

Transfer to Guilin airport and fly to Shanghai or Beijing to connect with international flights or to the Guilin train station...BLD

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are for 2025

\$13,595 (10-14 members)

\$14,095 (8-9 members)

\$14,595 (6-7 members)

Single supplement: \$2,795

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 151 days prior to departure: No charge!

91-150 days prior to departure: \$600 per person

90 days or less: 100% of trip cost

*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

MANDATORY EMERGENCY EVACUATION INSURANCE

Please note: Insurance for emergency evacuation is required for this trip. Call for more details.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and small comfortable inns
- All meals except 2 dinners as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to leaders or staff
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance (required)
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)
- Visa and entry fees

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

Lodging



ST. REGIS CHENGDU

Chengdu, China

Days 1-4 (4 nights)

The St. Regis is a business-style hotel located steps from Tianfu Square. It has a convenient location to the sites we are visiting.



SIX SENSES QING CHENG MOUNTAIN HOTEL

Dijuangyan, China

Days 5-6 (2 nights)

The Six Senses is a large resort-style property at the foot of Mt. Qingcheng with its own organic garden, tea shop, and art gallery. Guest suites have living room and bedroom, private balcony, and garden-view bathtub.



LE MÉRIDIEN EMEI MOUNTAIN RESORT

Mt. Emei, China

Days 7-8 (2 nights)

Le Méridien has a great location below Mt. Emei and near the railway station. Guest rooms are spacious and there are both indoor and outdoor swimming pools. The fitness center has hot springs, hot tubs, and a sauna.



MUNSEA HOTEL ANYUE

Anyue, China

Day 9 (1 night)

This is not a luxury hotel but is the best available in the area and has air-conditioned rooms and a convenient location with good access to the sites we visit.



WESTIN CHONGQING LIBERATION SQUARE

Chongqing, China

Days 10-12 (3 nights)

The Westin Chongqing is right in the city center with views over the Yangtze. It offers several restaurants, including a Western buffet, and there is a rooftop swimming pool.



SHANGRI-LA GUILIN

Guilin, China

Days 13-14 (2 nights)

The Shangri La is quite a large facility but well arranged in a garden setting along the Li River. Guest rooms are spacious and the hotel's restaurants serve both Western cuisine and local cuisines. There is a pool and spa.



BANYAN TREE YANGSHUO

Yangshuo, China

Days 15-17 (3 nights)

The Banyan Tree is designed as a village resort and set along the Li River with lovely grounds and spectacular views of the karst mountains and valleys. The restaurant offers Western, Guangxi, and Cantonese specialties and there is a spa.

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Chengdu, China

Suggested Airport: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport (CTU)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 3:00 pm

Meeting Place: A complimentary transfer will be provided from the airport to our group hotel, The St. Regis Chengdu, no matter when you arrive. An orientation meeting and Welcome Dinner will take place on the evening of Day 1. Please note that check-in at the hotel begins at 3:00 pm.

DEPARTURE

Guilin, China

Suggested Airport: Suggested Date & Time:

Suggested Airport: Guilin Liangjiang International Airport (KWL)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 18, anytime

A complimentary transfer will be provided from our group hotel, the Banyan Tree Yangshuo, to the Guilin International Airport, no matter when you depart. Please note that check-out time is 12:00 pm.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from China.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

Trip Leaders

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ROGER WILLIAMS

Roger Williams has been one of our most versatile guides since 1986, and he shows no sign of stopping. He spent eight years studying Tibetan Buddhism, Buddhist iconography, Himalayan languages, and woodblock art in Nepal, and another two years studying Japanese woodblock art, Japanese language, and Shingon Shu, an esoteric sect of Japanese Buddhism in Japan. If it isn't the surplus of knowledge Roger brings when he leads a trip that makes him so unique, then it may be his awareness for cultural preservation that keep trip members so loyal to his new adventures. Each year, Roger works with WT to design new trips in fascinating areas. He has led in such far-flung locations as Iran, Pakistan, northern Afghanistan, Kamchatka, Burma, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Madagascar. When he's not leading, you can find Roger in Berkeley, California, where he is the director of Snow Lion Graphics/SLG Books, a publishing house specializing in Asian cultures. "There should be a rating higher than excellent for Roger," one trip member wrote after her journey with Roger. "His knowledge, energy, planning, and attentiveness are superlative."

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE This trip is rated Level 2, Easy to Moderate, according to our trip grading system. While the trip is not physically strenuous, some long travel days and transportation conditions can be demanding. This is not a hiking trip, but we do hope to have a few exploration walks during the journey. Elevations encountered on the trip are minimal, with the exception of a cable car ride up and down from the summit of Mt. Emei (10,101') on Day 8.

TERRAIN On most of our walks, we will be on paved surfaces or sometimes on packed dirt. However, when we are visiting some of Sichuan's Buddhist holy peaks, trails to the hillside temples can have steep steps.

WEATHER Sichuan is known for its mild temperatures, abundant rainfall, and high humidity throughout the year. The temperature difference between day and night is relatively small, while summers are hot and winters can be quite cold. September is an ideal to visit.

ACCOMMODATIONS We stay in excellent hotels on this journey, all chosen for their locations and comfortable rooms with en suite bathrooms.

CUISINE Sichuan has a dramatic topography with climatic conditions that lead to agricultural diversity and a cuisine with versatile ingredients, such as the famous Sichuan peppercorn (huajiao). Chili peppers also feature heavily and were probably introduced in the 16th and 17th centuries. Although Sichuan cuisine known for its spicy flavor, there are abundant sweet and sour flavors in this cuisine as well. Commonly used spices include fennel, pepper, aniseed, cinnamon, and clove. The most famous Sichuan dishes include mapo bean curd, shredded meat in chili sauce, kung pao chicken, fish fillets in hot chili oil, diced chicken sautéed with green peppers, and stir-fried pork slices in hot sauce. Some of our hotels will also serve items from continental cuisine.

TRANSPORTATION Our road journeys will be in a comfortable 30- or 37-seat bus (depending on group size), so there is ample room to spread out. A 4-hour journey on a high-speed train brings us to Guilin. For the Li River cruise, we have top-deck seats on a multi-level cruise boat, and on our one-hour bamboo raft excursion, we'll be two to a raft with a guide to pole the raft down the river.

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Chengdu	45/29	47/29	55/35	63/40	69/45	78/54	84/58	75/51	75/51	64/45	54/38	46/31
RAINFALL - INCHES												
Chengdu	1.7	2.4	3.3	4.3	6.4	6.3	5.9	4.5	2.9	4.1	7.6	2.0

Additional Information

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Asia Manager or email us at asia@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

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Travel Notes

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Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

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