

Pre or Extension Tour Program

CN15 - Stepping Into the Scroll—the Landscapes of Guangxi – 5 Days



Detailed Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Guilin

We are met at the airport in Guilin and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to either take a rest or stroll along the nearby streets to experience the flavor of this city with a rich history of over 2,000 years. Upon our arrival time, we may arrange a short biking tour and see the Guilin's backcountry.

Overnight: Guilin Bravo hotel (Four Star)

Meals: D

Day 2: Guilin to Yangshuo

We start our day with a 3-hour **boat ride** down the **Li River**, which is considered by many as the most beautiful river in China. Cruising along, it feels as if we are idling along a corridor of landscape paintings—limestone pinnacles are sprinkled amidst terraced rice fields and picturesque villages. After lunch on the boat, we disembark the cruise boat in **Xingping**, an ancient town where locals have been living along the historic main street for many generations. We visit the old houses and a rice noodle factory in Xingping before driving along the old Chinese "Pony Express Road" to the town of **Fuli**. Fuli is a small town of 4,000 people, yet boasts a history of over 1,000 years. A quarter of Fuli's residents earn their income from making traditional painted fans and umbrellas. We walk along the ancient narrow stone street and visit the local market, farms, rice wine factory and a fan craft shop. In the late afternoon we drive to **Yangshuo**, where we will check into our hotel and have dinner.

Overnight: Yangshuo Paradise (Three Star)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Yangshuo

We start our morning **cycling** outing by heading towards **Aishan village** via an old



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country road to Yongcun village. We pass picturesque hamlets, tucked among subtropical plants and stretched between rice paddies. As we ride, we approach the famous Moon Hill rising out of the distance. We reach the summit of **Moon Hill** after climbing 819 steps, and are rewarded with a bird's-eye-view of the surrounding hills and the "Moon" which used to be the underground river canal. After lunch at a local family's home, we either take our van or bike through these serene villages back to Yangshuo. We will stop to chat with local farmers and take a short **bamboo rafting**. After dinner in the evening, we drive to watch **cormorant fishing**. The cormorant is a type of bird, and in Guilin and Yangshuo they have traditionally been trained to catch fish for their fishermen. A cormorant can live to be 10 years and starts to be trained when just 6 months.

Overnight: Yangshuo Paradise (Three Star)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Yangshuo

This morning, we start with visiting the local vegetable markets. We will shop for food for our upcoming cooking lesson. After breakfast, we drive 45 minutes out of Yangshuo to **Jiu County**, where we begin our days hike. On this 2-3 hour hike, we observe both the surrounding scenery, as well as the local architecture of the nearby villages. We stop to visit a local home and have a **cooking lesson** with the family, using the food we shopped for this morning and cook lunch for ourselves. After savoring the home-cooked lunch with our host family, we begin to head back to Yangshuo. Enroute, we drop by and **study calligraphy** with a local master. Once back in town we relax and admire the sunset over the Li River as we have our dinner.

Overnight: Yangshuo Paradise hotel (Four Star)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 5: Fly Home

After breakfast in the hotel, we will leave for the Guilin airport. Trip ends.

Meals: B



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Quotation for Program (base on 2pax)

2008	Land Prices (CAD)
Dates	All Year Around
Land cost:	From 1,020
Single supplement	185

Price includes:

- Domestic economy flights and airport taxes.
- Land transfers for whole trip
- All accommodations on a twin-sharing basis, at the hotels specified in the itinerary where available
- All admissions and activity expenses as noted on itinerary
- Meals, drinking water, and soft drinks during meals as program indicates
- All programs as per itinerary
- Private tour guide and driver

Price excludes:

- Discretionary gratuities for drivers, local guides, and staff
- Expenses of personal nature, e.g. mini-bar, laundry, telecommunications, alcoholic beverages etc.
- Travel insurance
- Excursions not included in the itinerary
- International flights and airport taxes
- GST