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Dujiangyan, part of Greater Chengdu

Visiting Sichuan and China



Currency

Chinese currency is called Chinese yuan (CNY), also known as renminbi, which means "people's currency" in Chinese. The exchange rate is regulated and is very stable, currently at 6.7 CNY for 1 US dollar and 7.6 CNY for 1 Euro. Currency exchange services are available at airport exchange bureaus. Foreign currency can not be used anywhere in China.



Car rental

Unfortunately holders of foreign driver licenses are not allowed to rent a car in China. Taxis, however, are cheap and convenient – taxi services in China are highly regulated, completely safe, and are paid for by meter, there are no fixed prices or haggling.



Airport

The primary airport is the modern, world-class, Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport located to the south west of the city of Chengdu and south east of the event location of Dujiangyan. Travel time to the event hotel from the airport is 1.5 hours, and it takes just 30 minutes to get to the airport from the center of Chengdu.



Visas

All foreign visitors to China must have a valid visa. Tourist visas must be applied for in advance of your trip. There is no visa-on-arrival option available.



Chengdu and Dujiangyan

Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province, is one of the most dynamic, fast-growing and exciting cities in China. Over 2000 years old, with its own identity, distinct from anywhere else in the country, this great city now has a population of over 16 million and is one of China's leading technology, innovation, education and sport hubs. Visitors and locals have plenty to do – Chengdu has a great cultural scene and is also famous for its restaurants, bars and great nightlife.

Sichuan's cuisine is known world-wide, and the local people have a reputation for being easy-going, fun-loving connoisseurs of fine food and drink – but they are also enterprising, hard-working and very hospitable people.

Dujiangyan is a city within the Greater Chengdu area, and it is famous for its irrigation facilities – built in 256BC they tamed the river Min ensuring the future prosperity of Sichuan. The irrigation system still functions today and the city has become a tourist attraction.

Citizens of 53 countries can take advantage of 144-hour visa-free transit policy if they arrive in Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport. However, please note that the the transit visa is only given on showing flight tickets for Departure Country A ⇒ Chengdu ⇒ Third Country C itinerary. Note that A and C countries can also include Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Equally importantly, upon receiving a transit visa, you cannot travel outside Chengdu city area. To receive the 144-hour transit visa you must show at immigration the following: passport valid for at least 3 months at the time of application, valid air tickets to a third country, and visa for the third country (if required for the passport holder).

Citizens of these countries are eligible for the 144-hour transit visa:

- North and South America: US, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Chile
- Australia and New Zealand
- Schengen Zone: Austria, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
- Other European Countries: UK, Ireland, Russia, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania, Belarus, Monaco
- Asia: South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Brunei, United Arab Emirates, Qatar

Tour Packages

City Tour Dujiangyan

Dujiangyan Irrigation System

Duration: 2-3h Distance: 0km from Dujiangyan, 60km from Chengdu downtown



Dujiangyan Irrigation System is honored as the „Treasure of Sichuan”, which still plays a crucial role in draining off floodwater, irrigating farms and providing water resources for more than 50 cities in the Sichuan province. Over 2,200 years ago, the city was threatened by the frequent floods caused by flooding of the Minjiang River (a tributary of the Yangtze River). Li Bing, a local official of Sichuan Province at that time, together with his son, decided to construct an irrigation system on the Minjiang River to prevent flooding. After a lengthy study and a lot of hard work by the local people, the great Dujiangyan Irrigation System was completed. Since then, the Chengdu Plain has been Tian Fu Zhi Guo, which means „Fertile land and rich places”.

都江堰灌溉系统被誉为“四川宝藏”，几十年来为全省50多个城市提供灌溉水源。2200多年前，岷江（长江支流）洪水频发时刻威胁着这座城市，当时蜀郡太守李冰和他的儿子决定在岷江上建立灌溉系统以解决洪水泛滥的难题。经过漫长的和当地人民的共同努力下，最终完成了都江堰大灌溉系统。从此以后，成都平原成为“天府之国”。

Dujiangyan Panda Base

Duration: 2h Distance: 18km from Dujiangyan, 70km from Chengdu downtown



Including Dujiangyan Panda Base (also known as China Conservation and Research Center for Giant Panda Dujiangyan Base), there are four giant panda research institutions in the Chengdu Plain. The Panda Base in Dujiangyan is the only giant panda care, disease prevention and control institute in the world, which is situated in Mt. Qingcheng Town and 18 km (11 miles) from downtown Dujiangyan. Please keep calm when watching pandas, because the pandas are too cute.

包括都江堰熊猫基地（又称中国大熊猫都江堰基地保护研究中心）在内，成都平原一共有四家大熊猫研究机构。都江堰的熊猫基地是世界上唯一的大熊猫护理，疾病预防和控制机构，位于青城山镇距都江堰市区18公里。观赏大熊猫时请保持冷静，因为大熊猫实在是太可爱了。

Tour Packages

City Tour Chengdu

Wide and Narrow Alleys (Kuanzhai Xiangzi)

Duration: 2h Distance: 68km from Dujiangyan, 0km from Chengdu downtown



Dating back to the Qing Dynasty, the Wide and Narrow Alleys are last vestige of the old town of Chengdu. Now carefully restored, the area attracts visitors not only because of its traditional architecture – visitors can also enjoy a wide selection of restaurants, bars, tea houses, cafes and interesting shops selling curious items. There are also cultural attractions offering a look into what life in the city was like centuries ago.

宽窄巷子的历史可以追溯到清朝，是成都老城的最后遗迹之一。如今的宽窄巷子经过精心修复，游客不仅因为其传统建筑而被吸引拍照，更因为这里有着各种各样的餐厅、酒吧、茶馆、咖啡馆和出售古玩的有趣商店。这里还有一些文化景点可以让您了解几个世纪前的成都城市生活。

Wuhou Temple

Duration: 2h Distance: 68km from Dujiangyan, 0km from Chengdu downtown



Wuhou Temple is dedicated to Zhuge Liang, the Marquis Wu (Wu Hou) of the Kingdom of Shu in the Three Kingdoms Period (220 - 280) and it is the most influential museum of the Three Kingdoms in China. Zhuge Liang was an excellent politician, militarist, diplomat and astronomer. In addition, the Temple of Liu Bei, the emperor of Shuhan, and his mausoleum are well-known historical sites inside this big scenic spot. After the tour, you can also go to the nearby Jinli Street, where there are many souvenirs stores and unique teahouses.

武侯祠是纪念三国时期蜀国武侯诸葛亮（220-280）的祠堂，是全国影响最大的三国遗迹博物馆。诸葛亮是一位优秀的政治家、军事家、外交家和天文学家。此外，园内蜀汉皇帝刘备的寺庙及陵墓也是著名历史遗迹。结束游览后，您还可以去旁边的锦里逛逛，那里有很多的纪念品商店和独具特色的茶馆。

Want to know more?

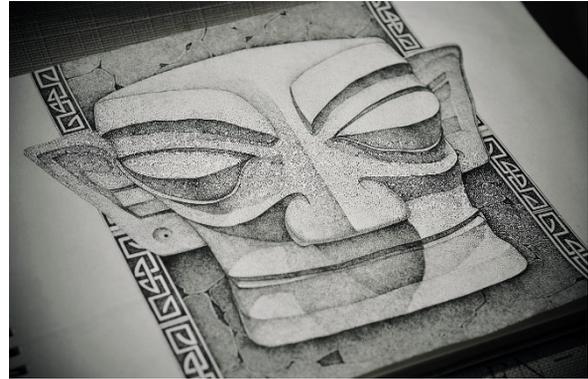
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Tour Packages

One-day Tour

Sanxingdui Museum

Duration: 4h Location: 80km from Dujiangyan, 55km from Chengdu



Sanxingdui Museum (Three-Star Piles Museum) is located in Northeast of Three-Star Piles archeological site, west of the famous cultural city of Guanghan, on the bank of Jian River (commonly called Yazi River), 40 kilometers (about 24.9 miles) north of Chengdu City.

The artifacts exhibited in this museum are remarkable – the wide eyed, pointy-eared sculptures are nothing like you have ever seen. They come from a culture that is as important as any classic civilization that has ever existed – the great Kingdom of Shu, the center of Southern Chinese civilization, so ancient and mysterious that it was once considered a myth. But it proved to be very real, and we only started to understand its beauty in 1997, when a farmer's tool at Sanxingdui hit upon a piece of bronze – one of the statues now displayed in the museum. The images and artifacts you will see here will remain forever in your memory.

三星堆博物馆位于著名的文化名城广汉以西的三星堆考古遗址东侧，广汉市西北的鸭子河南岸，距离成都40公里。

在这个博物馆展出的文物是非凡的 - 宽眼睛，尖耳的雕塑是你从未见过的。他们来自一种历史上同样经典的古文明 - 蜀国。蜀国文化如此古老而神秘，曾经很长时间被认为是一个神话，但如今事实证明它是真实存在的。我们在1997年才开始了解它的辉煌，是因为当时三星堆的一个农民的工具击中了一块青铜器才得以发现这庞大的文物库。来三星堆，您一定会不枉此行。

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Tour Packages

2-day Tour

Leshan Giant Buddha & Mt. Emei

Day 1 Leshan Giant Buddha

Duration: 4h Location: 200km from Dujiangyan, 150km from Chengdu



Seventy-one metres tall and built twelve centuries ago, Leshan Giant Buddha is the largest stone Buddha in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site, taking its name from the city of Leshan. The statue is that of Maitreya, the next Buddha who is yet to appear in our world. It was built, and it took almost a century, at the confluence of three rivers – Min, Qingyi and Dadu, so that the Buddha could calm their waters, making them safe for ships.

乐山大佛高达71米，建于十二世纪前，是世界上最大的石佛，也是联合国教科文组织世界遗产，其名字来自所属的乐山市。这座雕像是弥勒佛的雕像，它的建成了花了差不多一个世纪。它建在三条河流的汇合处 – 岷江，青衣江和大渡河，传说中大佛能够使水域平静，保佑船只的安全。

Tour Packages

2-day Tour

Leshan Giant Buddha & Mt. Emei

Day 2 Mt. Emei

Duration: 8h Location: 200km from Dujiangyan, 140km from Chengdu



Mt Emei, which the Giant Buddha of Leshan faces, can be translated from Chinese as “towering eyebrow mountain” – the elegant, sweeping mountain does indeed resemble the eyebrow of a woman. Mt Emei is yet another one of Sichuan’s treasures and secrets – few foreigners know about it, but every Chinese person has heard of its breathtaking beauty, both natural and man-made, and spiritual importance – it is one of the four sacred Buddhist mountains in China, home to seventy-six ancient monasteries. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1996.

From the highest peak, called Golden Summit (3079 meters or 10,103 feet, and reachable in a cable car), you can see both the snow-capped peaks – the start of the Tibetan Plateau in the West, and the vast Chengdu Plain in the East. The Golden Summit rises above the cloud layer below – an unmissable spectacle called Sea of Clouds.

The monks share the mountain and the temples with several troops of monkeys – Tibetan macaques. Accustomed to people, the monkeys may try to inspect the contents of your backpack, hoping to find a tasty treat, while you are distracted by the views.

On your return to Chengdu you can enjoy the best of Sichuan’s world-famous cuisine.

乐山大佛对面的峨眉山，在中文中是“高耸的眉山”的意思，它优雅，像一个女人的眉毛。峨眉山是四川的另一个宝藏 – 虽然外国人鲜有耳闻，但每个中国人都听说过它的美丽。它是中国四大佛教山脉之一，有76座古老的寺庙。它于1996年被指定为教科文组织世界遗产。

在最高峰，名为金顶（3079米/ 10,103英尺，可乘坐缆车到达），您可以看到白雪皑皑的山峰 - 西部青藏高原的起点，以及东部广阔的成都平原。在金顶你会看见峨眉山著名的云海景观。

峨眉山的猴子（西藏猕猴）与僧侣共享山峰和寺庙。它们已经习惯了人类，它们在您浏览美景时可能会试着检查您背包的内容，希望能找到美味的食物。

回到成都后，您可以尽情享受四川最著名的美食。



Tour Packages

3-day Tour

Jiuzhai Valley National Park (Jiuzhaigou)

Day1 Chengdu- Jiuzhai (bus)

Day2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park

Day3 Return (bus)

Location: 450km from Chengdu



Four hundred and fifty kilometres north of Chengdu, and we are now in what Tibetan people call Kham – Western regions of the Tibetan cultural world, but we may as well be in a fairytale, so vivid and stunning is the scenery and the colours of the Jiuzhai Valley. The waters of lakes, rivers and waterfalls seem unreal, computer generated, but they are very real and also holy to the local Tibetans.

According to a Tibetan legend, a mountain god called Dago once fell in love with a goddess called Semo, and gave her the gift of a mirror made from wind and clouds, but then a demon made Semo drop the mirror which fell down to Earth breaking into 108 pieces which become the 108 lakes of Jiuzhai Valley.

The name Jiuzhai means “nine stockade villages”, referring to original Tibetan settlements that still exist today. Remote and inaccessible, Jiuzhai Valley was virtually unknown until the 1980s, but was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992.

Unfortunately, the area is partially closed to tourism since the 2017 earthquake, but we hope that it shall reopen in time for Haute Route Qingcheng. Please contact us for information and updates if you would like to visit. Additional information is available in English and other languages on www.jiuzhai.com.

在成都以北450公里，有着一个童话般的，无比生动和令人惊叹的九寨沟风景区。湖泊，河流和瀑布的水域像在梦中一般，但它们确实存在，对当地藏人来说也是神圣的地区。

根据西藏传说，一位名叫达戈的山神曾经爱上了一位名为塞莫的女神，并给了她一个由风和云制成的镜子，但随后一个恶魔出现，让塞莫打碎了镜子。108件碎片成为九寨沟现在的108个“海子”。

九寨这个名字的意思是“九个寨子”，指的是今天仍然存在的原始西藏定居点。九寨在20世纪80年代以前几乎不为人知，但它出现之后迅速出名并在1992年被宣布为联合国教科文组织世界遗产。

不幸的是，自2017年地震以来，该地区对旅游业部分关闭，但我们希望它能够尽快重新开放。如果您想访问，请联系我们获取信息和更新。九寨沟官网www.jiuzhai.com提供英语和其他语言的信息。

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One week Package

6-day Tour - with easy hiking

Yading Nature Reserve, Daocheng

Location: 800km from Chengdu



Part of the Tibetan cultural world, Yading was first seen by a westerner in 1928 when botanist and adventurer Joseph Rock explored the area and then published his photos in the National Geographic Magazine.

This is what Rock had to say about the beauty he saw in Yading: "Where in all the world is to be found scenery comparable to that which awaits the explorer and photographer!" It was probably Rock's description and images that inspired the concept of Shangrila, a mountain Buddhist utopia.

作为西藏文化世界的一部分，稻城亚丁于1928年首次被西方人了解。当时植物学家和冒险家约瑟夫·洛克探索该地区，并在国家地理杂志上发表了稻城亚丁的照片。

洛克形容它：“在世界上哪里可以找到与之相媲美的在等待着探险家和摄影师的风景啊！。也许是因为洛克动人的描述和美丽的摄影作品激活了香格里拉的概念，使之成为一座充满着乌托邦气息的佛教圣山。



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Yading's three holy mountains – the 6032m Chenresig (which means “compassion” in Tibetan), and slightly smaller Chana Dorje (Wisdom) and Japelyang (Power), form a triangle of valleys and meadows containing glacially-fed turquoise lakes, roaring rivers and untouched forests rich in wildlife.

During this 6-day trip, you will travel by bus from Chengdu to Daocheng, the closest city and access point to Yading, passing through cities of Kanding and Litang on the way. The trip takes two days. Your two days in Yading Nature Reserve will involve easy hikes which do not require you to carry a heavy backpack, but please make sure you bring along a daypack, comfortable hiking shoes, a rain-proof jacket and warm clothing. The final two days will be spent travelling back to Chengdu.

Please note that Yading, and the whole of the surrounding area are a high-altitude region. Your trip will take place at attitudes of between 2000 and 4000 metres and you may feel affects of altitude.

亚丁的三座圣山 - 6032米的仙乃日（意为藏语中的“慈悲”），海拔略低的夏诺多吉（智慧）和央迈勇（力量），形成一个三角形的山谷和草地，其中包含冰川蔚蓝色的湖泊，咆哮的河流和丰富的森林野生动物。

在为期6天的旅行中，您将花费两天时间从成都乘坐巴士前往稻城，途中经过康定和理塘和新都桥等村镇。之后在亚丁自然保护区度过的两天将需要强度不大的徒步，您无需重装，但请务必携带轻量级背包，准备舒适的登山鞋、防雨夹克和保暖衣物。最后两天将返回成都。

请注意亚丁及整个周边地区都是高海拔地区。您的旅行将在2000至4000米的范围内进行，请提前做好高反准备。

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