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China

NATIONAL FOREST PARK - ZHANGJIAJIE (MOUNTAIN SCENERY) MIAO MINORITY VILLAGE - GUIYANG HOMETOWN OF GIANT PANDA - CHENGDU

Cities and Parks Covered: Beijing, Zhangjiajie, Fenghuang, Kaili, Guiyang, Huangguoshu, Chengdu, Leshan & Mt. Emei

Tour Package Includes

- * International Flight from Honolulu & Domestic Flights in China
- * Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- * Admissions and Meals as Stated
- * **3** UNESCO World Heritage Sites
 - Temple of Heaven
 - Zhangjiajie
 - Wulingyuan
- * Filming Grounds of "Avatar" & "Hero"
- * Leshan Grand Buddha - The Largest Stone Buddha in the World
- * Huangguoshu Waterfall - The Greatest Waterfall in Asia
- * World-class Oriental folk performing art show "The Colorful Guizhou"
- * Panda Reserve Center
- * Sichuan Opera - Mask Changing
- * One of the Four Sacred Buddhist Mountains - Mt. Emei
- NEW** * Gratuity for Tour Guides and Drivers

FREE
Use of
Wireless
Tour Guide System



Traveling Dates:

Oct 18 - Nov 2, 2018
(16 Days)

Price per person:

\$ 3,688

Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

Single Supp: **\$ 750**

In China, a national park must possess historical or scenic importance, so we can expect spectacular scenery and landscapes, cultural sites, rare plants and wildlife. In total, there are now 225 national parks in China and many of them are also UNESCO protected sites. On this World Heritage Site tour, we will see some of China's most incredible sites of natural beauty. In Zhangjiajie, gems of natural beauty must be seen to be believed—no photographs can even begin to do them justice. We will also visit the largest stone Buddha in the World in Leshan, and the greatest waterfall in Asia, Huangguoshu Waterfall. In Chengdu, home of the giant panda, we will get to see these living treasures up close. There are so many exciting things to see on the China Fall Colors and National Parks Tour!

Golden Summit

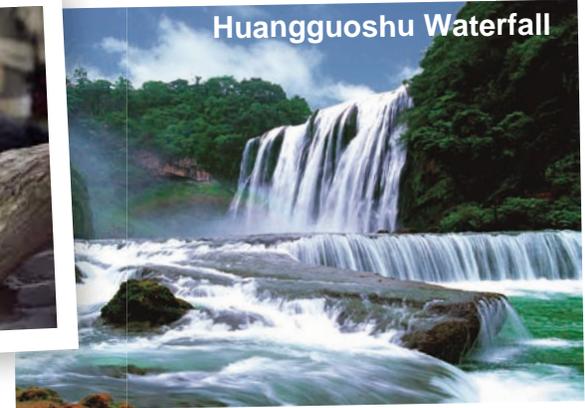


Zhangjiajie

Panda



Huangguoshu Waterfall



Day 1-2Oct 18-19****Honolulu – Beijing →**

We start our vacation by boarding an international flight to Beijing, the capital city of China. Meals and a snack will be served on the plane.

Day 3Oct 20****Beijing****(L)**

Upon our arrival at Beijing International Airport, we will visit the Temple of Heaven. It is an UNESCO World Heritage Site and highly regarded as the best example of religious architecture in all of China. This is where emperors came to worship for a bountiful harvest. The design illustrates heaven is high and the earth is low, reflecting an ancient Chinese thought of 'the Heaven is round and the earth is square'. Afterwards, we will transfer to our hotel and stay overnight.

Day 4Oct 21****Beijing – Zhangjiajie →****(B, L)**

After breakfast, we will visit the Capital Museum which focuses on the history of Beijing. The areas devoted to restaurants and suppliers of calligraphy tools are of special interest due to their business longevity. Other areas contain ceramics, bronzes, paintings, wedding traditions, and festival traditions. After enjoying China's famous Peking Duck for lunch, we will continue to visit Silk Alley Market. This market generally offers inexpensive goods and a unique Chinese shopping experience. Then we will go back to Beijing International Airport and fly to Zhangjiajie, the home of China's first National Forest Park and Wulingyuan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site designated in 1992. Zhangjiajie is one of the filming grounds of the Movie Pandora – Avatar. Upon our arrival, an Air & Sea Travel representative will greet and escort us to our hotel.

Day 5Oct 22****Zhangjiajie****(B, L, D)**

Today we will enjoy a full day at the National Forest Park of Tianmen Mountain. It has been called "one of the most beautiful mountains in the world" by many travelers who have been there. The stunning views including 'Heaven's Door' (Tianmen Cave) and the 99 Bends (Heaven-linking Avenue), vertical cliffs, the thrilling cliff-hanging walkway and Glass Skywalk (Ghost-valley plank road), and The World's Longest Cable Car Ride to the summit, make it unquestionably one of the best mountains to visit in China. Come and climb the 'Stairway to Heaven'!

Day 6Oct 23****Zhangjiajie****(B, L, D)**

We will spend the day in the Tianzi Mountain Nature Reserve and the Ten Mile Gallery. The Tianzi Mountains were formed from quartz sandstone 400 million years ago. These amazing sandstone peaks rise upwards into the sky, often "drifting" among the clouds and thick mists. This is the place that served as inspiration for the floating mountains featured in the movie *Avatar*. We will ride the Bailong Elevator up the side of a massive sandstone column in the mountain range. This modern day creation has three Guinness Book of World Records awards! First, it's the tallest outdoor glass elevator; second, it's the world's tallest double-decker sightseeing elevator; and third, it's the world's fastest passenger elevator with the largest carrying capacity. Ten Mile Gallery is a 5 km road with all kinds of scenery and attractions. It is like an exhibition based on a story from a Chinese Cartoon. Along the road are 200 peaks such as The Old Man Collecting Medicine, Parents Holding a Son, and Three Sisters. We can enjoy the gallery by taking a Mini Train running on narrow railway tracks through the scenic area. It gives a magic feeling of the movie world.

Day 7Oct 24****Zhangjiajie – Fenghuang****(B, L, D)**

This morning, we will transfer to a well-preserved ancient town, Fenghuang Cheng (Phoenix Ancient Town). It is a wonderful example of what villages were like prior to the onset of modernization. Here dozens of alleys paved with flagstones run between the houses, each showing wear caused by the feet of generations of local people who have used them when going about their daily business. For the visitor, these alleys are the way to see the typical high gabled wooden houses built on stilts along the banks of the Tuo Jiang River at close quarters. Tuo Jiang River is a life force of the local people: women wash their clothes and men fish with their nets in the river, while on the banks, food is prepared in much the same way as it has for centuries. Upon arrival, we can wander along dozens of alleys paved with flagstones between the houses and also check out the town from the water on a gentle Boat Ride down the Tuo Jiang River.

Day 8 **Oct 25**Fenghuang – Kaili****(B, L, D)**

Today, we will travel to Kaili, Guizhou Province. On the way, we will visit Yungu Pastoral Eco-agriculture Tourism Park (WECO Park). Taiwan invested money in this 2,300 acre park to create a modern agricultural demonstration area. It features large-scale organic green houses, an organic ecological restaurant, and provides opportunities for locals and tourists to gather green and pollution-free food. The park is an eco-agriculture sightseeing venue that can meet the demands for sightseeing and recreation by visitors from the city. Tonight, we will stay at Kaili.

Day 9Oct 26****Kaili – Guiyang****(B, L, D)**

After breakfast in the hotel, we will drive to Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou province. The city is renowned for its colorful culture, represented by various ethnic groups and its special landform – Karst (landscape underlain by limestone that has been eroded by dissolution, producing ridges, towers, fissures, sinkholes, and other characteristic landforms). Guiyang is home to more than 30 minority ethnic groups including Miao, Buyi, Dong and Hui. Consequently, it abounds with unique folk culture and traditions that give rise to colorful ethnic minority activities. With many Karst caves, the city is even regarded as an ecological model on Karst Landform. Upon our arrival, we will enjoy some leisure time before heading out for the world-class authentic folk performing art show "The Wind of Colorful Guizhou" organized by the Guizhou Provincial Government and Guizhou Ethnic Song and Dance Troupe. As one of the signature characteristics of Guizhou, the show focuses on the culture, art and daily life of the minorities.

Day 10Oct 27****Guiyang – Huangguoshu – Guiyang****(B, L, D)**

Today's excursion will take us to the Huangguoshu Waterfall Scenic Park. Water cascades down a cliff into the Rhinoceros Pool (Xi Niu Tan). Sunlight is diffracted through the drops of water, producing glorious rainbows. Huangguoshu Waterfall is the largest waterfall in Asia, a scenic marvel and shouldn't be missed in Guizhou Province. We can enjoy the beautiful view by going on the Sightseeing Escalator. Half a mile away is Tupotang Waterfall, the widest in the park and looks like a dam. After lunch, we will continue to a national scenic resort, The Longgong Cave (also known as Dragon Palace Cave) at Anshun. It is a topographical phenomenon that is typical of a limestone landmass and is actually a cave, whose gorgeous interior is suggestive of the crystal palace in Chinese mythology. It was given its name due to its resemblance to the Dragon King's palace described in one of China's most influential novels, "Journey to the West". Our Tourist Boats can sail through a 3,000-meter section of the underground river that runs through the "palace". Its main part consists of magnificent karst river caves and a waterfall inside the cave. After the tour, we will drive back to Guiyang.

Day 11Oct 28****Guiyang – Chengdu →****(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will visit the Qingyan Ancient Town, one of the most famous historical and cultural towns in Guizhou Province, located in the southern suburb of Guiyang and built during the Ming Dynasty. Because of its long history and strong cultural atmosphere, the town has become an attractive destination for numerous domestic and foreign tourists. Next, we will take a flight to Chengdu, the eighth largest city in China and one of the most important economic, transportation, and communication centers in Western China. Chengdu Shuangliu Airport is rated one of the top 50 airports in the world.

Day 12Oct 29****Chengdu****(B, L, D)**

Today's highlight is the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. It is one of the newly established homes for the giant pandas from the Wolong Panda Reserve. Sichuan is the homeland of the Giant Panda. Visitors from home and abroad come to Chengdu, Sichuan to see these adorable animals. Afterwards, we will transfer to Three-Star Piles Museum, located northeast of Three-Star Piles archeological site, west of the famous cultural city of Guanghan, and opened in October 1997. Three-Star Piles site is the largest (12 sq. km) and oldest cultural relic of the ancient Shu (Sichuan). It is said that the Heavenly Emperor cast down three handfuls of earth which fell near the Jian River and became three earth mounds on Chengdu Plain. The three earth piles, described as three golden stars in a line, hence became known as Three-Star Piles. Nowadays, it is an important archeological discovery which changed the people's understanding of ancient history and culture. After dinner, we will enjoy a famous Sichuan Opera – Mask Changing.

Day 13Oct 30****Chengdu – Leshan – Mt. Emei****(B, L, D)**

In the morning, we will drive to Leshan, literally "happy mountain", to visit the Leshan Grand Buddha, located in the southern part of Sichuan Province. The Leshan Giant Buddha is a 71-meter (233 ft) tall stone statue, built during the Tang Dynasty. It is carved out of a cliff where the Minjiang, Dadu and Qingyi Rivers meet. The stone sculpture faces Mt. Emei, with the rivers flowing below his feet. It is the largest stone Buddha in the world and the tallest pre-modern statue in the world. A leisurely way to enjoy the trip is on a Boat Ride. Afterwards, we will transfer to Mt. Emei and visit Baoguo Temple, located at the foot of Mt. Emei. It is the oldest and most completely preserved wooden structure in South China (over 970 years old). Today, we will stay overnight at Mt. Emei.

Day 14Oct 31****Mt. Emei****(B, L, D)**

Mt. Emei is one of the Four Sacred Buddhist Mountains of China with its majestic and magnificent peak named Golden Summit. This morning, we will drive to Leodongping from the foot of Mt. Emei and take the Cable Car to the Golden Summit. Up along the open stairs, we can see the massive Samantabhadra, the world's highest gold Buddha, 48 meters tall, weighing 660 tons and representing Buddha's 48 wishes. There is an incredibly beautiful palace on the highest point of Golden Summit. The entire building is welded with copper, glittering under the sunshine, and that's why it got the name "Golden Summit". Inside the palace, there are 24 bronze statues of Samantabhadra, which are more than 5 meters high. After lunch, we will go back down to the foot of the mountain.

Day 15Nov 1****Mt. Emei – Chengdu – Beijing →****(B, L)**

After breakfast, we will visit Huanglongxi Ancient Town, located in Shuangliu County. With a history of more than 1,700 years, it is greatly admired for its beautiful natural scenery and ancient Chinese culture. Seven ancient streets built during the Ming and Qing Dynasties are well preserved. They are all paved with stone slabs, and the porch columns on both sides are arranged in an orderly array. While traveling along the river, we can enjoy the view of stilt houses, which fully represent the pile-dwelling culture of Shu people. Six ancient trees with histories of more than 800 years cast glamour over the old town. Afterwards, we will return to Chengdu and head to Jinli, a 550 meter long street that is a part of the Temple of Marquis. The buildings are constructed in the Qing Dynasty style and the theme is a traditional folk custom called Three Kingdoms Culture. Jinli was named the "National Top Ten City Commercial Pedestrian Street" and "National Demonstration Base of The Cultural Industry" by the Ministry of Culture. Finally, we will transfer to the airport for our flight to Beijing.

Day 16Nov 2****Beijing – Honolulu →**

Our flight to Honolulu leaves after mid-night, ending our wonderful trip to China.

We arrive at Honolulu on Nov 1st at approximately 4:30PM

We wish you a safe journey and capture many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner

Map of China



Remarks:

- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Local English speaking tour guide service
- ✦ All transfers and sightseeing by air conditioned coach
- ✦ Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation.
- ✦ Gratuity for Tour Guides and Drivers is included
- ✦ China Visa is not included
- ✦ Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Feb 8th, 2018.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due 70 days prior. In the event that balance of payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Written notice is required for any cancellation.

\$ 350 deposit is non-refundable if you cancel within 70 days before departure.

Within 70 days before departure, the cancellation fee will be as follow:

- ** 69-31 days prior to departure, 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- ** 30 days prior to departure or withdraw during the tour shall be regarded as willingly give up all rights concerned, 100% of total price, and request for the other service as substitute shall not be accepted.

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation.