

## (MDD-002) Kunming-Tengchong-Ruili-Kunming (8 Days)

### Day 1/Arrive in Kunming



Arrive in Kunming, the capital city of Yunnan, is well known as the City of Eternal Spring, meet your guide and transfer to hotel. Take a city tour to the Flowers and Birds Market, which, along with old houses well kept in its immediate neighborhood, are now under the city's protection plan as the Old Town Quarter. Beside flowers and birds, the market offers also traditional Chinese arts, wooden sculptures, China knots, and more. (D)

### Day 2/Kunming-Stone Forest-Kunming

Drive to the Stone Forest (85 km, 1.5 h). An extremely rare geological phenomenon dating back to 270 million years ago, the Stone Forest is 80 hectares of karst limestone pillars in fantastic shapes that resemble a forest viewed from a distance. The Stone Forest is also home to the Sani tribe, a branch of the diverse and scattered Yi minority renowned for their diligence, embroidery and dancing. On the way, visit a Yi minority village. After back to Kunming, stroll down the downtown walking street. (B,L,D)

### Day 3/Kunming-Tengchong

Depends on flight schedule, this day will be arranged as a half day tour in Kunming to Western Hill whose skyline resembles a sleeping beauty lying by the western shore of the Dianchi Lake, offering the Dragon Gate, a grotto complex chiseled along sheer cliff and the Huating Temple, the biggest Buddhist complex in Kunming, or in Tengchong to Beihai Wetland Reserve with broad expanse of wet lands and lakes, bamboo-made bridges and little boats sliding along the river creating a quiet and peaceful scene, and Cemetery of the Revolutionary *Martyr*. (B,L,D)

### Day 4/Tengchong

Volcanoes Park inclusive of a museum and quite a few dormant volcanoes, Hot Springs that is rich in sulphur and other mineral elements that are believed by the locals to be helpful for recovery from illness, and Heshun Township, or the so-called retirement village, which is famous for its overwhelming percentage of overseas Chinese and its largest library in township level in China, housing over 60,000 books. (B,L,D)

### Day 5/Tengchong-Lianghe-Ruili

Overland drive Tengchong - Ruili (286 km, 5.5 hours). En route, visit Achang and Lisu minorities villages, Dayingjiang River, and Lianghe Tusi Administration Office with law court of feudal China as well as old instruments of torture. Tusi was the title of local

minority hereditary headman in minority regions during the Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasties. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 6/Ruili**

Bordering Burma in the west, Ruili makes every effort to build it the "Oriental Jewelry City". A whole day tour to Jiele Golden Pagoda with a main pagoda at 39.5 meters in height and 12 smaller pagodas painted in gold, One Tree Making up A Forest - a 100- year old banyan tree whose crown covers an area of 200 square meters, Moli Virgin Forest, and A Village of Two Countries—a village in which the border tablet marking China and Burma stands. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 7/Ruili-Mangshi-Kunming**

Drive to Mangshi (100 km, 1.5 hours). Visit local primary school and Shubaota (Tree-Wrapped- Pagoda). It is said that the seeds of banyan trees happened to fall on the pagodas, and then sprouted and grew into big trees, holding the pagodas with their roots. 50- minute flight in the afternoon back to Kunming. Transfer to hotel. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 8/Depart from Kunming**

Transfer to airport for the departure flight. Tour Ends. (B)

#### **Attention:**

- 1) There is no good English-speaking guide in Tengchong and Ruili at present, so the guide of Kunming will accompany the clients to visit there, the clients need to pay the additional charge of the accommodation & round-trip tickets for the guide.
- 2) During the National Day Golden Week, the hotel fare in Yunnan will rise.
- 3) Tengchong airport is scheduled for operation in early March 2009. Before that, guests could fly to Baoshan from Kunming (575 km, 45 min), and then drive to Tengchong (190 km, 3.5 hours).