

(MDD-003) Kunming-Jinghong-Kunming (6 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-Jinghong

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. Evening flight to Jinghong, capital city of Xishuangbanna (50 min). (B,L,D)

Day 3/Jinghong

Situated on the borders of Myanmar and Laos, Xishuangbanna is characterized by tropical scenery and unique ethnic cultures. Drive to Tropical Botanical Garden in Menglun (98km, 1 h 40 min), which plays an important role in research of medicinal plants, taxonomy, economic plants and biochemistry, and proudly holds 3,000 species of plants. It is one of the richest botanical concentrations all over the world. Stop at Folks Culture Village composed of five Dai villages of Man Jiang, Man Chun Man, Man Ting, Man Zha and Man Ga. It is in the township of Gan Lan Ba some 43 kilometers from Jinghong. (B,L,D)

Day 4/Jinghong-Kunming

Overland drive to Jingzhen Octagonal Pavilion, which is the most famous architectural site in Xishuangbanna with a history of over 300 years (75 km, 2 hours drive from Jinghong). On the way, take stops at Dai village, Mengzhe market and Tea Plantation and Processing Factory. Xishuangbanna is one of the great tea regions of China, providing Hong Kong with most of its beloved pu'er tea, Tibet with essential tea bricks, and France with a popular and profitable tea for slimming, tuocho. The Menghai Tea Factory is the largest industrial employer in the prefecture and arrangement to visit the tea factory can

be made. On the way, tea plantations are on both sides of the road. Fly back to Kunming in the evening (50 min) and transfer to hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 5/Kunming

A whole day tour to the Western Hill, Yunnan Minority Museum and Golden Temple. The Western Hill, whose skyline resembles a sleeping beauty, lies by the western shore of the Dianchi Lake, offering the best scenery. The Minority Museum provides basic information on the living condition, custom, and distribution of each of 25 minorities in Yunnan. Its collections include handicrafts, costumes, masks, written languages, production tools, musical instruments, etc. Golden Temple is a Taoist temple got its name from a copper temple of 300 tons in weight and 6.5 meters in height that was cast in 1890. (B,L,D)

Day 6/Depart from Kunming

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

Attention: During the National Day Golden Week and the Water Splashing Festival (Apr.11th -17th), the hotel fare in Xishuangbanna will rise about 100%.