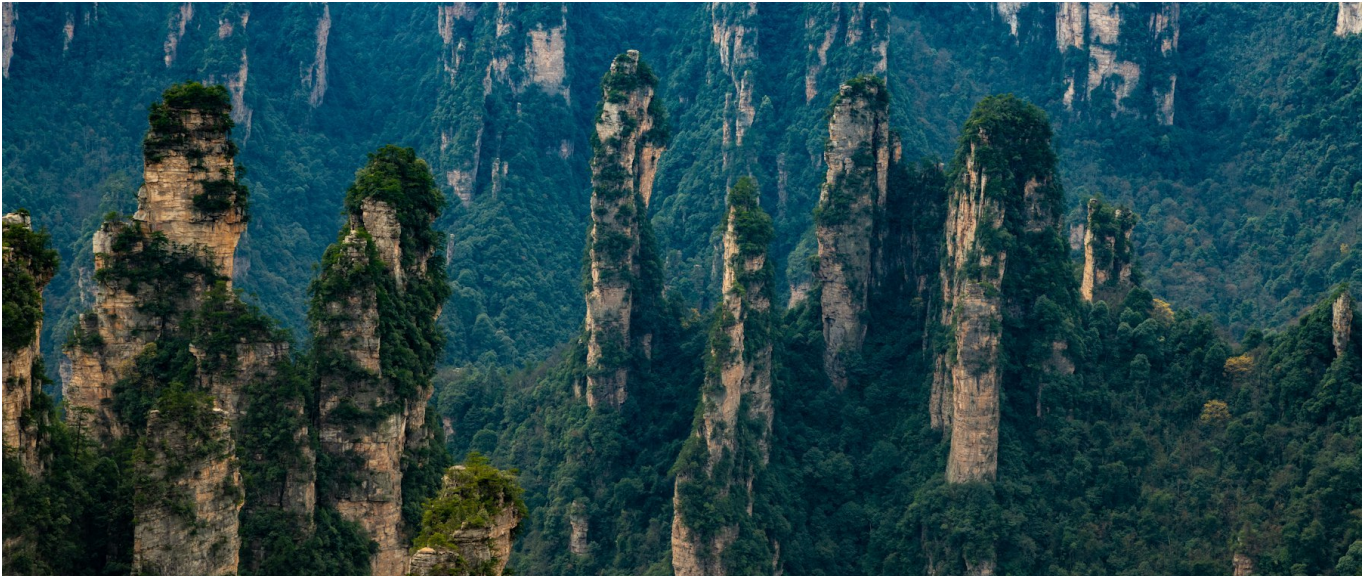




Panda Country, Mirror Lakes & Mountain Cities

Chengdu • Jiuzhai Valley • Chongqing • Zhangjiajie | 11 days / 10 nights



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A journey of extraordinary contrasts, from the gentle charm of Chengdu's pandas to the jewel-colored waters of Jiuzhai Valley, the vertical streets of Chongqing and the soaring stone landscapes of Zhangjiajie. Over eleven days, discover a China shaped by mountains, rivers and the people who have made their homes among them. Wander old streets, watch a train slip through a city building, and linger beside the Tuo River in atmospheric Fenghuang.

Second-class high-speed rail links the key stages of the route, while a full free day in Chengdu gives the journey breathing room. Guided sightseeing is available in Chinese or English, with no compulsory shopping stops. Comfortable hotels, listed meals and an unfolding sequence of natural and cultural encounters make this a rewarding exploration of southwestern and central China.

From US\$1,498

Tour fee per person based on double occupancy; separate tips and service fee shown below

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The journey, day by day.

DAY 01 | Arrival in Chengdu

Welcome to Chengdu, the starting point for eleven days of mountain scenery, river cities and old-town discoveries. Upon arrival, your arranged airport transfer brings you to the hotel, where there is time to settle in after the journey. The day's emphasis is on an easy arrival rather than scheduled sightseeing.

The remainder of the day is at leisure. Rest, unpack and begin to tune in to the city's unhurried rhythm before tomorrow's visit to the panda base and onward travel to Jiuzhai Valley. Today's meals are not specified in the tour arrangements.

Meals: Not specified

Stay: Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center by IHG or similar

DAY 02 | Pandas and the road to Jiuzhai Valley

Begin the sightseeing journey with a visit to Chengdu's panda base, where the appeal of these distinctive black-and-white residents needs little introduction. Watch their movements and expressions, take in the green surroundings and enjoy a closer look at the animal that has become so closely associated with Sichuan. It is a gentle, engaging opening before the landscapes grow more dramatic.

After the visit, continue toward Jiuzhai Valley. Leave the urban setting behind as the journey turns toward the mountains and the next two nights' base. Settle into the hotel in preparation for a full day devoted to Jiuzhai's lakes, waterfalls and forests. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Howard Johnson Tianyuan Resort or similar

DAY 03 | A full day in Jiuzhai Valley

Devote the day to Jiuzhai Valley, a landscape in which water seems to gather every shade of blue and green. The full-day visit introduces the colorful lakes, waterfalls and primeval forests that make this mountain valley so memorable. Look beyond the broad panoramas to the smaller details: reflections on still water, the movement of a cascade and the layers of trees climbing the slopes.

As light and weather shift, the same scene can take on a different mood, inviting you to pause and appreciate the changing colors. The day's touring follows the local arrangements within the scenic area, then returns to your hotel for a second night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Howard Johnson Tianyuan Resort or similar



DAY 04 | Mountain culture and return to Chengdu

Continue the mountain chapter with a visit to a Tibetan village, adding a cultural dimension to the natural scenery of the previous day. Take in the village setting before travelling onward to either Huanglong or Mounigou, the scenic area selected for your departure's operating arrangements. This is an alternative visit to one of the two areas, rather than a promise to include both.

The day then turns back toward Chengdu. Board the high-speed train with an included second-class seat and watch the journey carry you from mountain country toward the city. On arrival, return to the Chengdu hotel. Breakfast and lunch are included, while dinner is at your own arrangement; no guide accompanies the rail journey.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Stay: Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center by IHG or similar

DAY 05 | Chengdu at your own pace

Today belongs to you. After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full free day in Chengdu without a scheduled group sightseeing program. This pause in the itinerary is an opportunity to follow your own interests, revisit a favorite neighborhood independently or simply enjoy a slower day at the hotel.

If you choose to venture out, let the city's street life and food culture guide your own discoveries. Any independent visits, transport, lunch and dinner are at your own arrangement and expense. Another night in Chengdu allows you to enjoy the day without changing hotels before tomorrow's rail journey to Chongqing.

Meals: Breakfast

Stay: Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center by IHG or similar

DAY 06 | By rail to Chongqing

Travel from Chengdu to Chongqing by high-speed train, with a second-class ticket included. The day's sightseeing introduces a mountain city whose personality is revealed in its old lanes, layered buildings and broad river setting. Begin exploring at Ciqikou Ancient Town, where traditional streets create an intimate counterpoint to the city's larger scale.

Continue to Hongyadong, one of Chongqing's most distinctive architectural scenes, and take in the dramatic way buildings rise above the riverside. At Chaotianmen Square, the view opens outward toward the water and surrounding city. Together, these visits offer three different perspectives on Chongqing before you settle into the hotel. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included; the rail journey is unescorted.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Radisson Blu Plaza Chongqing or similar



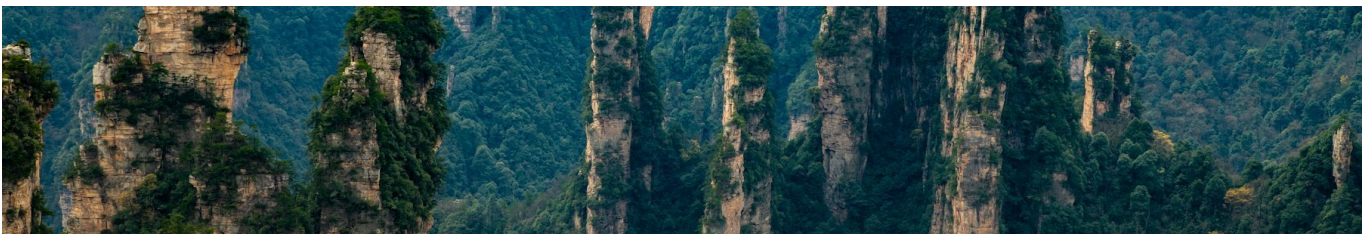
DAY 07 | Chongqing's city layers

Look up, look across and look again: Chongqing often reveals its character in unexpected layers. Today's photo stop at Liziba Station captures the famous sight of a monorail passing through a building, a striking expression of how transport and city life share the mountain city's limited space. The stop is for an exterior view and photographs.

The pace then shifts to walking through Shibati Traditional Style Street and Longmenhao Old Street. Their lanes and changes of level invite you to notice the details that can disappear in a sweeping skyline photograph. It is a day of urban contrasts, from an arresting modern scene to streets with a more intimate atmosphere. Return to the hotel after the listed touring and meals.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Radisson Blu Plaza Chongqing or similar



DAY 08 | Rail journey to Tianmen Mountain

Leave Chongqing by high-speed train and continue to Zhangjiajie, where the scenery takes on a new vertical dimension. Your second-class rail ticket is included; the train journey itself is unescorted. Upon reaching Zhangjiajie, the day's sightseeing centers on Tianmen Mountain National Forest Park.

Take in the mountain landscape and the contrast between the heights and the city below. Rather than another day of city streets, this is an introduction to the scale, contours and changing light of the Zhangjiajie region. The visit follows the locally arranged route within the park; specific cable-car rides or additional experiences are not separately promised. Afterwards, settle into your Zhangjiajie hotel, with breakfast, lunch and dinner included today.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Howard Johnson Neodalle Resort Zhangjiajie or similar

DAY 09 | The landscapes of Zhangjiajie

A full day in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park gives its extraordinary landscape the attention it deserves. Stone pillars rise above green slopes and wooded valleys, creating a succession of views that can feel both monumental and delicately layered. As the perspective changes, notice how individual peaks emerge from the larger forest of stone.



Today's focus is the national park itself, with touring organized according to local operating arrangements. Take time to absorb the mountain vistas and the play of light across the scenery, rather than treating the visit as a single photograph. Return to the same hotel for a second night, carrying a very different collection of impressions from yesterday's Tianmen Mountain visit. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Howard Johnson Neodalle Resort Zhangjiajie or similar

DAY 10 | Fenghuang by the Tuo River

Journey from Zhangjiajie to Fenghuang Ancient Town, where the mood softens from soaring peaks to a riverfront scene of old streets and closely gathered buildings. Stroll beside the Tuo River and let the town reveal itself through the relationship between its water, lanes and traditional surroundings. It is a chance to appreciate a different scale of landscape, shaped as much by daily life as by nature.

The visit invites unhurried observation: the lines of riverside buildings, changing reflections and the atmosphere of the streets. Overnight in Fenghuang allows this chapter of western Hunan to unfold beyond a brief pass-through stop, before another visit tomorrow. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Wingate by Wyndham Fenghuang County or similar

DAY 11 | A final morning in Fenghuang

Enjoy a final visit to Fenghuang Ancient Town before leaving for Zhangjiajie Airport. The return to the town offers another opportunity to appreciate its lanes and riverside setting and to bring the journey to a gentle close. The timing of sightseeing and the airport transfer will follow your confirmed departure arrangements.

After breakfast and the scheduled visit, transfer to the airport for your onward flight. From Chengdu's pandas and Jiuzhai's watercolors to Chongqing's city layers and Zhangjiajie's peaks, eleven days of contrasting Chinese landscapes conclude here. No hotel stay is included tonight.

Meals: Breakfast

Stay: Not applicable



Arrival dates | Day 1

Choose the date on which you will arrive at the tour's first destination, rather than the date your international flight leaves home. Space and operation remain subject to confirmation.

Arrival city: Chengdu

Year / month	Published arrival dates
September 2026	25, 26
October 2026	7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31
November 2026	4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28
December 2026	2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30
January 2027	6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30
February 2027	10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27
March 2027	3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 31
April 2027	2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28
May 2027	5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29
June 2027	2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30
July 2027	2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31
August 2027	4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28
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Dates listed here are the remaining published dates as of September 24, 2026. Availability is not guaranteed until Gala Holidays confirms the booking.



Fares & booking details

Tour fee per person based on double occupancy; separate tips and service fee shown below

USD per person unless noted	Low season • Nov 15-Mar 29	Mid season • Mar 30-Jun 30 / Sep 1-Nov 14	High season • Jul 1-Aug 30
Adult tour fee, per person sharing	US\$1,498	US\$1,598	US\$1,598
Aged 12 or under, with bed	US\$1,498	US\$1,598	US\$1,598
Aged 12 or under, no bed and no breakfast	US\$1,198	US\$1,298	US\$1,298
Single supplement	US\$480	US\$530	US\$580
Tips & service fee, per person	US\$180	US\$180	US\$180
Pre/post-tour hotel, per room per night	US\$118	US\$118	US\$118
Extra transfer, per person per trip; minimum two people	US\$30	US\$30	US\$30

Included in your journey

- Accommodation at the named hotels or similar, according to the daily itinerary.
- Admission tickets for listed scenic attractions.
- Listed touring vehicle services and meals.
- Second-class high-speed rail tickets for the listed journeys.
- Tour guide service in Chinese or English during guided portions; no guide is provided on private airport/station transfers or high-speed train journeys.
- Travel-agency liability insurance as listed for this itinerary; coverage to be confirmed.
- One bottle of water per traveler per day.

Not included / charged separately

- Any item not listed as included is at the traveler's own expense.
- The separately listed USD 180 per person tips and service fee is additional to the base tour fee.
- Optional Jiuzhaigou Romance Show and Chongqing Two-River Night Cruise tickets (each CNY 280 per person).



Optional experiences

- Jiuzhaigou Romance Show - CNY 280 per person.
- Chongqing Two-River Night Cruise ticket - CNY 280 per person.

Cancellation terms

- More than 30 days prior to departure: No charge.
- 20-29 days (inclusive) prior to departure: 20% of total tour cost.
- 8-19 days (inclusive) prior to departure: 40% of total tour cost.
- 1-7 days (inclusive) prior to departure: 60% of total tour cost.
- On the departure date: 100% of total tour cost.

Important arrangements

- No compulsory shopping stops are listed. The itinerary states a minimum of two travelers; available dates and space require reconfirmation.
- Day 4 visits Huanglong OR Mounigou, according to actual arrangements; both are not promised.
- Guide service is not provided during private airport/station transfers or high-speed rail journeys.
- The tour operator reserves the right to adjust itinerary, hotels and meals according to actual arrangements.
- The published season table gives no price category for August 31; obtain a specific quotation before booking that date.
- The published cancellation schedule gives no rule for exactly 30 days before departure; ask for clarification before accepting payment.
- Departure dates, available inventory, payable total and booking conditions are confirmed on inquiry. This form is a request, not a confirmed reservation.

Online enquiries and registration: <https://galaholiday.com/en/jiuzhai-chongqing-zhangjiajie-11-days/>