



Chengdu, Pandas & Jiuzhai Valley

Six days among Sichuan's pandas, jewel-toned lakes and mountain landscapes



6 days / 5 nights

Some journeys are remembered in a single color. This one offers a whole palette: the black and white of Chengdu's pandas, the luminous blues and greens of Jiuzhai Valley, and the softer tones of mountain villages and highland scenery. Across six days and five nights, travel from Chengdu to the Jiuzhai area, devote a full day to its lakes, waterfalls and forests, and return via a Tibetan village and either Huanglong or Mounigou.

The route balances arranged sightseeing with a full day at leisure back in Chengdu. Listed hotels, meals and transfers take care of the essentials, while Chinese- or English-speaking guide service accompanies the guided portions of the programme. There are no scheduled shopping stops. Choose one of the listed arrival dates and let Gala Holidays help you shape the arrangements around it.

From US\$598

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

Chengdu • Panda Base • Jiuzhai Valley • Tibetan village • Huanglong or Mounigou • Chengdu



The journey, day by day.

DAY 01 | Arrive in Chengdu • Your Sichuan journey begins

Welcome to Chengdu, the starting point for a journey from city life to Sichuan's celebrated mountain scenery. On arrival, take your arranged transfer to the hotel and settle into your room. Today is deliberately kept free of scheduled sightseeing, giving you time to rest after the flight and ease into the days ahead.

Spend the remainder of the day as you wish. If you choose to head out independently, return at a comfortable hour ready for tomorrow's visit to the Panda Base and onward journey to Jiuzhai Valley. Airport transfer service is provided without a guide. Meal arrangements for today are not specified and should be confirmed before travel.

Meals: No meals specified; confirm before travel

Stay: Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center by IHG or similar

DAY 02 | Pandas, mountain roads & the approach to Jiuzhai

After breakfast, begin with one of Sichuan's most endearing encounters: a visit to the Panda Base. Watch for the pandas' distinctive black-and-white shapes among the greenery and enjoy the simple pleasure of observing these much-loved animals in their surroundings. This is a visit to the facility; the animals' activity and visibility will vary naturally on the day.

Later, leave Chengdu behind and continue by road toward the Jiuzhai Valley area. The journey forms a transition between two very different sides of Sichuan, carrying you from the city toward the mountain setting that will frame the next part of the tour. Lunch and dinner are included, and your overnight stay near Jiuzhai provides a comfortable base for tomorrow's full day of scenery.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Howard Johnson Tianyuan Resort or similar

DAY 03 | Jiuzhai Valley • A day written in water and light

Set aside a full day for Jiuzhai Valley, where lakes, waterfalls and forest come together in a constantly changing composition. Look across the water for shades of turquoise and blue, notice the reflections of the surrounding trees, and follow the contrast between quiet pools and flowing cascades. The appeal lies as much in these smaller details as in the wider mountain views.

Today's sightseeing focuses entirely on the valley, allowing its distinctive landscapes to become the visual heart of your Sichuan journey. The precise appearance of the lakes and woodland will reflect the season and weather of your visit; there is beauty in each changing mood. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included, and you return to your Jiuzhai-area hotel for a second night.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Stay: Howard Johnson Tianyuan Resort or similar



DAY 04 | Tibetan village & mountain scenery • Return to Chengdu

Depart the Jiuzhai area and visit a Tibetan village, adding a glimpse of the region's village setting to the natural scenery of the preceding day. Continue to either Huanglong or Mounigou, with the destination determined by the confirmed arrangements for your departure. If Huanglong is selected, its terraced pools offer a striking continuation of the journey's water-and-mountain theme; Mounigou provides the alternative mountain excursion.

The day then leads back to Chengdu. A second-class high-speed train ticket is included for the scheduled rail segment, with the stations and timings confirmed in your final travel arrangements. After breakfast and lunch on tour, the evening meal is at your own expense. Settle into your Chengdu hotel and enjoy a quieter evening after a varied day of travel and sightseeing.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Stay: Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center by IHG or similar

DAY 05 | Chengdu at leisure • A day that belongs to you

After breakfast, enjoy a full day at leisure in Chengdu. Following the mountain section of the itinerary, this open day offers a welcome change of pace: begin slowly, spend more time with your travelling companions, or set out independently according to your interests. There is no fixed sightseeing programme today.

You may prefer a relaxed day close to the hotel, or use the time to explore a different side of the city on your own. Any independent visits, transport, shopping or dining are at your own expense. With another night in Chengdu, there is no need to pack and move on immediately; enjoy the freedom to make this part of the journey your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Stay: Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center by IHG or similar

DAY 06 | Depart Chengdu • Carry the memories onward

Enjoy breakfast before your arranged transfer to Chengdu airport. As the six-day journey comes to a close, take with you the contrasting impressions of Sichuan: the pandas, the mountain approach to Jiuzhai, and the valley's vivid waters and forest scenery.

The transfer is provided without guide accompaniment. Please give Gala Holidays your confirmed flight details so the airport transfer can be coordinated with your onward arrangements. Arrival and departure airfares are not included in the listed tour services.

Meals: Breakfast

Stay: None; departure day



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
September 2027	1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25
October 2027	6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30
November 2027	3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27
December 2027	1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 29, 31

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 • Nov 15-Mar 29	Mid • Mar 30-Jun 30 & Sep 1-Nov 14	High • Jul 1-Aug 30
Adult tour fee, per person sharing a room	US\$598	US\$648	US\$698
Child age 12 or under, with bed	US\$598	US\$648	US\$698
Child age 12 or under, no bed and no breakfast	US\$448	US\$498	US\$548
Single-room supplement	US\$300	US\$330	US\$350
Tips & service fee, separately listed	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Pre/post tour hotel, per room per night	US\$118	US\$118	US\$118
Extra transfer, per person per trip, minimum two persons	US\$30	US\$30	US\$30

Included in your journey

- Five nights at the listed hotels or similar properties
- Entrance tickets to the attractions listed in the itinerary
- Vehicle services and meals as listed day by day
- Second-class tickets for listed high-speed rail segments; exact segment to be confirmed
- Chinese- or English-speaking guide service, except during private airport/station transfers and high-speed rail journeys
- Travel agency liability insurance
- One bottle of water per person per day

Not included / charged separately

- Additional items or services not listed in the itinerary are at the traveller's own expense
- The optional Jiuzhaigou Romance Show is charged separately
- Guided accompaniment is not provided on private airport/station transfers or high-speed rail journeys
- Arrival and departure airfares are not included in the listed tour services; ask Gala Holidays to arrange a separate quotation.



Optional experiences

- Jiuzhaigou Romance Show: ¥280 per person, not included in the USD tour fee.

Cancellation terms

- More than 30 days before departure: no charge.
- 20-29 days before departure, inclusive: 20% of total tour cost.
- 8-19 days before departure, inclusive: 40% of total tour cost.
- 1-7 days before departure, inclusive: 60% of total tour cost.
- On the date of departure: 100% of total tour cost.

Important arrangements

- Huanglong and Mounigou are alternative arrangements; the confirmed itinerary will specify which one is visited.
- The Panda Base visit does not include holding, touching or feeding pandas.
- Minimum two travellers; requested dates and availability must be confirmed by Gala Holidays.
- Itinerary, hotels and meals may be adjusted according to actual tour arrangements.
- The seasonal price bands do not provide a rate for August 31; please request a quotation if relevant.
- The cancellation terms do not specify the charge exactly 30 days before departure; obtain written clarification before booking.

Online enquiries and registration: <https://galaholiday.com/en/chengdu-jiuzhai-6-days/>