

6 Days Western Sichuan Tour

Trip overview

Embark on an unforgettable **6-day Western Sichuan overland adventure** departing from Chengdu and traversing the heart of Garzê Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. This classic small-loop itinerary seamlessly combines majestic snow-capped peaks, surreal high-altitude geology, centuries-old Jiarong Tibetan heritage, and serene alpine lakes into one high-value journey.

Your expedition begins with the dramatic alpine valleys of **Mount Siguniang ("Four Sisters Mountain")**, known as the "Alps of the East," before descending into the lush valleys of **Danba** to admire ancient stone watchtowers and white-washed Tibetan villages. Marvel at the eerie, high-contrast landscape of **Moshi Park's black stone forest**, soak in the spiritual serenity of **Tagong Monastery and Grassland** under the shadow of sacred Yala Snow Mountain, and journey through **Xinduqiao**, legendary as a photographer's paradise.

Conclude your journey in **Kangding** with a nature walk through the pristine mirror waters of **Mugecuo Scenic Area** before returning comfortably to Chengdu via scenic expressways. Designed with balanced driving times, gradual altitude adjustment, and private flexible transfers, this 6-day circuit offers foreign travelers the ultimate taste of Sichuan's high-plateau splendor.

- **Durations:** 6 Days
- **Destinations:** Chengdu - Wolong - Danba - Tagong - Xinduqiao - Kangding
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://www.asiachinatour.com/6-days-western-sichuan-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: From Chengdu Plain to Alpine Peaks — Wolong Panda Base, Balang Mountain Pass & Maobiliang Viewpoint

Leave the urban basin of Chengdu behind this morning on a scenic private drive into the rugged mountain corridors of Western Sichuan. Your first destination is the acclaimed **Shenshuping Panda Base in Wolong**, nestled within lush bamboo forests and natural mountain valleys. Unlike busier urban reserves, Wolong offers a more authentic high-altitude habitat where giant pandas and red pandas thrive in semi-wild environments. Take time to stroll through peaceful green enclosures, learning about panda breeding, rewilding projects, and conservation efforts directly in their native habitat.

Continuing further west, your road winds upward through dramatic high-altitude landscapes toward **Balang Mountain**, crossing a pass over 4,500 meters above sea level where swirling cloud seas frequently blanket the deep valleys below. Pausing at **Maobiliang Ridge**, stand at a magnificent natural overlook for your first breathtaking panoramic view of **Mount Siguniang (Four Sisters Mountain)**, whose four snow-capped granite peaks tower over alpine meadows. Conclude your day with a scenic descent into Siguniangshan Town (3,200 m) for hotel check-in and an evening at leisure to acclimatize.

Meals: On your own

Accommodation: Hotel in Siguniang Town

Expert Journey Insights:

The journey from Chengdu to Siguniangshan Town covers approximately 200 kilometers over four to five hours of driving along scenic mountain expressways and winding high-altitude roads. Your route passes through Balang Mountain at high elevation before descending into Siguniangshan Town at 3,200 meters, making it essential to rest, stay well hydrated, and refrain from strenuous physical activity on your first evening to prevent high-altitude discomfort. The outdoor walking trails at Wolong Shenshuping Panda Base are relatively flat and quiet, offering excellent photographic opportunities without large crowds.

Day 2: Alpine Wilderness Discovery — Changping Valley Trek or Optional Shuangqiao Valley Bus Tour

Immerse yourself today in the pristine alpine wilderness of Mount Siguniang National Park with an active day tailored to your personal travel style. For trekking enthusiasts, embark on an immersive day hike through **Changping Valley (3,300m–3,700m)**, the valley closest to Mount Siguniang's iconic peaks. Board a park sightseeing bus to Lama Temple, where your hike begins along wooden boardwalks winding past historic monasteries, cascading waterfalls, and quiet lakes filled with ancient withered trees. Continue beyond the boardwalk along forest trails past sea buckthorn groves, natural red stone beaches, and crystal-clear streams before arriving at Muluozi meadow. Here, stand beneath sweeping panoramas of snow-capped peaks and glaciers as yaks graze across open alpine pastures, completing an unforgettable round-trip trek before returning by park bus.

Alternatively, choose a relaxed leisure excursion through **Shuangqiao Valley (2,900m–3,850m)** aboard the eco-sightseeing bus. Journey straight to the end of the 35-kilometer valley at Redwood Forest, framed by towering granite mountains on three sides. On your return ride down the valley, make scenic stops at Potala Peak to photograph Tibetan prayer flags against soaring cliffs, admire the mirror-like reflections at Bonsai Beach, and stroll around quiet mountain lakes surrounded by wildflowers and poplar groves. Return to Siguniang Town in the late afternoon for a relaxing evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siguniang Town

Expert Journey Insights:

The full round-trip trek in Changping Valley to Muluozi spans roughly 14 to 16 kilometers over six to eight hours on a mix of wooden boardwalks and dirt trails, requiring comfortable hiking boots and trekking poles. For travelers preferring less physical exertion, Shuangqiao Valley offers a completely paved and bus-connected route where you can hop on and off at major viewpoints without strenuous uphill walking. Weather in alpine valleys changes rapidly, so carrying layered

clothing, a waterproof outer shell, and adequate water and snacks for the trail is essential.

Day 3: Pastoral Beauty of the Jiarong Tibetans — Drive to Danba & Zhonglu Village Walk

Journey west into the heart of the Gyarong (Jiarong) Tibetan valleys this morning on a scenic 2.5-hour private drive (105 km) from Mount Siguniang to Danba County, celebrated as one of China's most beautiful rural landscapes. As the road follows winding river gorges, arrive at **Zhonglu Tibetan Village**, an idyllic enclave situated on fertile mountain terraces at the foot of sacred Mount Moerduo. In the local dialect, Zhonglu translates to "a place you will look forward to," and its primitive stone architecture and terraced orchards live up to its name.

Spend a tranquil afternoon strolling along narrow village footpaths winding through golden fields, fruit orchards, and ancient stone watchtowers that have stood guard over the valley for centuries. Admire the distinctive Jiarong Tibetan homes—painted in striking white, red, and black earth tones—blending harmoniously into the surrounding green slopes. Ascend to a high panoramic viewpoint to capture the entire village spread out against the backdrop of soaring mountain ridges before checking into your authentic local homestay or village hotel for an atmospheric evening in Zhonglu.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Zhonglu Village

Expert Journey Insights:

The drive from Siguniang Town to Danba descends in elevation from 3,200 meters to approximately 2,100 meters at Zhonglu Tibetan Village, providing a comfortable and relaxing altitude drop that helps your body adjust. Walking through Zhonglu involves paved paths and gentle dirt trails through farmlands and hillside orchards, making comfortable walking shoes essential. Photographers will find the late afternoon light ideal for capturing the contrast between the white-washed Tibetan stone watchtowers, lush valley terraces, and Mount Moerduo.

Day 4: Through Geologic Wonders to Prairie Kingdoms — Suopo Watchtowers, Yala Snow Mountain Overlook & Moshi Park

Depart Danba this morning and make your first stop at the **Suopo Tower Viewpoint**, home to the highest concentration of ancient stone watchtowers in Danba County. Looking across the river valley, admire nearly 100 standing fortresses—ranging from four-sided to rare eight-sided stone structures—soaring above white-washed Jiarong homes and terraced hillsides. These centuries-old watchtowers once served as family defenses and spiritual sentinels over trade routes.

Continuing southwest along scenic mountain expressways, pause to admire **Yala Snow Mountain (5,820 m)**, one of Eastern Tibet's four sacred peaks whose snow-clad crown towers dramatically above green high-mountain valleys. Resume your drive into Bamei to explore **Moshi Park (3,500 m)**, China's premier high-altitude black stone forest. Formed by ancient fault movement and weathered mylonite rock, these eerie dark grey spires rise like an alien landscape from lush plateau grasslands. Explore the raised walkways and photographic platforms before completing a short scenic drive to Tagong Grassland to check into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Tagong

Expert Journey Insights:

The total driving distance today spans approximately 115 kilometers over 3 to 3.5 hours of scenic mountain road travel, steadily ascending from Danba (2,100 meters) to Bamei and Tagong Grassland (3,700 meters). Inside Moshi Park, sightseeing shuttle buses carry visitors from the entrance directly into the main stone forest canyon, where easy wooden boardwalks allow for smooth exploration without intense uphill climbing. As you re-enter high elevations above 3,500 meters around Moshi Park and Tagong, keep your pace relaxed, stay hydrated, and wear windproof outer layers against sudden high-altitude breezes.

Day 5: Sacred Prairies to the Romantic Gateway — Tagong Monastery, Xinduqiao Landscapes & Zheduo Mountain Pass

Begin your morning at **Tagong Monastery**, a revered 1,000-year-old Sakya sect sanctuary known locally as the "Little Jokhang Temple." Tour its ancient prayer halls and witness devout pilgrims performing daily kora rituals before stepping onto the vast expanse of **Tagong Grassland**. Here, herds of yaks graze across open alpine pastures beneath the dramatic silhouette of sacred Yala Snow Mountain (5,820 m). You may choose to enjoy an optional horseback ride across the prairie or visit a local nomad family to experience authentic Tibetan hospitality.

Continuing south, enjoy a scenic drive through **Xinduqiao**, celebrated by landscape artists as "A Photographer's Paradise" for its picturesque mix of golden poplar groves, winding streams, traditional stone farmhouses, and tranquil pastures. Your journey culminates with an exhilarating drive over **Zheduo Mountain Pass (4,298 m)**, navigating famous mountain switchbacks to reach sweeping panoramic viewpoints of distant Mount Gongga rising above the clouds. Descend into the historic valley city of **Kangding** for hotel check-in and an evening walk along its lively riverfront.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Kangding city

Expert Journey Insights:

Today's scenic drive covers approximately 110 kilometers over three to four hours of mountain road travel, beginning at Tagong Grassland (3,700 meters), ascending over Zheduo Mountain Pass (4,298 meters), and descending down to Kangding (2,560 meters). Stopping briefly at the Zheduo Mountain Pass platform exposes visitors to chilly, high-altitude winds, so keeping a warm windproof jacket and beanie accessible in your backpack is essential. As you descend nearly 1,700 meters into Kangding, your body will enjoy noticeable physical relief from high-altitude atmospheric pressure.

Day 6: Alpine Lakes & Mountain Farewell — Mugecuo Scenic Area & High-Speed Highway Drive to Chengdu

Uncover the pristine alpine wilderness of **Mugecuo Scenic Area** (Wild Sea) this morning on a short 30-kilometer drive from Kangding city. Board the scenic park shuttle to traverse the lush meadows of Fangcao Plateau before stopping at **Seven-Color Lake**, a brilliant crescent lagoon whose turquoise waters shift hues beneath dense forests and surrounding mountain ridges. Wander through the primeval forests of Azalea Gorge, pausing to take in distant views of Lotus Snow Mountain and sacred Yala Peak, before reaching **Mugecuo Lake (3,700 m)**—a tranquil

alpine mirror reflecting snow peaks and colorful mountain woods.

Following your nature tour, begin your comfortable 4-hour return drive (280 km) back across the Ya'an-Kangding Expressway, descending through scenic mountain tunnels and lush valleys toward the Chengdu Plain. Upon arrival in Chengdu, your private driver and guide will escort you directly to your downtown hotel, Chengdu Shuangliu/Tianfu International Airport, or the high-speed railway station for your onward flight or train departure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: None

Expert Journey Insights:

The morning exploration inside Mugecuo Scenic Area involves taking eco-friendly park shuttle buses between key sites, followed by easy walking along well-maintained wooden boardwalks surrounding Seven-Color Lake and Mugecuo Lake. Because Mugecuo Lake sits at an altitude of 3,700 meters, brief exposure to cooler mountain temperatures and wind is common, so wearing layered clothing with a warm outer shell is recommended. Your afternoon expressway drive back to Chengdu drops smoothly from high mountain terrain into the Sichuan Basin, ensuring a comfortable final transfer before your evening travel arrangements.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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