

6 Days Chongqing Guizhou Tour: 3D Mountain City & Miao Dong Villages

Trip overview

Welcome to an extraordinary 6-day journey connecting Chongqing's futuristic 3D urban landscapes with the serene, time-honored ethnic sanctuaries of Guizhou. Begin your adventure in Chongqing, the Hotpot Capital of China, exploring ancient river ports like Ciqikou, witnessing the world-famous Liziba monorail passing through a high-rise building, and admiring the glowing stilted architecture of Hongya Cave at night.

Board a seamless 3-hour high-speed train through karst mountain valleys into Kaili, the beating heart of Guizhou's Qiandongnan Prefecture. Delve deep into living minority traditions: craft handmade floral paper using ancient Han-era techniques in Shiqiao, try indigo wax-resist batik in Matang Gejia Village, witness China's last armed firelock tribe in Basha, and wander among the five grand wooden drum towers of Zhaoxing Dong Village. With private chauffeured transfers, expert local guides, and authentic cultural workshops, this multi-province itinerary offers the ultimate blend of modern urban marvels and untouched rural heritage.

- **Durations:** 6 Days
- **Destinations:** Chongqing -Guizhou
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://www.asiachinatour.com/6-days-chongqing-and-guizhou-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to the Mountain City — Airport Pick-up, Hotel Check-in & First Evening in Chongqing

Welcome to Chongqing, China's stunning 3D mountain metropolis perched along the dramatic confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers. Upon your arrival at the airport, high-speed railway station, or Chaotianmen Port, your private guide and chauffeur will meet you holding a welcome sign and assist with your luggage. Enjoy a smooth private vehicle transfer straight to your downtown hotel for check-in and settling in.

Once refreshed, the remainder of the day is yours to begin adapting to the city's unique multi-layered urban landscape. Step out in the evening to witness the city's famous neon skyline—often

likened to "Little Hong Kong"—or savor an authentic dinner featuring local Sichuan peppercorn broth in the undisputed Hotpot Capital of China.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Chongqing

Expert Journey Insights:

Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (CKG) is located approximately 25 kilometers north of downtown, providing a 35 to 45 minute private transfer to central hotels in Yuzhong or Jiangbei districts depending on traffic conditions. Navigating Chongqing's multi-tiered terrain often involves navigating elevation changes, so wearing comfortable walking shoes from day one is recommended. Your local guide will provide personal recommendations for authentic local hotpot spots near your hotel, including mild or split-broth options tailored to your preference.

Day 2: Millennial Heritage to Cyberpunk Skylines — Ciqikou, Three Gorges Museum, Liziba Station & Hongya Cave

Uncover the rich historical evolution of the mountain city starting at **Ciqikou Ancient Town**, a 1,000-year-old river port lined with well-preserved Ming and Qing dynasty architecture, artisanal craft shops, and street snacks like crispy Mahua dough twists.

In the afternoon, explore the **Three Gorges Museum** to admire over 280,000 cultural artifacts chronicling Yangtze River heritage, pausing outside for photos of the grand Chongqing People's Grand Hall. Witness Chongqing's famous transit architecture at **Liziba Station** as the monorail passes directly through a residential building. Conclude your day at **Hongya Cave**, strolling traditional *Diaojiaolou* stilted timber structures illuminated over the Jialing River, where you can savor an authentic hotpot dinner along the riverfront.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Chongqing

Expert Journey Insights:

The Three Gorges Museum is closed on Mondays (except national holidays), so your guide will adjust the daily sightseeing order or substitute equivalent historic cultural sites if your tour lands on a Monday. Walking through Ciqikou and the multi-level complex at Hongya Cave involves climbing stone staircases and navigating terraced walkways, making comfortable walking shoes essential. Photographers visiting Hongya Cave will find the best angles for capturing the illuminated stilted buildings from the Qiansimen Bridge walkway or across the Jialing River promenade during dusk.

Day 3: Bullet Train into Ethnic Heartland & Living Crafts — Journey to Kaili, Shiqiao Papermaking & Matang Batik Village

Board a high-speed bullet train this morning for a scenic 3-hour rail journey through karst mountain tunnels into Kaili, the vibrant cultural capital of Guizhou's Qiandongnan Prefecture. Arrive in the countryside at **Shiqiao Miao Village**, famous for preserving ancient Han Dynasty papermaking techniques passed down through generations using paper mulberry bark. Enjoy a hands-on workshop crafting your own decorative paper embedded with fresh leaves and flower petals.

In the afternoon, venture to **Matang Gejia Village**, home to the unique Gejia people who revere the legendary archer Hou Yi as their ancestor. Admire their striking attire featuring bow-and-arrow shaped headdresses and armor-inspired embroidery, then step into a local workshop to learn the art of beeswax batik dyeing, creating a custom wax-resist textile souvenir to take home.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Kaili

Expert Journey Insights:

The high-speed rail transfer from Chongqing to Kaili South Railway Station takes approximately 2.5 to 3 hours, so keeping your passport accessible for railway security check-ins is required. Hands-on craft workshops in Shiqiao and Matang involve working with liquid plant pulp, natural indigo dyes, and warm wax, so wearing comfortable dark-colored clothing ensures you can enjoy crafting without worry. For travelers desiring to experience illuminated stilted wooden architecture at night, overnight stays in Xijiang Qianhu Miao Village can easily be arranged with your travel consultant prior to departure.

Day 4: Ancient Welcoming Ceremonies & Timber Architecture — Langde Miao Village & Dali Dong Village to Congjiang

Venture deep into Qiandongnan's pristine mountain valleys to experience authentic ethnic hospitality at **Langde Miao Village**. Upon arrival, receive the traditional "Twelve Cups of Block-Way Rice Wine" greeting from villagers in silver headdresses before gathering at the central plaza for lively Lusheng reed-pipe dances and folk songs. Walk among century-old *diaojiolou* stilted wooden homes to observe the vibrant heritage of the Long Skirt Miao.

Continue your overland drive through Rongjiang to **Dali Dong Village**, an untouched settlement framed by over 400 ancient Phoebe zhennan trees and bluestone pathways dating back to Emperor Qianlong's reign. Discover five historic wind-and-rain bridges, the unique Han-style Yang Family Courtyard, and the iconic wooden drum tower where villagers gather to keep the polyphonic Dong Grand Song tradition alive. Afterward, relax on your private drive to Congjiang for evening check-in.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Congjiang

Expert Journey Insights:

The drive from Kaili to Langde takes about 40 minutes, followed by a 1.5-hour scenic drive to Rongjiang and another hour to Congjiang. The traditional 12-cup rice wine ceremony at Langde allows guests to partake at their own comfort level, and non-alcoholic options or symbolic sips are warmly accepted by local hosts. Walking along Qianlong-era bluestone paths and river bridges in Dali Dong Village requires sturdy walking footwear, especially on damp morning cobblestones.

Day 5: Legendary Gunman Tribes & Intangible Cultural Harmonies — Basha, Zhanli & Evening in Zhaoxing

Discover ancient tribal customs this morning at **Basha Miao Village**, officially recognized as China's last legally armed gun tribe. Observe the warriors wearing traditional indigo jackets and topknots, learn about their sacred tree-worship beliefs, and witness a live demonstration of their famous sickle haircutting ritual performed with sharp farm blades.

Next, journey to **Zhanli Dong Village**, a serene riverside settlement famous for its historic population balance where households traditionally maintain two children guided by ancestral customs and natural spring water wells. In the afternoon, enjoy a 1.5-hour private drive to **Zhaoxing Dong Village** to check into your hotel. Spend your evening strolling illuminated wooden wind-and-rain bridges, with the option to attend an authentic UNESCO-listed polyphonic Dong Grand Song performance.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Zhaoxing

Expert Journey Insights:

Basha Miao Village is situated on a steep forested ridge roughly 20 minutes from Congjiang, so wearing comfortable walking shoes for stone steps is recommended. The gun salute demonstrations in Basha use black powder firelocks that produce loud popping sounds, which guest advisors should mention to sensitive travelers or young children. Evening lighting across Zhaoxing's five landmark drum towers turns on around dusk, offering magnificent photo opportunities along the central stream and upper valley viewpoints.

Day 6: Five Legendary Drum Towers & Terraced Mountain Vistas — Zhaoxing, Tangan & Onward High-Speed Rail Transfer

Immerse yourself in the architectural splendor of **Zhaoxing Dong Village**, the largest Dong settlement in China. Explore the five distinct village clans—Ren, Yi, Li, Zhi, and Xin—each anchored by its own magnificent multi-tiered wooden drum tower, covered wind-and-rain bridge, and open-air opera stage. Walk up to the main hillside viewpoint to capture sweeping panoramic vistas over thousands of timber stilted homes nestled along the valley floor.

Later, journey up scenic winding mountain roads to **Tangan Dong Village**, a tranquil hilltop sanctuary perched above lush, cascading rice terraces. Walk along stone pathways, observe daily village life among traditional stilted homes, and take in the peaceful rural landscapes. In the afternoon, your guide and driver will escort you to Congjiang Railway Station for your high-speed train departure to Guilin, Guangzhou, Chengdu, or Guiyang, concluding your memorable Guizhou expedition.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Expert Journey Insights:

Congjiang Railway Station is conveniently located approximately 10 to 15 minutes by car from Zhaoxing Dong Village, making departure day logistics exceptionally smooth. High-speed bullet trains provide direct connections from Congjiang to major travel hubs, including Guilin in just 1 hour, Guangzhou in 3.5 hours, and Guiyang in 2 hours. Travelers with late afternoon departures can opt for a light, scenic hike along the mountain trail from Tangan down to Zhaoxing, passing directly through the terraced rice fields.

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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