

12 Days China Tour Package from Kuala Lumpur: Jiuzhaigou & Zhangjiajie National Parks

Trip overview

Experience the ultimate blend of ancient giant pandas, surreal fairytale mountains, and vibrant Lingnan urban heritage on this 12-day classic China journey. Designed seamlessly for international travelers, this curated itinerary connects three of China's most mesmerizing destinations—Chengdu, Zhangjiajie, and Guangzhou—via convenient high-speed bullet trains before concluding with a direct non-stop flight home to Kuala Lumpur.

Begin your adventure in **Chengdu**, the relaxed home of Giant Pandas and legendary Sichuan cuisine. Travel east by high-speed rail to **Zhangjiajie**, where you'll walk among the otherworldly quartz-sandstone pillars that inspired the floating Hallelujah Mountains in *Avatar*, step onto the thrilling Grand Canyon Glass Bridge, and soar above valley gorges on the world's longest cable car at Tianmen Mountain. Conclude your tour in **Guangzhou**, South China's historic trade capital, immersing yourself in exquisite Lingnan woodcarvings, authentic Cantonese *Yum Cha* dim sum, and the dazzling night skyline along the Pearl River. With private chauffeured transfers, dedicated local English guides, and flexible high-speed rail logistical planning, this 12-day package delivers an effortless and unforgettable voyage across China's most iconic landscapes.

- **Durations:** 12 Days
- **Destinations:** Chongqing - Chengdu - Jiuzhaigou - Zhangjiajie - Guangzhou
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://www.asiachinatour.com/12-days-china-tour-package/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Touchdown in China's 3D Mountain Metropolis — Flight from Kuala Lumpur to Chongqing & Evening Leisure

Board your direct flight from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) to Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (CKG), soaring across Southeast Asia to Southwestern China in just under five hours. Upon stepping into Chongqing—China's viral "Cyberpunk Mountain City"—your private

English-speaking guide and professional driver will meet you at the arrival hall, assist with your luggage, and escort you via comfortable private vehicle to your hotel in central Chongqing.

After checking in and refreshing, the evening is yours to begin exploring this dazzling multi-layered urban wonderland at your own pace. Wander through nearby elevated walkways, admire the neon-lit multi-level skyline that inspired its nickname "Little Hong Kong," or savor your very first bowl of world-famous Chongqing hotpot at a neighborhood eatery.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Chongqing

Expert Journey Insights:

Direct non-stop flights from Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Chongqing (CKG) operate daily with a flight time of approximately 4 hours and 35 minutes. Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport is located about 25 kilometers north of downtown Jiefangbei, taking roughly 35 to 45 minutes by private transfer depending on traffic. Malaysian passport holders traveling to China for tourism can take advantage of China's visa-free entry policy for stays up to 15 days, making immigration procedures at CKG fast and straightforward.

Day 2: Historic River Ports & Cyberpunk Urban Marvels — Ciqikou, Liziba Monorail & Hongya Cave

Uncover the dramatic contrast between Chongqing's rich history and futuristic urban design. Begin your morning at **Ciqikou Ancient Town**, a 1,000-year-old river port lined with Ming and Qing Dynasty timber architecture, vibrant artisan workshops, and street vendors selling crispy *Mahua* dough twists. Continue to the **Three Gorges Museum** to explore regional history along the Yangtze River, stepping outside afterward to photograph the grand dome of the Chongqing People's Assembly Hall.

In the afternoon, head to the famous **Liziba Metro Station** to witness Chongqing's viral monorail passing directly through the middle of a 19-story residential apartment building. Conclude your day at **Hongya Cave**, an 11-story cliffside complex of traditional stilted wooden houses (*Diaojiaolou*). Watch as the complex lights up at dusk along the Jialing River, offering iconic night views and authentic local hotpot dining experiences before returning to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Chongqing

Expert Journey Insights:

Exploring Ciqikou Ancient Town involves navigating stone steps and cobblestone alleyways, so wearing comfortable walking shoes is essential. The best viewing spot for the Liziba train-through-building monorail is the designated viewing platform directly across the main road on the ground level, which offers unobstructed camera angles for capturing approaching trains. Hongya Cave experiences high evening foot traffic, particularly between 7:30 PM and 9:30 PM when the golden façade lights are fully illuminated, making early evening arrivals ideal for photography along the Jialing River bridge.

Day 3: High-Speed Bullet Train to Chengdu — Panda Encounters, Three Kingdoms Heritage & Jinli Nightlife

Board a swift morning high-speed bullet train from Chongqing to Chengdu, crossing the Sichuan Basin in just under two hours. Upon arrival, your local Chengdu guide and private driver will welcome you at the railway station and escort you directly to the **Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding**. Spend a delightful morning observing active giant pandas munching fresh bamboo, climbing trees, and playing outdoors, while also spotting rare red pandas along lush bamboo forest paths.

In the afternoon, dive into the captivating history of China's Three Kingdoms era at **Wuhou Temple**, a tranquil shrine dedicated to the legendary strategist Zhuge Liang and Emperor Liu Bei. Stroll past iconic red walls and serene courtyard gardens before concluding your day along neighboring **Jinli Ancient Street**, where traditional Qing Dynasty architecture, folk artisan stalls, local street food snacks, and red lanterns create a vibrant evening atmosphere before check-in at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Chengdu

Expert Journey Insights:

High-speed trains between Chongqing West / Shapingba Stations and Chengdu East Station operate frequently with a journey time of approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. Visiting Wuhou Temple and Jinli Ancient Street consecutively is highly convenient as Jinli Street directly adjoins the eastern wall of the Wuhou Temple complex. For guests interested in taking photos along Wuhou Temple's famous curved Red Wall pathway, afternoon sunlight provides the best natural lighting through the surrounding bamboo groves.

Day 4: High-Speed Ascent to the Min Mountains — Express Bullet Train to Huanglong Jiuzhai Station & Valley Transfer

Following breakfast at your hotel, your private driver will escort you to Chengdu East Railway Station for your modern high-speed train journey into northern Sichuan's high-altitude mountain region. Relax on a comfortable 1.5-to-2-hour bullet train ride as the urban cityscapes give way to dramatic river gorges, high-altitude alpine meadows, and snow-capped peaks of the Minshan Range.

Upon arrival at **Huanglong Jiuzhai Station**, your local mountain guide and private chauffeur will meet you at the station exit and assist with your luggage. Enjoy a scenic 2-hour overland drive (approx. 90 km) passing traditional Tibetan villages, prayer-flag-draped mountain passes, and alpine pine forests directly to your hotel near the entrance of Jiuzhaigou Valley, where you can unwind and prepare for tomorrow's full-day nature exploration.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jiuzhaigou

Expert Journey Insights:

The high-speed railway connecting Chengdu East to Huanglong Jiuzhai Station significantly reduces transit time compared to former 8-hour bus journeys. Huanglong Jiuzhai Station sits at an altitude of approximately 3,000 meters above sea level. Guests are advised to avoid strenuous physical exertion upon arrival, stay well-hydrated, and keep warm clothes accessible as temperatures drop noticeably when transitioning from the Chengdu Basin into the high mountain valley.

Day 5: Fairyland of Alpine Lakes & Multi-Tiered Waterfalls — Full-Day Jiuzhaigou Valley Exploration

Set off after breakfast for an unforgettable full-day journey through the UNESCO World Heritage realm of Jiuzhaigou National Park. Accompanied by your expert guide, board the park's eco-friendly sightseeing shuttle to navigate the iconic Y-shaped valley system, home to turquoise alpine lakes, cascading waterfalls, and ancient snow-capped peaks.

Explore the park's highlight zones along well-maintained wooden boardwalks, visiting the deep blue Long Lake in Zechawa Valley, the multicolored Five-Flower Lake and Pearl Shoal Waterfalls in Rize Valley, and the wide travertine curtains of Nuorilang Waterfall. Conclude your afternoon descending through Shuzheng Valley past historic Tibetan watermills, prayer-flag-draped villages, and shimmering terraced lakes before returning to your hotel near the park entrance.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jiuzhaigou

Expert Journey Insights:

Arriving at the park entrance by 7:30 AM allows guests to bypass peak tour group congestion and capture serene morning reflections across Mirror Lake. The national park operates an efficient hop-on-hop-off sightseeing bus network, enabling travelers to comfortably alternate between scenic rides and light boardwalk walking. While buffet lunch options are available at Nuorilang Tourist Center, packing light snacks or a private picnic allows guests to dine peacefully along quiet lakefront wooden boardwalks away from main crowds.

Day 6: Multi-Colored Calcified Travertine Ponds — Huanglong Alpine Excursion & High-Speed Bullet Train to Chengdu

Depart Jiuzhaigou after breakfast for a scenic 2-hour mountain drive to **Huanglong National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site celebrated for its vibrant travertine terraces that cascade down the valley like a glistening yellow dragon. Take a comfortable cable car ascent to the upper mountain ridge, followed by a gentle downhill walk along wooden boardwalks to explore the famous **Five-Colored Ponds**, where nearly 700 azure and emerald pools reflect surrounding snow-capped peaks.

Continue descending past historic mountain monasteries, travertine waterfalls, and dense alpine forests before meeting your private driver at the park exit. Transfer directly to Huanglong Jiuzhai Station for your high-speed train ride back to Chengdu, where your local guide will meet you upon arrival at Chengdu East Railway Station and escort you to your downtown hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Chengdu

Expert Journey Insights:

Huanglong National Park sits at high elevations between 3,200 and 3,600 meters above sea level, making the cable-car-up and walking-down route the most comfortable way to prevent altitude fatigue. Visitors are advised to walk at a relaxed pace, stay hydrated, and take advantage of oxygen supply stations located along the main boardwalk routes. Note that cable car operations inside Huanglong National Park are typically suspended during winter maintenance periods from late November through March, during which alternative sightseeing arrangements can be coordinated.

Day 7: Cross-Province Express Transit to the Sandstone Peaks — High-Speed Train to Zhangjiajie

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before your private driver escorts you to Chengdu East Railway Station for your direct high-speed train journey east into Hunan Province. Relax as modern bullet trains whisk you across scenic river valleys and lush mountain terrain, arriving in Zhangjiajie—the legendary realm of towering sandstone pillars that inspired the floating Hallelujah Mountains in the movie *Avatar*.

Upon arrival at Zhangjiajie Railway Station, your local guide and private driver will welcome you at the exit, assist with your luggage, and escort you on a comfortable 45-minute drive to your hotel in the Wulingyuan Scenic Area. Check in and enjoy a relaxing evening at your leisure to recharge for your upcoming mountain adventures.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Wulingyuan Area

Expert Journey Insights:

Direct high-speed train routes from Chengdu to Zhangjiajie take approximately 4.5 to 6 hours depending on the specific train code. In seasons when direct flight or direct train schedules are limited, seamless high-speed train connections via Changsha South Station offer a highly reliable alternative, with the final Changsha-to-Zhangjiajie leg taking just 2 hours. Staying directly in the Wulingyuan Area provides immediate morning access to the main entrance gates of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, avoiding daily long-distance commutes from downtown Zhangjiajie city.

Day 8: Real-Life Avatar World & Peak Forest Panoramas — Yuanjiajie & Tianzi Mountain

Board a comfortable park shuttle after breakfast to enter the UNESCO-listed Wulingyuan Scenic Area, home to over 3,000 sandstone pillars rising sharply from lush mountain gorges. Ascend 326 meters in just 66 seconds aboard the record-breaking **Bailong Elevator** to reach **Yuanjiajie**, the inspiration for the floating Hallelujah Mountains in *Avatar*. Walk along cliffside edge trails to photograph iconic landmarks, including the South Sky Pillar, the Lost Soul Platform, and the natural archway of the First Bridge Under Heaven.

Following a regional lunch break, transfer by shuttle to **Tianzi Mountain Nature Reserve**, known as the "King of Peaks" for its vast panoramic rock formations. Marvel at the misty canyon views from Dianjiangtai Platform, photograph the famous Imperial Writing Brush Peaks, and explore He Long Park and Tianzige Pavilion before taking the cable car down and returning to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Wulingyuan Area

Expert Journey Insights:

During high tourist seasons, private guides may smartly invert the visiting sequence between Yuanjiajie and Tianzi Mountain to minimize queuing times at shuttle hubs and the Bailong Elevator. Wearing sturdy walking shoes with good grip is essential for navigating the stone cliffside trails throughout the park.

Day 9: Thrilling Glass Bridge Walkway & Tranquil Alpine Boat Cruise — Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon to Baofeng Lake

Meet your guide after breakfast for a scenic 1.5-hour drive (56 km) east to Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon, home to one of the world's most spectacular architectural feats—the **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge**. Designed by Israeli architect Haim Dotan, this transparent walkway spans 375 meters across a deep gorge, suspended 300 meters above the canyon floor. Walk across the glass panels for breathtaking vertical views into lush forests and misty ravines, or brave the optional world's highest commercial bungee jump.

After lunch, trade high-altitude thrills for serene mountain waters at **Baofeng Lake**, an emerald alpine reservoir nestled among sharp quartz pillars. Board a traditional wooden boat for a relaxing 45-minute cruise across crystal-clear waters, listening to authentic folk melodies sung by local Tujia musicians along the shoreline. In the late afternoon, enjoy a comfortable 1-hour drive (35 km) to Zhangjiajie City for your evening stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Zhangjiajie City

Expert Journey Insights:

To protect the transparent surface of the Glass Bridge, guests are provided with protective shoe covers prior to stepping onto the walkways; belongings such as professional tripods and metal-framed backpacks are restricted on the bridge span. Combining the exhilarating Glass Bridge with a peaceful afternoon boat ride on Baofeng Lake offers a perfectly balanced itinerary. Transferring to Zhangjiajie City in the late afternoon sets up ideal logistics for an early morning departure or an efficient transfer to nearby Tianmen Mountain the following day.

Day 10: Sacred Mountain Cableway & High-Speed Rail Southward — Tianmen Mountain to Guangzhou

Embark on a thrilling morning excursion up **Tianmen Mountain**, celebrated as the "Soul of Zhangjiajie." Board the world's longest passenger cable car (7,455 meters) from downtown Zhangjiajie for a 30-minute aerial ride over green valley basin floors and the serpentine 99-Bends Road to Heaven. At the summit, brave the transparent Glass Skywalk and cliffside walkways suspended 1,430 meters above the canyon, visit Qing-style Tianmen Temple, and take in bird's-eye views from Yunmeng Fairy Summit (1,518m).

Descend via mountain escalators to the iconic **Tianmen Cave** (Heaven's Gate), a monumental natural water-eroded archway towering 131.5 meters high. After photographing the mist-shrouded aperture, descend the 999 Staircase—or take the cliffside elevator—before taking the cableway back down to the city. Following lunch, your guide will escort you to Zhangjiajie Railway Station for your express high-speed train ride south to Guangzhou, where a local transfer team will meet you at the station and escort you to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Guangzhou

Expert Journey Insights:

Walking on the mountain summit's transparent Glass Skywalk requires a nominal shoe cover fee (5 RMB per person paid on site) to keep the glass clear for photography. Transiting from Zhangjiajie to Guangzhou via high-speed bullet train offers a smooth land connection to Southern

China's Lingnan region; keeping passports handy inside your daypack ensures seamless boarding verification at high-speed railway terminals.

Day 11: Lingnan Architectural Masterpieces & Modern Pearl River Skyline — Full-Day Guangzhou Highlights

Discover the rich cultural dualities of Guangdong's provincial capital today, starting with a morning visit to the historic **Chen Clan Ancestral Hall**, a world-renowned masterpiece of Lingnan architecture adorned with intricate brick, wood, and stone carvings. Continue into the historic Xiguan district for a peaceful walk along **Lychee Bay**, past traditional banyan-shaded canals, Xiguan grand mansions, and the Lychee Bay Grand Theater. Pause at a classic teahouse to experience authentic Cantonese *Yum Cha* (morning tea), sampling hand-crafted dim sum such as fresh shrimp dumplings, barbecue pork buns, and red rice sausage rolls.

In the afternoon, explore **Yongqing Fang** along historic Enning Road, where traditional *Qilou* (arcade-fronted building) streetscapes seamlessly house modern art galleries, boutique craft shops, and trendy cafes. Conclude your day on Guangzhou's dynamic modern central axis at **Huacheng Square**, where you can marvel at Zaha Hadid's Guangzhou Opera House and admire panoramic views of the slender **Canton Tower** soaring above the Pearl River before returning to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Guangzhou

Expert Journey Insights:

Guangzhou's traditional Yum Cha culture relies heavily on leisurely pacing, so allowing a generous lunch window ensures you can sample signature dim sum dishes paired with freshly brewed Tieguanyin or Pu'er tea just like local residents. In the evening, an optional 60-minute Pearl River night cruise offers spectacular photographic angles of the illuminated Canton Tower and modern CBD skyline.

Day 12: Homeward Flight to Kuala Lumpur — Private Airport Departure Transfer

Savor a relaxing final breakfast at your Guangzhou hotel before meeting your private driver and guide in the lobby for your comfortable airport transfer. Journey north to Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN), enjoying a smooth, stress-free ride as you reflect on your unforgettable multi-region voyage across Sichuan, Zhangjiajie, and Lingnan.

Upon arrival at the terminal, your guide will assist with luggage handling, flight check-in, and tax-refund procedures if needed before escorting you to security boarding gates for your direct flight back to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL). Board your approximately 4.5-hour non-stop flight, concluding your journey through China with wonderful memories and photos.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: /

Expert Journey Insights:

Direct international flights connecting Guangzhou (CAN) and Kuala Lumpur (KUL) are operated

daily by major carriers including China Southern Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia, and Batik Air Malaysia. Private chauffeured transfers depart hotel lobbies approximately 3 to 3.5 hours prior to international flight departures to ensure ample buffer time for check-in and immigration security clearance.

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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