

6 Days Chongqing Zhangjiajie Tour: Magical Adventure (City & Nature)

Trip overview

Embark on an unforgettable 6-day journey connecting two of Southwest China's most mesmerizing destinations: the vibrant 3D mountain city of **Chongqing** and the otherworldly sandstone peaks of **Zhangjiajie**.

Begin your adventure in **Chongqing**, exploring its surreal multi-dimensional cityscape, watching trains pass through residential buildings at **Libaiba Station**, and taking in the glowing stilted architecture of **Hongyadong** at night. Then, board a seamless 2.5-hour high-speed train across the rolling karst mountainscapes to **Zhangjiajie**. Here, you will soar to the clouds on the world's longest cableway at **Tianmen Mountain**, ride the world's tallest outdoor elevator (**Bailong Elevator**) up to the real-life Avatar Hallelujah Mountains in **Yuanjiajie**, walk across the thrilling **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge**, and immerse yourself in Tujia ethnic culture at the magnificent **72 Strange Buildings**.

Designed with flexible pacing, expert private guides, and comfortable ground transit, this 6-day tour offers a perfect balance of urban wonder, dramatic natural geology, and rich local heritage.

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

Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to the 3D Cyberpunk City — Chongqing Arrival & Check-in

Welcome to **Chongqing**, China's legendary "Cyberpunk City" and trending global destination! Perched dramatically along steep hillsides at the majestic confluence of the **Yangtze River** and **Jialing River**, this vertical metropolis captivates travelers with its layered 3D urban architecture, multi-tiered sky bridges, and glowing night skyline that earns it the nickname "Little Hong Kong."

Upon your arrival at **Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (CKG)**, **Chongqing West Railway Station**, **Chongqing North Railway Station**, or **Chaotianmen Port**, your local guide

and driver will meet you for a private comfortable transfer to your downtown hotel. After checking in, spend your evening relaxing or step out to savor the rich, aromatic flavors of authentic Sichuan hotpot in the undisputed Hotpot Capital of China.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Hotel in Chongqing Downtown

Expert Journey Insights:

*Chongqing's unique vertical topography means "ground floor" can often be on the 8th or 10th level of a building; when exploring on your own this evening near **Jiefangbei Central Business District** or **Hongyadong**, rely on local navigation apps or ask your guide for navigation tips. If you plan to head out for late-night hotpot, don't hesitate to ask your guide for local non-spicy broth (yuanyang dual-flavor pot) recommendations if you prefer a milder taste.*

Day 2: Chongqing City Highlights — Ancient Heritage to 3D Urban Wonders

Start your morning with a journey into living history at **Ciqikou Ancient Town**. Dating back over 1,000 years to the Ming and Qing Dynasties, this former porcelain trade hub features flagstone alleyways, traditional teahouses, and lively street artisan stalls. Stroll through the historic lanes, sample crispy local *Mahua* (fried dough twists), and soak in the vibrant heritage atmosphere.

In the afternoon, dive deep into the region's rich history at the **Three Gorges Museum**, home to over 280,000 historical relics detailing the cultural evolution of Chongqing and the natural history of the **Yangtze River**. Step outside to admire and photograph the magnificent **Chongqing People's Great Hall** (*People's Assembly Hall*) before heading to witness one of the city's most famous urban phenomena—**Liziba Metro Station**, where Monorail Line 2 passes directly through a 19-story residential apartment building.

Conclude your day at **Hongya Cave** (*Hongyadong*), nestled along the cliffs of the **Jialing River** near **Chaotianmen Square**. Explore its multi-tiered wooden stilt buildings (*Diaojiailou*), sample authentic Chongqing hotpot, and watch as dusk transforms the complex into a glowing, gold-lit architectural marvel against the modern skyline.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Chongqing Downtown

Expert Journey Insights:

*Today involves walking along cobblestone paths and climbing multiple stairways inherent to Chongqing's vertical topography, so wearing comfortable walking shoes is highly recommended. For the best views of **Hongya Cave** as night falls, walk out onto the pedestrian footpath of **Qiansimen Jialing River Bridge** or the riverside promenade across from the complex to capture panoramic photo shots of the glowing stilted structures.*

Day 3: High-Speed Rail Transit to Zhangjiajie & Tianmen Mountain Exploration

Board a morning high-speed train from **Chongqing** across the rolling karst landscapes of Western Hunan to **Zhangjiajie**, the world-famous natural inspiration for the Hallelujah Mountains in *Avatar*. Upon arrival at **Zhangjiajie West Railway Station**, meet your local guide and driver for a short

private transfer to the downtown hub to begin your alpine adventure at **Tianmen Mountain National Forest Park**.

Known as the "Soul of Zhangjiajie," **Tianmen Mountain** is accessible directly from the city via the world's longest passenger cableway (7,455 meters). Board the 30-minute cable car ride over lush peaks, offering bird's-eye views of the famous **99-Bend Road to Heaven**. At the summit, walk along the suspended **Cliff-Hanging Walkway** and test your courage on the thrilling 60-meter-long **Glass Skywalk**, hovering high above the deep valley below. Optionally visit the serene, Qing-style **Tianmen Temple** or take in 360-degree views from **Yunmeng Fairy Summit** (*Yunmenxianding*).

Descend via the mountain-transiting escalator to **Tianmen Cave** (*Heaven's Gate Hole*), a grand natural mountain archway often framed by swirling clouds and light beams. Stand beneath the massive natural aperture before taking the escalator or walking down the 999 steep steps to complete your tour. Afterward, transfer to your hotel in **Wulingyuan** for check-in and relaxation.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Wulingyuan, Zhangjiajie

Expert Journey Insights:

*This afternoon's visit to **Tianmen Mountain** offers flexible routing for all mobility levels. While descending from **Tianmen Cave** via the 999 Staircase is a popular tradition, taking the mountain-embedded interior escalator provides a gentle, knee-friendly alternative. Note that walking on the **Glass Skywalk** requires a small shoe cover fee (5 RMB per person, paid on-site).*

Day 4: The Real-Life Avatar World — Zhangjiajie National Forest Park to Tianzi Mountain

Start your morning in **Zhangjiajie National Forest Park**, China's premier national forest sanctuary, world-famous for its thousands of rising quartz-sandstone pillars. Board the park shuttle to the **Bailong Elevator**—the world's tallest outdoor glass elevator—and soar 326 meters up the sheer cliff face in just 66 seconds. Arrive at the summit of the **Yuanjiajie Scenic Area**, the iconic landscape that inspired the floating Hallelujah Mountains in James Cameron's *Avatar*.

Follow the cliffside precipice trail in **Yuanjiajie** to witness breathtaking geological marvels, including the **Southern Sky Column** (*Avatar Hallelujah Mountain*), the **First Bridge Under Heaven** (*Natural Bridge*), and **Enchanting Stand** (*Lost Soul Platform*). After lunch, transfer via eco-shuttle to **Tianzi Mountain Nature Reserve**, revered as the "*King of Peak Forests*." Marvel at the dramatic spire formations at **Dianjiangtai Platform** and the **Imperial Writing Brush Peaks**, before taking in sweeping 360-degree panoramas from **Tianzige Pavilion**. Descend via the **Tianzi Mountain Cableway** and return to your hotel in **Wulingyuan** for overnight relaxation.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Wulingyuan, Zhangjiajie

Expert Journey Insights:

Today's tour covers core high-altitude viewing platforms in **Zhangjiajie National Forest Park** linked by eco-friendly park buses and mountain cableways. During peak travel seasons, your guide may flexibly optimize the sequence between **Yuanjiajie** and **Tianzi Mountain** to bypass queue lines at the **Bailong Elevator** and cableway stations, ensuring a seamless and leisurely sightseeing experience.

Day 5: Canyon Thrills & Tujia Cultural Wonders — Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge to 72 Strange Buildings

Depart **Wulingyuan** after breakfast for a scenic drive to the **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon**. Experience the thrill of walking across the famous **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge** (*Yuntiandu*), an architectural marvel spanning 375 meters across a deep gorge, suspended 300 meters above the canyon floor. Walk along transparent glass panels for panoramic canyon views, or observe thrill-seekers taking on the world's highest bungee jump platform.

Descend into the lush depths of **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon** along gentle wooden walkways framed by towering limestone cliffs, cascading streams, and emerald pools. Discover natural highlights including **Butterfly Waterfall** and **Rainbow Waterfall**, ending with a peaceful boat ride across the calm canyon reservoir. In the evening, transfer to downtown **Zhangjiajie City** to explore the **72 Strange Buildings** (*72 Qi Lou*), a Guinness World Record-holding stilted architecture complex showcasing Tujia ethnic heritage, street performances, and vibrant night food markets.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Zhangjiajie Downtown

Expert Journey Insights:

*Today's tour offers a well-paced combination of aerial canyon views and relaxing lowland valley walks. To ensure safety and clear photography along the **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge**, personal belongings such as metal thermos flasks or large cameras with telephoto lenses must be stored in secure lockers at the entrance, so carrying a lightweight mobile phone with a protective lanyard is highly recommended.*

Day 6: Farewell to Zhangjiajie — Hotel Check-out & Onward Departure

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel in **Zhangjiajie City** before completing your check-out procedures. Depending on your flight or train schedule, spend your remaining time relaxing or picking up local Tujia handicrafts and souvenirs.

At the designated time, your private guide and driver will meet you in the hotel lobby for a comfortable transfer to **Zhangjiajie Hehua International Airport (DYG)** or **Zhangjiajie West Railway Station** for your flight or high-speed train to your next destination. Thank you for choosing Asia Odyssey Travel, and we wish you a safe and memorable journey home or onward across China!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: / (End of Tour)

Expert Journey Insights:

*For international flights departing from **Zhangjiajie Hehua International Airport**, we recommend scheduling your airport arrival 2.5 to 3 hours prior to departure, while domestic high-speed rail departures from **Zhangjiajie West Railway Station** require about 45 to 60 minutes for security check and ticket validation. If you have a late afternoon or evening departure, your private guide will be happy to recommend luggage storage options or an additional local cultural stop in town.*

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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