

# 12 Days Sichuan

## The Last Shangri-la

### Dao Cheng Ya Ding Jiu Long



#### Day 1 / Singapore - Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu, the guide will meet you and take you have sightseeing in Chengdu city, covers **Wuhou Temple** and **Culture Village**. Overnight in Chengdu. (D)

#### Day 02 / Chengdu - Wolong Nature Reserve - Danba County (380km)

After breakfast we head for Danba County and along the way we will pass the **Dujiangyan Irrigation Project** and **Wolong Nature Reserve**, the largest **Giant Panda sanctuary** in China. Arrive Danba County (1900m) and check into our hotel. Overnight in Danba. (BLD)

#### Day 03 / Danba - Bamei - Xindu Bridge (360km)

Today we enter the **Donggu (Eastern Valley)** scenic zone via a scenic drive through the **Baimei grasslands** to arrive at **Xindu Bridge (3300m)** famed for its outstanding scenery. Overnight in Xindu Bridge. (BLD)

#### Day 04 / Xindu Bridge - Yajiang - Litang - Dao Cheng (360km)

This morning we gain altitude as we drive towards **Dao Cheng (3700m)**. The road climbs over several passes to arrive at **Litang**, at 4100m, is one of highest towns in the world. From there, it's another 3 hours to **Dao Cheng**. Overnight in Dao Cheng. (BLD)

#### Day 05 / Dao Cheng - Hongchaodi - Ben Bo Temple (3700m)

Day trip to visit **Hongchaodi (Red Grass Lake)**, a lovely lake fringed with red shrubs; the landscapes are simple breathtaking. We also visit the **Ben Bo Temple** a 900-year old monastery. Overnight in Dao Cheng. (BLD)

#### Day 06 / Dao Cheng - Riwa - Yading Nature Reserve

We enter the **Yading Nature Reserve** today, home of three sacred Tibetan mountains - **Chenresig (6032m)**, **Jambayang (5958m)**, and **Chanadorje (5958m)**. Tibetan Buddhists believe that making a **kora (pilgrimage)** around these mountains brings great

merit, and that the three mountains represent **compassion, wisdom and energy** - attributes one must cultivate on the path to enlightenment. The **Nature Reserve** here easily rivals that of national parks of the West such as **Yellowstone** and **Yosemite** for its spectacular, pristine mountain scenery. Overnight in Yading. (BLD)

#### Day 07 / Yading - Chonggu Temple - Luorong Pasture - Riwa (4150m)

After breakfast we drive to **Chonggu Temple**. Located at the apex of the 3 sacred mountains the small Tibetan monastery is an ideal base to start exploring the **Luorong Pastures** on horseback. With our packed lunch we can spend the whole day on this high plateau wooded with firs, spruce and larch which results in a riot of colours in autumn. We make our way to the foot of **Mt Chanadorje**, where we'll ascend a



small but steep hill to view a beautiful mountaintop emerald green lake. Local lore has it that this magical lake can reveal your future if you spend a few moments in quiet contemplation by its side. We return to **Riwa** in the late afternoon. Overnight in Riwa. (BLD)

#### Day 08 / Riwa - Dao Cheng - Xindu Bridge (3300m)

We backtrack to **Dao Cheng** today stopping at the various scenic sights. Overnight in Xindu Bridge. (BLD)

#### Day 09 / Xindu Bridge - Jiulong (180km)

**Jiulong (2950m)** is located right in the centre of where the **Tibetan, Yi and Han** ethnic groups converge. Hence, the ethnic structure, architecture and food there are all good examples of the "**Tibetan-Yi Corridor**". **Jiulong (Nine Dragon) County** is small, its city zone is rather clean, imbued with a light Tibetan flavour. Overnight in Jiulong. (BLD)

#### Day 10 / Jiulong - day excursion to Wuxu Lake (3670m)

**Wuxu Lake** or **Wuxuhai**, meaning "a

brilliant and dazzling lake" in Tibetan language, at 3670m, is reputed to be the "**No. 1 Lake on the South Side of Gongga Mountain**." Surrounded by a dense forest, the lake has transparent blue and crystal clear water. Amid the underbrush there is a small road along which the travellers can circumambulate the lake. On the lake is a lush summer meadow, where Tibetans living in **Wuxu Puzi (meaning village in Tibetan language)** pasture their sheep and cattle in April and November. Overnight in Jiulong. (BLD)

#### Day 11 / Jiulong - Kangding - Chengdu

After breakfast we drive back to Chengdu via **Kangding**, an important highway hub to Tibet. (BLD)

#### Day 12 / Chengdu - Singapore

Visit **Huanglong old town** after breakfast, Free at own leisure after lunch. (BL)

#### Tour Cost Includes

- Return airfare from Singapore to Chengdu
- Guided sightseeing tours with all entry fees
- **Transfers by 4WD**
- Travel permit, Tibet visa &
- Airport transfers

#### Tour Cost Excludes

- Airport Taxes/Fuel Charge/War Insurance
- Travel Insurance
- Tips & gratuities
- China Visa (Not necessary for Singaporean Passport Holders visiting China for more less 15 days)
- Emergency evacuation or alternative transfers incase of road blocks, etc.

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#### TOUR COST PER PERSON

Min. 12pax: S\$2388

#### Single Room Supplement

S\$280

#### TOUR DEPARTS

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