



**NANDAS**  
TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS

## EXPLORE YUANYANG

### A SEVEN DAY MAGICAL WINTER IN YUNNAN

#### DAY ONE HONG KONG - KUNMING

- Depart Hong Kong 1200 hrs., arrives 1435 hrs., If time permits, transfer to visit the old section part of Kunming in the downtown area.

#### DAY TWO KUNMING – STONE FOREST (1.5-hour drive)

- **YUANTONG TEMPLE** One of the oldest Buddhist temples of Kunming. Founded under the Tang dynasty (618-907) and rebuilt under the Yuan (1276-1368).
- **DOUNAN FLOWER MARKET** Famous wholesale flower market, it one of Asia's biggest flowers trading market.
- **STONE FOREST, KARST LANDFORMS** With an elevation ranging from 1,625 to 1,900 meters above sea level; it is known as the "First Wonder of the World ". It is a special type of karst landform with towering rock pillars, like a forest of stones, hence the name.

#### DAY THREE STONE FOREST – YUANYANG (4.5-hour drive)

- **DONGFENGYUN SCENIC AREA** The vast Dongfengyun Scenic Area is truly a gem, with its picturesque red brick buildings. The scenic area provides serene moments for morning and evening photography without the hustle and bustle of tourists.
- **BADA** Bada Rice Terraces are a part of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces, listed as World Heritage Site in 2013. The 950-hectare Bada Rice Terraces are like the ladders to the heaven with over 3700 levels, rising up from 800 meters to 2000 meters.





## DAY FOUR YUANYANG

- **PADDY FIELDS IN DUOYISHU** There are many countries with rice terraces, but none of them are as nearly as amazing as Yuanyang. Duoishu, famous for the sea of clouds that, early in the morning, covers part of the terraces: truly a beautiful sight. This place is named after the nearby village, and the Hani people call this place “the paradise on earth”.
- **YUANYANG MORNING MARKET** Besides the famous and UNESCO rated rice terraces in Yuanyang, the local morning markets are another highlight visitors should not miss. The lively and colourful events take place regularly in various villages and are a great opportunity to deep dive into local customs. The rural street market is an event for all senses.
- **HANI VILLAGE** it has distinctive qualities that are not present in other traditional villages, like its Village God Door, its Sacred Forest, its Sacred Mountain Water, mushroom houses, water powered roller, and an impressive village square. If you are blessed enough, visit this village and wait for the mountain fog in broad daylight – it makes everything surreal.
- **RICE FIELD HIKE**



## DAY FIVE YUANYANG - JIANSHUI (2.5-hour drive)

- **JIANSHUI** The small town of Jianshui is one of China's national key heritage sites and cultural towns. Built during the Tang Dynasty and boasting a history of over 1200 years, it is best known for its ancient walled city, preserved gardens, and street foods.
- **WANYAO VILLAGE** Thanks to its residences, temples and opera stages dating back to the 14th century, Wanyao Village is a major tourist attraction in China. potteries of Jianshui had become fine artefacts with profound cultural connotations, ranging from tea sets to stationery and wine sets. There are many a former site of pottery kilns scattering in Wanyao Village.
- **ZHU FAMILY RESIDENCE** 214 rooms and 42 courtyards of what was once southern Yunnan's largest private residence, located in Jianshui county, Honghe prefecture. The extravagant house and grounds, completed in 1910 after more than three decades of construction, are full of splendid courtyards, colourful orchards, and magnificent gardens containing all manner of exotic flora.



## DAY SIX JIANSHUI



- **CHAORYANG ARCH** The Chaoyang Gateway Arch was built as the town's eastern gate (The Yinghui Gate). The huge three-story structure occupies an area of 414 square meters and has a height of 24.5 meters, overlooking the thousands of households of the county
- **TEMPLE OF CONFUCIUS** Jianshui's most famous temple was modelled after the temple in Confucius' hometown of Qufu (Shandong province) and finished in 1285; it covers 7.5 hectares and is the third-largest Confucian temple in China. The temple operated as a school for nearly 750 years – its academic credentials were such that more than half of all Yunnan's successful candidates in imperial examinations during this period came from Jianshui.



- **LITTLE TRAIN OF THE FRENCH** Taking “the hundred-year-old little train to go back centuries” has become a must-do when visiting Jianshui. By the little train and in the wobbly wooden compartments, you can appreciate idyllic scenery and chat about childhood memories.
- **TUANSHAN** A rare surviving example of a traditional walled Yunnan village compound in southwestern China, Tuanshan was founded as a mining centre in the late fourteenth century. Most of its well-preserved residences, gateways, temples, ancestral halls, and walls date from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when the village prospered from trade with southeast Asia, made possible by the Yunnan-Vietnam railroad.

## DAY SEVEN JIANSHUI - KUNMING AIRPORT (2.5-hour drive)

- Morning breakfast, you will drive to Kunming airport for flight to Hong Kong by air 1405 hrs, arrives 1605 hrs.

