

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1 Laos/China

Met by your guide at Mogan border in the afternoon, clear the customs and drive to Mengla County and do vehicles and drivers checks and licensing.

Ride 45K

Day 2 Mengla/Jinghong/Lancang 330K

Day 3 Lancang/Lincang 262K

Day 4 Lancang/Weishan/Dali(1900m)

After breakfast, we will start riding pass the mountain pass between Chuxiong and Dali and descending to Xiangyun basin where you will see local agriculture and villages. We will arrive in Dali old town in a good time to explore this cultural city in the afternoon. Dali the walled city, located on the cross road of both culture and trade between Han Chinese and southwestern minorities, is an ancient city of 2000 year of history. (Ride 260KM)(B,L,D)

Day 5 Dali-Lijiang (2400m)

We will ride to the Three Pagodas and visit the splendid temple. The Three Pagodas were built in 17th century, is the land mark of Dali. Ride on the foot of the Cangshan Mountain we will cruise along the Erhai Lake and have many possible stops around the lake to watch the agriculture and local life. We will pass Xizhou to pay a visit to this interesting Bai Village to have a close look of the Bai Architectures. We then start a long climb before we reach Lijiang. The mountain ride is another highlight of the day. We arrive in Lijiang in late afternoon. Lijiang is the UNESCO world heritage which attracts crowds of visitors all year around. (Ride 180KM)

Day 6 Lijiang (2400m)

Lijiang. Set at a refreshing altitude of 7,800 feet, Lijiang is the capital of the Naxi Autonomous prefecture. Its charming old center is a world of cobbled streets, canals, and stone bridges that date from the Ming Dynasty. You will be free for you to explore the maze of the old town.

Day 7 Lijiang– Shangri_la (3300m)

We will leave Lijiang and ride to the third deepest Gorge in the world, Tiger Leaping Gorge. We will ride through the gorge and get to Haba Snow Mountain, a simple lunch at a family guesthouse we will continue to Shangri_la County

or Gyelthang, is where the Tibetan and Chinese worlds meet. Until recently, it was the northernmost open point for foreign travelers in Yunnan. Zhongdian is now a modern city at the edge of the vast Tibetan plateau. (Ride 279 km)

Day 8 Scenic Mountain Drive to Deqin (3400m)

Ride about five hours to Deqin. The drive takes you northwest through some stunning scenery that gives you a taste of what to expect on your ride. While there has been extensive logging in this part of Yunnan, enough forest cover remains to get a good sense of the enormous bio-diversity of this area. This region is part of the enormous new Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site created through the assistance of the Nature Conservancy. The road offers spectacular snowy mountain views. Logging is banned and there are active programs of reforestation throughout the county. You will stop at the Dongdrupling Gumpa, the second largest in the region and undergoing reconstruction. There may also be time to visit the Shusong Nunnery. The region is famous for the production of bowls made from local azalea wood. Deqin is the last township of Yunnan's northwestern most county, and it sits on the border with Tibet to the west and Myanmar (Burma) to the southwest. (Ride 195KM)

Day 9 Deqin - Cizhong Village(1870m) – Weixi (2320m)

Kawa Karpo, at 6,740m, is today one of the highest unclimbed peaks in the world. We will travel through the great river trenches and encounter a few minority villages. Ride on world's most beautiful mountain road to one of Tibet's most sacred mountains. Today you will descend from high Deqin to the scenic, subtropical Mekong Valley. You will ride along the Mekong to Cizhong, where you will visit the village church built of stone in the early 20th century. This church remarkably escaped destruction in the Cultural Revolution. It is the center of a rapidly-expanding grape growing region. We will visit this beautiful village and the church. Follow the Mekong we will arrive in Weixi County. (Ride 228KM)

Day 10 Weixi - Yangtze River(1900m) – Shaxi Village (2075 m)

After breakfast, you will be ride about two hours to the mighty Yangtze River. We had ridden cross the watershed and the mighty river trenches of Asia. Follow the Yangtse we will ride in this beautiful valley and pass some small villages. We stop at the great bend of the Yangtze for lunch. Continue driving to Shaxi. Another memorable drive that will take us into the heart of rural Yunnan as we ride along the 'Old Caravan' road past tranquil scenes of mud brick villages, bamboo groves, rivers, and paddy fields through rural scenery takes us to Shaxi. You really sense a feeling of timelessness, as the way of life here has remained unchanged for centuries. (Ride 235KM)

Day 11 Shaxi-Shuanglang (1897m)

We will spend this morning to visit this beautiful village of Shaxi and its many interesting temple and old houses. After lunch we start with another beautiful day of riding on the once very busy tea horse caravan route. The road was used by the horse caravans transporting tea and salt between villages and they went as far as to Tibet and India. We will follow the Heihui River and pass through some interesting villages. It's an easy and scenic mountain ride to Shuanglang Village on the east side of Erhai Lake. Tonight we will celebrate our grand journey in Dali. (Ride 160KM)

Day 12 Shuanglang-Kunming

We will ride 330K on highway to Kunming. Check in the hotel and spend some time to visit the modern city of Kunming. (6 hours)

Day 13 Kunming Rest Day

Day 14 Kunming-Jianshui(1748m)

Ride to Jianshui county(220K), Jianshui is a state historic and cultural city. You will ride around the beautiful Fu Xian Hu Lake then reach Jianshui in the afternoon. Time to explore the city of Jianshui and feel the old China. In the afternoon you will spend some time to visit the private Garden of the Zhu Family. This grand complex is a typical local residence with distinctive features. As it was built by Zhu Chaoying and his brother in the late Qing Dynasty, it got the name "the Private Garden of the Zhu Family". (Ride 220KM)

Day 15 Jianshui to Yuanyang to Honghe

You will ride to Tuanshan Village - centuries old, 13km west of Jianshui City. Built in Qing Dynasty, regarded as the Gem of Chinese Civil Houses. Visiting Tuanshan Village is like travelling to another China. Small, cobbled lanes and old women with bound feet blend leave you with impressions of timelessness, art and architecture. Afterwards we will ride to Honghe county in the afternoon along the Red River to Honghe County.

Day 16 Honghe – Mengla. Ride to Mengla.via Jinghong.

Day 17 Mengla-Mohan/Boten

Tour Cost: USD1980/4-5 bikes

USD1850/ 6-9 bikes

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

- Chinese driving licenses and plates
- Permits
- Customs clearance, in and out
- Custom bund
- Third party liability insurance for motorcycles
- Tour information about safe riding in China
- Chinese speaking guide on motorcycle(basic english)
- Guide's own meals and lodging

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- All services not mentioned and all items of a personal nature
- All meals and hotels
- Tipping or gratuities to guide
- Mandatory international travel insurance
- Excursions other than those specified in trips
- Extra cost if tour is delayed or changed due to reasons beyond control
- Entry fee to parks and monasteries, old towns
- Your own fuel, toll fee, parking