

Shaanxi (shan che) W & SW of Shanxi) **(Central):**

Xian (KWL) (西安 *Xī'ān*, (LP414m, 416m, 415, DK163m, 162)

(T, D, N, T))

Climate: Nice! Oct: 66, 50-68 R-low Nov: 45, 37-54 R-low

Travel Agencies:

Golden Bridge Travel (tel: 725 7975, fax 725 8863) DIRECS: 2nd floor of Bell Tower Hotel.

friendly staff & willing info even if don't use;

CITS: (LP416m, 417)

(19A6) Zhongguo Guoji Luxingshe) branch is also on the 2nd floor of this hotel. (Tel: 524 1864)

(4B3) office on Chang'an Lu, short walk S of Youyi Xilu

TRANS IN:

By Xian TRN:

Xian STA at N end of Jiefang Road (解放路) .

RR STA: easy from anywhere, BUT several stops around station, but w/in 200 meters of STA.

By BUS

main LD Bus STA across from main RR STA.

TRANS IN:

1) **If POSSIBLE:** from **Lishi > Xi'an:** POSSIBLE, but circuitous 18 hr trip **NO**

2) **BEST: Pingyao > Hancheng.**

3) **If NOT possible: Pingyao > Xi'an**

BUS: REG , New South Bus STA,

Check Travel China Guide for SCHED

New Bus STA short walk from N Gate

TRAIN: from train STA (6 daily, 8 ½ hr-11 1/2hrs) **BOOK EARLY:**

SEE Pingyao > Xian TRN SCHED – separate page

MAP: Xi'an Tourist Map: everywhere.; bilingual; many listings; often updated - bus routes correct.

TRANS: LOCAL: lots buses & cheap taxis; **Subway** : maybe complete **2011**

BUS:

#610: TRN > Bell Tower > Little Goose PAG > Shaanxi HIST MUS > Big Goose PAG

TAXI:

3 > 5pm **shift change** = rushing to handover points - won't STOP.

W/in walls = ¥10; longer trips > S = ¥12-20. Long rides: always insist on **taxi meter**.

Normal (**green**) taxis = ¥6 for 1st 2 km & ¥1.5 ea added KM. Waiting times = ¥1.5/ min. After 11PM the starting price is ¥7.

Black taxis: ¥2.4 / KM, but nicer.

Airport Expressway road fee = ¥10 extra , so pay.

Money: (LP416m, 417)

Bank of China 2 branches: (main) 223 Jiefang Lu, N of Dong Wulu. M-F, 8.30am > noon & 2pm > 5.30pm ; weekends: 9am > 3pm; also on Dong Dajie – foreign exchange w/ similar hours.

HIST:

Rome & later Constantinople vs Xian: greatest world city; 3,000 yrs history; aka Chang'an (rectangular shape grid) in ancient times: 1,000 years: capital of 13 dynasties (Zhou, Qin, Han, and Tang) & 73 emperors, root of C civilization; E end of **Silk Road** (丝绸之路). Today's Central Xian bounded by old city walls.

ROAD SCHEME:

Enormous **Bell Tower** (钟楼 *Zhōnglóu*).@ centre, **radiating 4 major streets**: Bei. Nan , Dong and Xi Dajie Enormous **Bell Tower** @ centre,:

North-Street (北大街 **Běi dàjiē**).

South-Street (南大街 **Nán dàjiē**).

East-Street (东大街 **Dōng dàjiē**).

West-Street (西大街 **Xī dàjiē**).

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EAT:

Tong Sheng Xiang Restaurant Yang Rou Pao Muo signature dishes: piece of bread & kettle of lamb soup. How To: shreds bread with his hands into bowl, pour soup over shreds. **The trick:** shred bread into super tiny

Biang Biang Mian local provincial specialty noodle dish - extremely good. wide spiced noodles have a broth: include toppings: eggs, tomatoes, beef, etc. look for a complex character with about 57 strokes repeated twice before "口". **popular chain** has a red sign with white characters, and includes the face of the "Noodle King".

ACCM: (LP363-4)

⚡ Han Tang Inn: (Y50

Shuyuan Youth Hostel D ¥30-50 (LP RECM'd)

Ziangzimen Y Hostel: Y 50

Qixian Y Hostel (Y40-60) Closest > TRN STA, but far from

HI-SPD TRN: Xi'an > Zhengzhou: Length: 485km MAX SPD: 350km/hr
237mph Project start date: ?: 02-2010; 2 hr

TOWN SITES:

INSIDE CITY

3 ¾ hr

13 Forest of Stelae MUS (LP416m, 13 B6, 418, DK162) ¾ hr
(西安碑林; Xīānbēilín), (Just inside the southern city wall, near the Wenchang Gate)

* **Wolong Temple**, (, 1-*B6,) ½ h
DIRECS: (1 blk N & E of Forest of Steles museum). Active Buddhist temple: 200BC; Recently restored: vibrant and busy.

9 Bell Tower & drum Tower (LP416m, 9A6, 417, DK163) ¾ hr

Bell Towers (钟樓; Zhōnglóu), (In exact city center). ¥27 (or ¥40 including Drum Tower).

Drum Tower (鼓樓; Gǔlóu), (Just > NW w/in Muslim Quarter). ¥27 (or ¥40 including Bell Tower).

Muslim Quarter (LP418m, A5,) 1 hr

14 Great or Grand Mosque (LP416m, 14A6, 418, DK163) ¾ hr

(清真寺; Qīngzhēnsì), ().

mix of Islamic / Chinese architecture styles, Muslim St. district (回民街 Huímín Jiē) surrounds it. 1st C mosque.

DIRECS: **Behind Drum Tower** : difficult to find through winding back streets . Only muslims can enter mosque, but many accompanying courtyards OK.



12 Folk House (LP416m, 12 A5, 418) **Note: misleading DIRECS:** ¾ hr

OUTSIDE CITY WALLS:

7 ¼ hr

Wall of Xi'an: (LP416m, 12 A5, 418, DK 162) 3 hr

World's largest city wall, restored, wide enuf for 5 bikes wide;

BIKE AROUND: (2hrs) : hire one at top of S or E gate. **NOTE:** must return bike where you got it; will **not** rent if rain, cuz top too slippery. Check weather before U buy ticket.

WALK ON TOP > S Gate: TO WALK: complete loop - approx 3 hrs. **Landscaped park around base** of the exterior walls and moat also pleasant stroll w/different perspective.

Small MUS ½ hr

DIRECS: inside city walls at Hanguang Gate, about halfway between the SW corner and S Gate, accessible from top of city wall itself. Look for a staircase down inside a covered structure. Inside unrestored remains of a gatehouse and a calligraphy collection.

Night stroll pleasant.

W of Block:

4 ¾ hr

17 ? Temple of the Eight Immortals (LP416m, 17D1, 418, DK164) (LP416m, 17D1) 1 hr

(八仙宮; Bāxiāngōng). An active Daois TEMP

Ancient MKT opposite

HIST of Pagaoda (DK 165 - SPECLAY)

S & SE of Block:

10 Big (Wild) Goose Pagoda & Ci'en Temple (LP416m, 10C4, 419, DK164) ¾ hr

(大雁塔; *Dàyàntǎ*), (大雁塔; *Dàyàntǎ*),

DIRECS: bus 41 or 610 from main TRN STA.

Built by Emperor Gaozong (Li Zhi) in 652AD.

Fountain Show: see LP

Bus 610 & 609: see LP

15 Shaanxi Provincial History MUS (LP416m, 1C4, 419, DK 166-167 SPECLAY) 1½ hr

(陕西历史博物馆; *Shǎnxī Lìshǐbówùguǎn*; aka *Shaanxi HIST MUS*: Shǎnxī Lìshǐbówùguǎn; Local artifacts; Neolithic to Qing dynasty.; BEST: fabulously well preserved pottery from nearby BanPo neolithic village; excellent Shang dynasty bronzes; some well-made but glorifying high-definition movies

CAUTION: Arrive early to get one of 1000 free tickets (**bring your passport**)

18 Xi'an MUS & Little (Wild) Goose Pagoda (LP416m, 18B3, 419, DK164) 1 ½

Little (Wild) Goose Pagoda (**Jianfu TEMP** (Xiǎoyàn tǎ)

fairly expensive joint ticket

Climb pagoda

DIRECS: take bus 41 or 610 from the main train station).

652AD. Emblem of the city of Xi'an. pleasant parks nearby.

DAY TRIPS:

1 1/2D

E of XIAN:

TOUR Page 427 Options: (KEYS: ad fees, lunch, ENG guide, Exact ITIN (times) (no shop tours)

Eastern Tour:

Terr Warriors, Qinshirhaungdi, Banpo Neolithic Village, Huaqing Hot Springs & maybe Big Goose PAG (Y300, \$50)

NOTE: if **SOLO:** tourist buses or **BUS 306** pass by: Hot Sprgs, Qinshihaungdi, Warriors – in that order

Western Tour: (longer) : (Y600 +85) probably not worth it

Xianyang City MUS, some IMP TOMBS (**not important**), maybe Famen TEMP & EMP Jingdi TOMB (Y500+, \$85)

See if Day Trip Tour possible & more efficient –

1D

1 **ARMY of TERRACOTTA WARRIORS (LP424m, 1D2, 423, DK168-169 SPECLAY)** (兵马俑; *Bīngmǎyǒng*), **Blog: easy, early ½ D** **1 D**

TRANS - IN:

BUS 306: catch bus 306, also called Tourist Bus #5 (¥8) **OR** green Terracota mini-bus

(1) Looking at central Xi'an train station, go to R to Bus 306 (Chinese bus green 5): > a parking lot right in front of MUS' ; 40 mins.

(2) Small buses which - used by the locals - also take you to the Museum THUS longer, local small roads. Scenic???

STRAT:

START w/ onsite theatre; **THEN** visit pits in **REVERSE**

2 Bronze chariots & horses (**DIRECS:** R of main entrance)

NO : **Qinshihuang's Mausoleum,**) (on tour only)

8 ⚡ **Tomb of Emeror Jingdi: (LP424m, 8C1, 426.) definitely worth a visit** ½ D

(AKA: several other names)

DIRECS: (NO public TRANS so Either a Western Tour (p428) that goes there OR TAXI \$34/ ½ day OR on way to airport (*Near the airport*) OR (LP369

MUS:

Excavation area: Real reason to vist

(157-141BC) Han tomb, 50,000 doll-sized terracotta figures. The excavation site has a glass floor so that you can look down on ongoing excavations and is (although is best done **as part of a journey to or from the airport**)

Famen Temple (LP424m, 3A1, 426, DK170) (115km NW of ...) 4 hr

DIRECS: FROM central Xi'an TRN STA by **Tour Bus 2** (DP: 8am, RET: 5pm) (also by Western Tours) **SUPERB MUS**

N of XIAN:

Xianyang MUS

DIRECS: by BUS (REG, LD bus STA, 1 hr) ½ day

Liu Bang's: 3k 50cm STATs: terracotta horses & soldiers; bronze & jade;

Imperial Tombs Qian Tomb (best) (**BUT on tour only**)

??? **Taiping National Park**, (*44km southwest of Xi'an, north slope of Qinling Mountain*). Famous for its waterfall and the largest area of wild *Zijing flower* (the city flower of Hong Kong) in north China.

Far N of Xi'an:

NO Yulin GW: (LP414m) TOO difficult to reach vs reward

(Hancheng): Dangjiacun village (p430)**(2D, 1N)**

NOTE: May be able to do enroute from Pingyao > XianConfucian Pagoda

{Central China Portrait: 174-181 SPECLAY Read B4 Nanchang }

DIRECS:

Mini bus/ 2 km walk or taxi

TRAIN - IN: Pingyao > Xian:Train STA @ N_E edge of Block; Jiefang Lu south from station intersecting w/ Dong Dajie<http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch>

	Orgin-Destination	From (in Chinese)	DeptTime	To (in Chinese)	ArrTime	Distance (km)	Total Time (hh:mm)	Seat (RMB)
2671	Datong - Xian	Pingyao (平遥)	00:34	Xian (西安)	08:43	543	08:09	38/67
1095	Taiyuan - Lanzhou	Pingyao (平遥)	20:47	Xian (西安)	07:22	571	10:35	39/70
2669	Taiyuan - Baoji	Pingyao (平遥)	21:38	Xian (西安)	06:55	543	09:17	38/67

1095 STAs

	Station Name in Chinese	ArrTime	DeptTime	Distance (km)	Total Time (hh:mm)
Pingyao	平遥	20:44	20:47	108	01:30
Jiexiu	介休	21:09	21:15	139	01:55
Lingshi	灵石	21:40	21:42	166	02:26
Huozhou	霍州	22:19	22:21	209	03:05
Hongtong	洪洞	22:58	23:00	251	03:44
Linfen	临汾	23:20	23:26	274	04:06
Houma	侯马	00:16	00:20	334	05:02
Jishan	稷山	00:50	00:52	370	05:36
Hejin	河津	01:15	01:17	396	06:01
Hancheng	韩城	02:08	02:16	439	06:54
Heyang	合阳	03:52	04:06	517	08:38
Zhangqiao	张桥	06:08	06:13	603	10:54
Xian	西安	07:22	07:41	679	12:08

BUS > Hancheng: from Xian LD BUS STA (4hrs, every 30 min, 7a – 4p)

OVER NIGHT:

HUA SHAN MT: (424m, p428, p429m, DK171) (1T,1 N,1T) Simplified C: 华山; traditional Chinese: 華山; Huà Shān) is "Flowery Mountain" or "Splendid Mountain"

EQUIPMENT: walking stick, nylon gloves, flashlight, spare batteries & warm clothing, hi-calorie food, water, rain gear (warmth & rain)

CLIMATE:

BEST: Oct: 66, 61-75, R-low, **SO, 43-57°**

ELEV: 6,500 ft (2.7°/1000ft = 18° Colder at top)

TRANS - IN:

1) **BEST: Bullet TRNs** from Xian > Huashan Mountain:

a) **Xian N RR STA**(34° 22' 36.96" N 108° 56' 7.70" E; @ intersection of 3rd Ring Road & Loop Expressway:

CURRENT: 1)Xian – Zhengzhou 2) Beijing W – Chongqing

FUTURE: Lanzhou, Chengdu, Taiyuan, Beijing and Shanghai

DIRECS > N RR STA:

• By **Bus:** There are 4 new bus routes available now. Bus No. 263 (06:00-19:30): East Gate - Daming Palace area - Xian North Railway Station (SUBWAY : SEP 2011???)

TIKS: [TravelChinaGuide.com](http://www.travelchinaguide.com) has on-line TRN tickets booking service

Xian RR STA: Ticket Hall: E of waiting hall

Dong Li Da Sha (Dongli Mansion 东立大厦 No.187, Huancheng Bei Lu

Platform TIK can be exchanged for a Valid TIK but **WHY?**

b) **Xian-Zhengzhou bullet TRN > Huashan Bei (Huashan North) STA.**

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/china-trains/xian-schedule.htm>

G2002	Xian North	Zhengzhou	07:00	09:10	0d02h10m	505
G2004	Xian North	Zhengzhou	08:30	11:05	0d02h35m	505
G2006	Xian North	Zhengzhou	09:00	11:15	0d02h15m	505

c) **Special Green minibuses** outside Huashan Bei Station DIRECT to mountain Y10.

TRANS OUT / RETURN: From Huashan MT > Xian:

1. **Taxi** from **Dongshanmen Parking Lot** > Huashan Bei TRN STA (Y25)

2) Bullet > **Xian N RR STA** Then take bullet train back to Xian.

OR, 2a) **Tourism bus line 1** from Dongshanmen Parking Lot to Xian Railway Station (17:00p, Y22 None: Jan-Mar

3. REG BUS: from Xishan Gate (middle section of Yuquan Rd.) to **Xian Railway Station**(07:00 - 22:00, Y32

Bullet Train Schedule (or REGs also)

G2002	Xian North	Zhengzhou	07:00	09:10	0d0:
G2004	Xian North	Zhengzhou	08:30	11:05	0d0:
G2006	Xian North	Zhengzhou	09:00	11:15	0d0:
G2008	Xian North	Zhengzhou	10:10	13:00	0d0:
G2010	Xian North	Zhengzhou	10:45	13:15	0d0:
G2012	Xian North	Zhengzhou	11:30	13:58	0d0:
G2018	Xian North	Zhengzhou	13:00	15:32	0d0:
G2020	Xian North	Zhengzhou	14:30	16:35	0d0:
G2024	Xian North	Zhengzhou	15:30	17:20	0d0:
G2026	Xian North	Zhengzhou	16:00	18:15	0d0:
G2028	Xian North	Zhengzhou	17:00	19:01	0d0:
G2032	Xian North	Zhengzhou	17:45	19:55	0d0:
G2034	Xian North	Zhengzhou	18:15	20:25	0d0:
G2036	Xian North	Zhengzhou	19:30	22:00	0d0:

(OLD INFO)

TRANS - OUT: Xian > Huashan MT:

REG TRN STA: LP416m : Hancheng Beilu

Also: 1) LD BUS STA, 2) BUSesWarriors, My Huashan, Famen TEMP stops at E Square, 3) Baoji – Xian Bullet TRN

1) PRIVATE BUS (coaches or minibuses, Y30, 2hr, 7am - 5:30pm)

Front of TRN STA: independent, front or E side (???) of TRN STA when ONLY FULL.

DROPPED OFF: on Yuquan Lu (main st) (LP429, 1B5,)

(Also RETURN BUS location: 7am > pm)

2) Tourism Bus Line 1: Xian RR STA > Huashan MT. (DP: 08:00; Y22, 3 hrs) NO: Jan >MAR

Catch green tour bus in front of RR STA (big posters in front of bus advertizing price & destination). Be sure dropped off @ Hua Shan village - **not** parking for cable car (bus driver usually asks).

3) Visitors can go to Xian Cheng Dong Coach Station and take the **regular bus** from Xian to Huayin (Mt. Huashan). BUS runs every 15 min btw 07:00 -- 19:15. BUS TIK: CNY 31.5 , 2hr)

TRANS OUT: Huashan village > Xian:

1) **East Gate:** Yuquan Lu & Xitong Gonglu intersection

2) frequent minibuses (until 7 pm, 2) then unlicensed transportation continues) and

3) worst-case scenario a rickety village taxi could surely be persuaded to make the trip back to Xi'an for 300-500 RMB (about 50-75 USD).

STRAT: 1) Cable car up > N Peak, 2) hike S > Hostel (2 choices: #5B4 & 1B5 (see ACCM), 3) Sunrise @ S Peak (45 Min hike from East Peak). & SE loop, 4) Hike down MT
(@ 8a & ARV @10 & @ E Peak hostel @3pm (hiking)
(SKIP 2hr E hike up & 3-5 hr W hike up; All 3 options meet @ North Peak summit).

ACCM: ON the MT>:

5B4: Wuyunfeng Fandian Hostel DM Y65; (good for doing the circuit

1B5: Dongfeng Binguan DM 4-10; Y80: best sunrise & restaurant

BOOK in advance??? major hostels?

BLOG: East Peak Hostel: arrived mid-afternoon, no booking PROB; others ARV: 6pm/7pm

1) Short walk uphill on Yuquan Jie towards the **Jade Fountain (Spring) Temple** to W TIK booth entrance w/ plenty of indicators where > start hike.

1) **Admission Ticket:** 100 ¥ (???) Nat Park entrance: 120 yuan)

2) Buy mandatory (?) **BUS ticket** from the E Gate to Cable Car STA (DONE07:00-19:00)

???) Taxi . parking area

1a) Jade Fountain (Spring) Temple :

pond, thru Wuyou PAV > Long Corridor of 72 Windows > Qingke > "Huixin Rock" > 370 precipitous steps

2) Go E by Shuttle bus > Cable Car (Suodao) Terminus (75¥ 1 way/ 110¥)

3) From **N Peak:** 4 hr loop top climb other peaks

Loop Sequence (N>E>S.W >N peak

North Peak (Bei Feng, Cloud Terrace Peak): 'Ca'er" –the ear, cuz ear close to cliff side to ascend higher; **Juzian Terrace,**

"Black Dragon Mountain," cuz looks like dragon's wavy back; no more than 1 meter wide (about 2 hours)



Green Dragon Ridge (also Blue dragon Ridge ???) (Canglong Ling): connects N Peak (Bei feng) > E (Dong Feng), S (Nan Feng) & W (Peaks) As most of the climbing is done, the final ascent to each of the peaks is not too severe

"Gold Lock Pass." (Canglong Feng) : 1) narrow rock ridge w/ vertical cliffs on both sides (throat i.e.corridor to other peaks) Here the route branches; 2) 1000's of locks attached to iron chains); 1 huge gold lock in big rock (pure CU forged of 1,000 pror-left locks

Hongshen Terrace:

Jinsuo Pass) N-S loop intersection

GO L > S > Yinfeng Pavillion

() **Central Peak (Middle Peak):** Jade Maiden Peak: Jade Maiden TEMP (Taoist) & Jade Maiden Basin for Shampooing): **Legend:** of Qin Mugong's (569 B.C.-621 B.C.) daughter loved a man who was good Chinese tung-hsiao (vertical flute) player; she gave up royal life to be hermit who cultivated her spirituality here,

East Peak: (least busy,

Sunrise (4-6 hrs, 5:00a.m.-5:20a.m. in autumn **NO!**) from East Peak (Dong Feng) or S Peak (Nan Feng);

Xiaqi Pavillion

South Peak (landing Wild Geese Peak cuz (legend) wild migrating wild geese srested briefly)

Highest, **MOST crowded**, At top of South Peak: Black Dragon Pool at summit and Greeting Pines on SW cliff: 2 attractive resorts. On ea side of Landing Wild Goose Peak: 2 peaks respectively called Songhui Peak (Pine & Juniper Peak) in E & Xiaozi Peak (Filial Son Peak) in W form picture of a Titan sitting in chair.

Most dangerous place: called 'Changkong Zhando' (a plank path built along the surface of a vertical cliff) which is about 4 meters (about 13 feet) long & about 0.33 meters (about 1.1 feet) wide. Below is the bottomless gulf which makes tourists shake with fear.

In addition, a Taoist TEMP called Baidi TEMP or Jintian PAL --host temple of Deity Shaohao

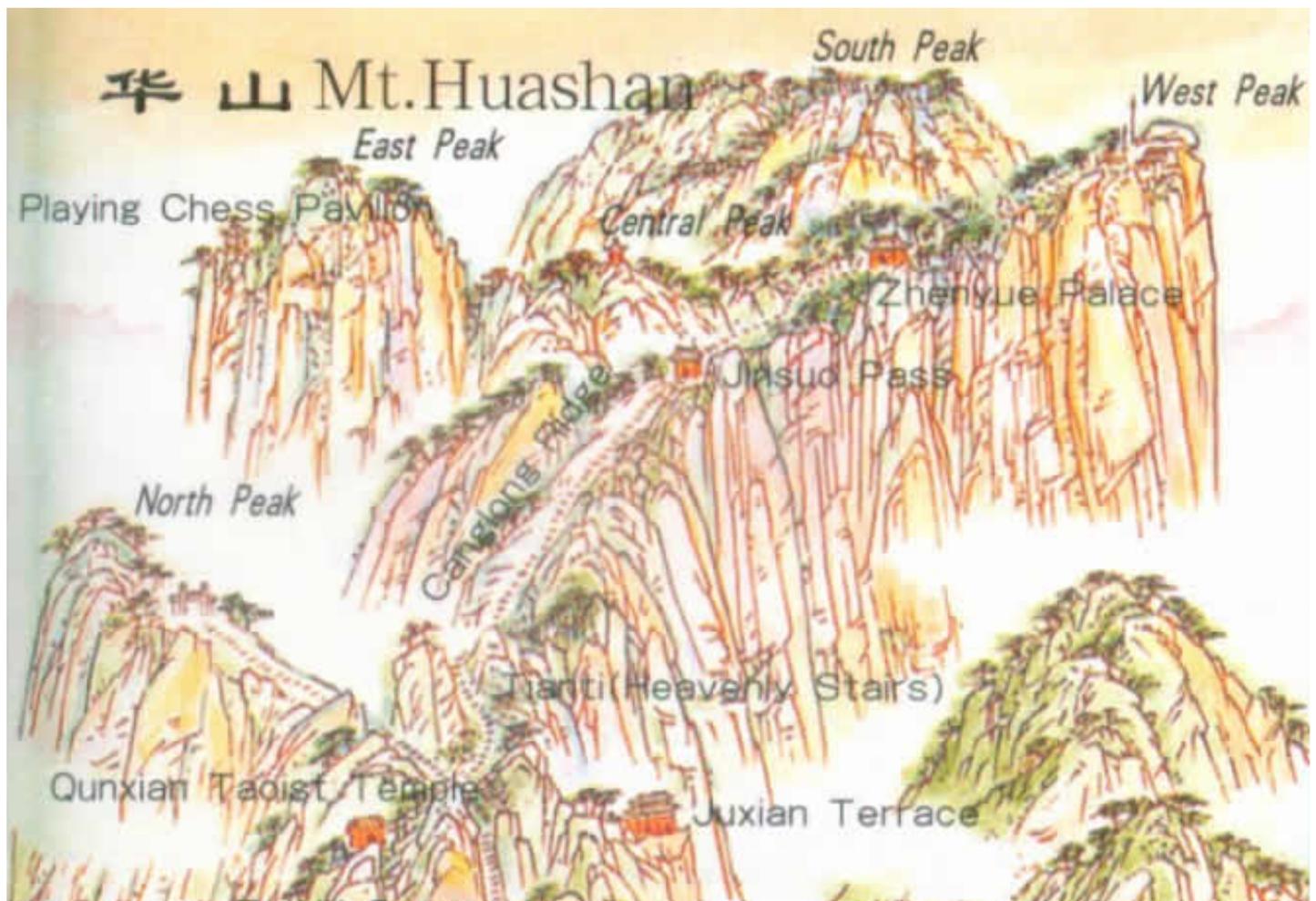
Yangtian Pool

West Peak (Lotus Flower Peak)

Very high cliffs (6,845 FT); Taoist temple (Cuiyun Palace) before which a huge lotus flower looking rock i.e. Lotus Flower Peak. 7 Additional rocks where Chenxiang (Lotus Lantern movie character) ripped mountain to save his mother (The Heavenly Goddess San Sheng Mu).

Go down MT on path on E side of W Peak.

BACK to N peak via Wuyunfeng Fandian Hostel (completing circuit)



Dangjiacun Village (LP414m, 430, see SShots)

(1T, 1D, 2N,1T)

(9km NE of Hancheng):

STRAT: 1T/1D/2N/1T

D1: 1) Pingyao train > Hancheng (2nd Nite hostel- store bed) 2) Hancheng (tax / minibus) > Dangjiacun 3) Overnight Dangjiacun

D2: 4) back > Hancheng hotel 5) overnight 6) DP . XIAN ON TRAIN #7002/7003

TRANS-IN:

Pingyao > Hancheng

Trains	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Dist(km)	Total Time	Hard Sleep	Soft Sleep
1163	Pingyao	07:35	Hancheng	13:13	331	18:10	\$ 15	\$ 23
1095	Pingyao	20:42	Hancheng	02:08	331	06:57	\$ 10	\$ 15
7003/7002	Hancheng - Xian	07:33	14:37	07:04	279 km			

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1163 STA/Times

Pingyao	平遥	07:33	07:36	670	12:30
Jiexiu	介休	07:58	08:04	701	12:55
Lingshi	灵石	08:29	08:33	728	13:26
Huozhou	霍州	09:10	09:13	771	14:07
Linfen	临汾	10:06	10:12	836	15:03
Xiangfen	襄汾	10:34	10:37	862	15:31
Houma	侯马	11:08	11:14	896	16:05
Xinjiang	新绛	11:29	11:33	912	16:26
Jishan	稷山	11:51	11:55	932	16:48
Hejin	河津	12:20	12:25	958	17:17
Hancheng	韩城	13:13	-	1001	18:10

TRANS: Hancheng > Dangjiacun village (LP430,)

NOTE: Hancheng's New town on hill w/ RR STA, Old Town at bottom.

TAXI (Y15, 20min, 9km NE from Hancheng BUS STA)

Minibus (Y3) from BUS STA + 2km walk across fields

ACCM:

Dangjiacun: courtyard house DM 10Y

Hancheng:

Yongan Hotel:

Tang Yun Hotel:

Yinhe Hotel

TO DO:

DANJIACUN:

Dang's Siheyuan courtyard



Well-planned defensive system, includ: Watching-building, Qinyangbao fortress, city wall & double-layer wall, detined survival of ancient house / buildings in Dangjia Village . ; memorial Pishengzhu & goreously Chaste and Undefined stele

14th C Merchant village Courtyard houses,

w/carvings & ATCH mix, Dangjia village is the living fossil of the ancient and traditional folk community of the orient mankind

Confucian Pagoda (Wenzxing ge)

As you approach the village the first building to catch the eye is the six-storey high brick built Wen Xing Pagoda. With its wealth of carvings on its brickwork

Hancheng: TIK covers both TEMPs

Confucious TEMP (Wen Miao): (LP430) Dongxue Lane, Old City (Bus 101 or 102 **Taxi: Y5;** glazed dragon screens,



five main buildings & four tightly connected courtyards. Lingxing Gate = TEMP entrance > 1st courtyard w/ flowers & shady trees: on E & W side: Clothes Changing Pavilion (Gengyi Ting) and Fasting Room stand symmetrically. To N, 3 rooms situated by Vouge Gate(Ji Men), leading > 2nd courtyard > Dacheng Palace.

Dacheng Palace: main temple part: sacrifices performed on **memorial tablet of Confucius**.

The thru doorway of angle > 3rd courtyard: site of Confucius “disabusing’ lessons. Across Minglun Hall = 4th courtyard AND Zunjing Pavilion: store volumes of sermons.

Also Hancheng MUS, 1000s of cultural relics stored

Chenghuang TEMP: Sacrificing Hall: roof detail

DIRECS: when leaving Confucious TEMP, turn L, walk 400 mtrs , turn L down Huang Maoxiang (also courtyard houses)

Yuanjue Pagoda: Old town

Hancheng **TRANS OU** > Xian:

<http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch>

TrainNo	Orgin-Dest	From	DeptTime	To	ArrTim	Dist (km)	Total Ti	Sea
1095	Taiyuan - Lanzhou	Hancheng (韩城)	02:16	Xian (西安)	07:22	240	05:06	19%
7003/7002	Hancheng - Xian	Hancheng (韩城)	07:33	Xian (西安)	14:37	279	07:04	18%

7003/7002 STA/Times

Station	Station Name in Chinese	ArrTime	DeptTime	Distance (km)	Total Time (hh:mm)
Hancheng	韩城	-	07:33	-	00:00
Heyang	合阳	09:43	09:49	78	02:10
Weizhuang	韦庄	10:32	10:34	107	02:59
Dali	大荔	11:02	11:04	121	03:29
Zhongjiacun	钟家村	11:49	11:51	153	04:16
Zhangqiao	张桥	12:02	12:04	164	04:29
Yanliang	阎良	12:26	12:29	184	04:53
Sanyuan	三原	12:55	12:57	210	05:22
Xianyang	咸阳	13:57	14:16	256	06:24
Xian	西安	14:37	-	279	07:04

BACK UP NOTES:

Hancheng from Xian:

BUS (7/day, 3 hrs) ; from long distance STA

TRAIN:

- 1) 4 ½ hr , 7:13am
- 2) also, daily local train (more fun?): p431

Return : BUS until 6pm

TRANS OUT: Xian's Xianyang (XIY) > Nanchang (KHN)

FLY: www.chinatraveldepot.com me e29

INTRA CHINA: Air China , China 's national flag carrier, 2001: 46-yr safe-flying record; often ederly discounts: Jun-Sep, RT are cheapest; travel agents best, not airlines;

1) Xian (SIA) > Nanchang (KHN): 1 ½ hr

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Xianyang Airport from Melody Hotel (???) 40km W : Shuttle bus (every 20-30 min, 5:40am-8pm, ¼ of taxi cost

Xian's Xianyang Airport Terminals:

Terminal 1 DP on 2nd floor; T1 airlines: China Southern Airlines (CZ), Xiamen Airlines (MF), Sichuan Airlines (3U) and Chongqing Airlines (OQ

Terminal 2 DP on 2nd floor; T-2 airlines: Air China (CA), Hainan Airlines (HU), Shenzhen Airlines (ZH), Shanghai Airlines (FM), Shandong Airlines (SC), East Star Airlines (8C), Lucky Air (8L), Kunpeng Air (VD) and Grand China Express (GS).

TRAIN:

Main STA: N of city Wall **BOOK EARLY**

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Train No.	Train	1 st STA	DP	DP Ti	Arv	ARV-T	Last Station	Duration	Hard Seat	Hard Sleeper	Soft Sleeper
1182/1183	Regular	Lanzhou	Xian	18:26	NanC	16:46	Shenz	22H	88	183	304
1218/1215	A/CReg	Xian	Xian	17:12	Nanchang	13:05	Fuzhou	19H our 53M in	13 6 CY	254 CNY	411 CNY
K242/K243	Air Condition Fast	Xian	Xian	19:36	Nanchang	14:19	Xiamen	18H our 43M in	17 5 CY	308 CNY	486 CNY

BACK UP NOTES: Xi'an > Tunxi: confirm NO GUD

Xi'an's Xianyang Airport XIY > Huangshan Airport (TXN) (Tunxi) NO Direct & NO Ninjiang > Huangshan flights

>): 40 km NW city centre) by train (p423: ??? hrs)

Huangshan Airport (I think that is the following info)

Airport > Town CNTR: airport bus : every half-hour, 1 hr, 6AM to 6PM, 25 rmb ticket)

Always a BUS for arriving flight,

airport bus route is the best way between city and the train station..

BUT taxi (100rmb) not recommended cuz raise price for non-local tourists

Air ticket offices located on Huashan Road, Tunxi District, near Christ Church and Huangshan International Hotel.

flights to Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Hefei, Tianjin, Haikou, Shenzhen, Fuzhou, Hangzhou, Wuhan, Xi'an

taxi will cost about 100rmb from the airport to downtown(Bell Tower).

Huangshan Railway Station is on Qianyuan North Road, Tunxi District. (This may be in wrong ITIN section)

ISSUE/ PROB:

ITIN TRANS FLOW for Tunxi, Wuyuan & Hi Speed Train:

Possible SOL:

Hi Speed TRN: INVESTIGATE in BEI

Cud do Xian > BEI , from either BEI or Xian, if 1 DAY

Cud do from Wuyan or Changsha > Guangzhou if 1 day

Xian > Huangshan (Tunxi): NO!

FLt . Wuyan is OK, BUT no DIRECT TRN to Huangshan

Xian > Wuyan > Nanchang: NO!

FLt . Wuyan is OK, BUT

no DIRECT TRN to Nanchang

BUS OK

So far, ONLY SOL seems to be my original plan:

FLY: Xian > Nanchang

TRN: Nanchang > Wuyuan

BUS: Wuyuan > Huangshan (Tunxi)

TRN: Huangshan (Tunxi) > Yingtan or Xinyu See printouts

TRN: Yingtan or Xinyu > Changsha See printouts

Hi Spd TRN: Changsha > Guangzhou & back > Changsha

TRN: Changsha > Guiyang

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Wuyuan, Jiangxi (KHN) (SW of ANHUI / SE) : (p488)

Central China Portrait: 174-181 **SPECLAY** Read B4

Current STRAT: Fly > Nanchang, then < Wuyuan (Qinghua) > Tunxi, Anhui
?: if Overnight in Nanchang necessary,

Nanchang: (LP490m, 492m, 489, DK250 (many sites))

TRANS IN: Xian's Xianyang (XIY) > Nanchang (KHN) (1½ h) Changbei airport

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ACCM:

EAT:

Xinya Restaurant : delicately cooked, brightly coloured & savoury local specialities, Xinguiyuan, Shixianlou and Dongfanghong are also 1st class restaurants

Shuyuan Youth Hostel D ¥30-50

TOWN SITES: (p490)

DAY TRIP:

Luotiancun: (p492)

By BUS: Nanchang > Anyi (1 hr frequent, 6-6pm)

By BUS: Anyi > Shibi (20 min, regularly when full)

By sanlunche Shibi > Luotiancun (10 min)

Self guided tour sites: p 492

TRANS-OUT: Nanchang > Wuyuan > Qinghua Village:

STRAT:

1) If DIRECT > Wuyuan: use BUS,

2) If OVERNITE in Jindezhen, use TRN & BUS COMBO option

NOTE: Jingdezhen 12th Imperial 'industrial' ceramic production center, assembly lines, 1000's 24hr shift workers, global commodity,

1) DIRECT Nanchang > Wuyuan BUS: (4/D ???,

1) from Nanchang LD BUS STA: (4 hr) (Changtu Qichezhan; 393 Bayi Dado (TIKS))

(LPZ439) (Y85-120, 5 hrs.)

0725 (63.8 RMB)

1030 (60.5 RMB)

1415 (60.5 RMB)

1620 (63.8 RMB)

2) Wuyuan's Main BUS STA OR 'North' LD BUS STA > Qinghua Village:

NOTE: seems easier to just take Nanchang BUS direct > Wuyuan unless **OVERNITE** in Jindezhen. CUZ almost 7hr vs. vs 5 hr bus (5hr TRN + 1 2/3 hr bus), hrly

2) COMBO TRAIN & BUS: Nanchang > Jindezhen > Wuyuan(LPZ447) Jindezhen

1) TRN > Jingdezhen, then

TRAIN

2240	<u>Nanchang</u>	<u>Nanchang</u>	14:20	<u>Jingdezhen</u>	<u>Jindezhen RR STA</u>	19:17	04:57	302
2240	<u>Nanchang</u>	<u>Xiangtang</u>	14:50	<u>Jingdezhen</u>	<u>Jindezhen RR STA</u>	19:17	04:27	274
5206	<u>Nanchang</u>	<u>Nanchang</u>	15:28	<u>Jingdezhen</u>	<u>Jindezhen RR STA</u>	20:11	04:43	302
5206	<u>Nanchang</u>	<u>Xiangtang</u>	15:49	<u>Jingdezhen</u>	<u>Jindezhen RR STA</u>	20:11	04:22	274

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2) Wuyuan's 'North' LD BUS STA > Qinghua Village: (hrly, 1 2/3 h)

NOTE: LP (p496) does describe TRN to Nanjing via Tunxi, BUT CAN NOT FIND

Jindezhen:m (LP , DK 254-255 SPECLAY (ceramics))

TRANS: See Nanchang TRANS-OUT above

Also : "Long March" DK SPECLAY 256-257
"Cult of Mao" DK SPECLAY 262-263

Wuyuan: (p497, 498m) (T, D, N)

(Don't spend more time than necessary here, except maybe the MUS if stuck here)

GO directly FROM: Wuyuan's N BUS STA > Qingyuan Village

TOWN SITES:

MUS ... maybe

TRANS > Qingyan Village BASE::

QINGHHUA VILLAGE BASE:: (un-intersting, BUT good base)

TRANS - IN:

BUS every 1/2 hr From either Wuyuan Main BUS STA or old N Wuyuan BUS STA > Qinghua Village (6-5pm, 30 min)

TRANS AROUND Villages: (LPZ444)

Motorbike taxis BEST

Sometimes bus??? (Grand loop???)

ACCM:

Laojie KezHAN: DY20 355 Qinghua Laojie (LPc); Stay in Qingyuan Village

TICKET / Pass OPTIONS: 2 days is ideal

(GET) 5D/Y180 for VILLs, & Rainbow Bridge; Big Likeng -seprate TIK; OUTER VILLs (Guankeng, LingjiaoQingyuan, Changxi) may be free

Separate fee: Big Likeng (Da Likeng)

SITES:

Rainbow Roofed / Covered Bridge

Qinghua: most beautiful sites; Song Dynasty Built, the Rainbow Bridge: shapely appearance.

Wander Qinghua Laojie (LPc)

Background:

ancient Qinghua Village; 800 yrs, S Song DYN; birthplace of Zhan Tianyou, 19th century C railway pioneer. **Brooks** run through village w/sitting sheds w/ "beauty chairs" -- putting your feet up makes people more beautiful. Sipping tea

N Villages: (LP498)

1D

1) > **Big Likeng (Da Likeng) Sites (Y20) :**

Motorbike or bus

BEST: hiking the hilly countryside from Qinghua (guide or get lost)

Big Likeng village: ancient Li family settlement; green mountains & clear water; Ming & Qing DYN Residences nestled against mountains w/ white walls & black tiles. Rivers run parallel w/village lanes; bluestone wells dot local paths. Various wooden & stone arching bridges.

IMP BLDGs: Dafudi (now,, converted > antique shop) & Simadi & Tuochuan

2) > **Sikou:** (on site suggested walking routes)

Sixi (Cixi):

Delightful; film crews;

Tonji Bridge: prow-shaped , covered wooden bridge

Self-guided tour: residences – **OPEN** > public

Jingxu Hall:

Yancun: downstream (15 min)

BUS + motorbike

E Villages: (LP499)

1D

1) > **little Likeng (Xiao Likeng): POSSIBLE OVER NIGHT ???** most riverine picturesque,; tight alleys, quaint bridges;

Sites:

* **Tongji Bridge** * **Shenming Pavilion**

* Patina House's * Old stage

* spirit walls

* large Jingxu Hall - upstream

Li Zhicheng RES: X bridge & hike up hil then down to river to:

2) > **Upper Xiaoqi: (NW of Little ...)**

upper Xiaoqi: old tea factory

Xiaoqi village: elegant Ming & Qing residences; tranquil & zigzagging lanes, paths paved w/ green cobbles, lrg ancient trees; one of most charming ancient C cultural & ecological villages.

Built 787, boasts houses w/ 600 history: magnificent structures w/unique characteristics = precious treasures

Ancient rare trees **park** more than 1000 ancient camphor trees & firs.

OVER NIGHT: **Jinggang Shan** (LP500, DK 257):

DEPENDS on HOW I will get to next place after Tunxi

ISSUE: Doesn't seem worth the effort of an **overnight** Consider train fare RT \$15 + Budget rm , 2 nite \$20 + cable car \$10 = \$50/4 days for 3(?) hikes

TRANS - IN: **TRN:** Nanchang > Xiaping [Jinggang Shan] by TRAIN (p500: 3-5 hrs, NO sched available on China Highlights)

BUS: N & W bus stations) 1 trav

TICKET REQ'D:

ACCM:

Stay at budget near RR ST

TOWN SITES: & **AROUND Jinggang Shan**

1) Self guided walks 2) **Five Dragon Pools:** 5 falls or cascades (7km NW) walk &/or cable car; ENG signs, 3) Huangyangjie (view; ???)

TRANS-OUT: **Wuyuan > Tunxi**

BUS:

Tunxi: (2/D, 3 hr)

What times? (8:20am & 12:30pm, 3 hr) ???

Anhui (LP436m, 438m, 437, DK234)

Tunxi (aka Huang Shan or Huangshan Shi)

TRANS IN: Wuyuan > Tunxi:

BUS: from Wuyuan > Tunxi

Tunxi: (2/D, 3 hr)

What times? (8:20am & 12:30pm, 3 hr) ???

Fly, TRN, TOURS www.travelchinaGuide.com, www.travelchinaGuide.com

TRANS-around Tunxi: pedicabs

ACCM:

⚡ **Old ST Hostel** (Koala IY Hostel)(D Y40, D4 w/bath; cafe, 1D tour > Xidi & Hongcun;

Huangsha DiRECT BUS

(LPZ383) **AbcientTown YH**,

Shuyuan Youth Hostel D ¥30-50

TOWN SITES:

Ancient/Old Song Street

Wancuilou MUS

Chengshi Sanzhai: res arch

Tea MKT

AROUND Tunxi:

Tunxi N-W-E Villages: see Google Earth map

What are Tourist Buses?

QIYUN SHAN MT p440 (LPZ383)

Great scenery

Deng Feng Bridge; hike up or cable car; Zhenxian Cave; , Taisu; Yuxu Gong temple halls

Huizhou Villages: p 440

Huizhou Architecture (DK 235 SPECLAY)

Huizhou Style (LPZ384)

Tunxi to Taiping Lake: 143 kilometers (89 miles)

NORTHERN VILLAGES: (LPp443) (rarely visited by ind. Travelers)

NOTE: On G MAP " Yansi > Chengkan & Tangmo the green arrow is Chengkan

DIRECS:

- 1) N City STA (aka Yansi) take **BUS > Tangmo**

TRANS: SEE below

CHENGKAN: (LP443,):

TRANS:

- 1) Tunxi LD BUS STA > Yansi BUS Terminus
 - 2) REG BUS or Pedicab > Yansi N BUS STA
 - 3) BUS from N BUS STA > Chengkan (20 min); also Qiankou
- Also CUD hire pedicab: 60/D

SITES: lush & bona fide slice of rula C country side

largest ancestral temple;;

Yanyi Tang: Notable structures: 600 yr

Qiankou Architecture MUS: DIRECS: reconstructed old buildings

Baolin Hall: typical Huizhou ARCH

Bao Lun Ge (aka Luodong's Shus Ancestral TEMP) - not on city map



Tangmo Memorial Archway

TANGMO: (LP443,): narrow village on canal; East & West gate ([Google Earth map: see of Tunxi N](#))

Foot of Mt HUangshan; 13 km from Shexian; 5km from Chengkan; 3km from Tangyue

TRANS: From Tunxi LD BUS STA:

- a) Tourist BUS > (Qiankou) > **Tangmo** (hrly, 8a-4p w. 2 hr break: 11a-1p)

SITE:

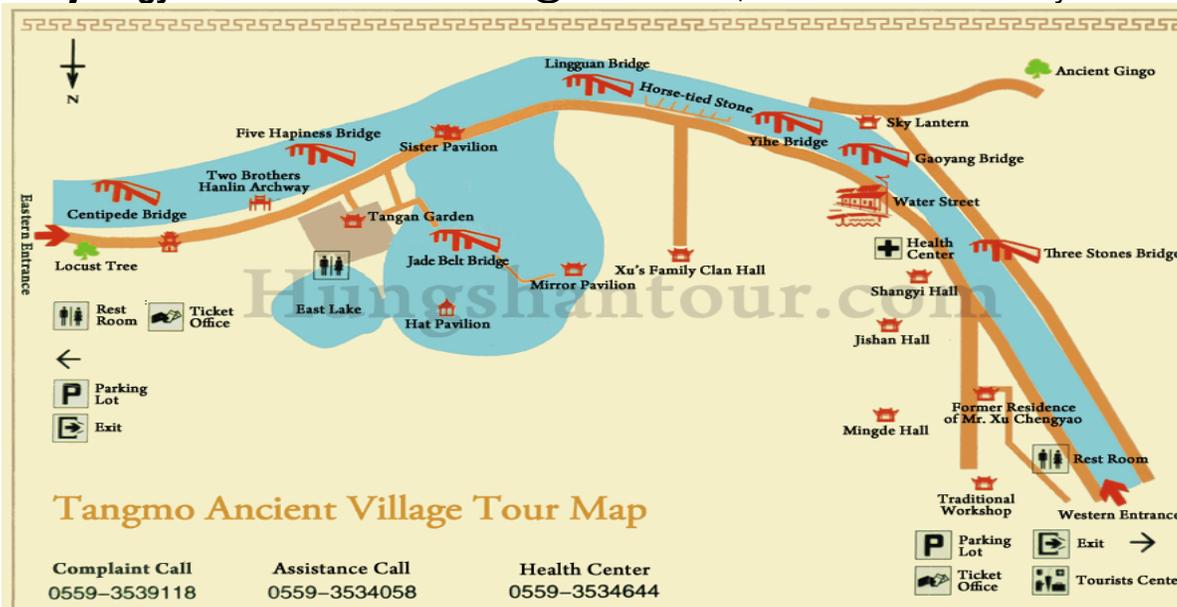
From E Gate entrance: pathway along canal

Tan'qan Garden: large garden,

Canalside Qing **RESs** : DIRECS: along Shui Jie

Gaoyang covered bridge

Sjhangyi Ancestor Hall: DIREC: @ end of town; w/ 199 carved Peony blossoms



EASTERN VILLAGES: (LP444, DK234) DIRECS:

(Google Earth map: see of Tunxi E

SHEXIAN (DK234) (day trip from Tunxi); (See Northern Villages's MAP)

GEN: 25 km E of Tunxi; **E of Yansi**

TIK/PASS: (Y80, includ. guide & Yuliang access, w/o Yuliang: Y60)

TRANS:

1) Tunxi LD BUS STA > Shexian (freq, 45min, From Shexian BUS STA (by the bridge) X bridge; go thru modern gate > Yanghe Men dbl-eaved gate tower

HIST: Cultural cntr in Sui (581-618) & Tang DYN; Ming & Qing commercial cntr

SITES:

Across from BUS STA> X river bridge hru modern Gate Tower > along **Yanghe Men** DLB eaved wood tower FOR TIK:

Climb gate / tower > Ming stone & views of Xuguo Archway (magnificent 4 sided (only surving China one)

CONTINUE > alleyway > **Doushan Jie** - old residential area; some res open to public

24 Filial Pictures: now kindergarten

YULIANG: (little visited) (LP444) Possible overnight: see LP444

TRANS:

1) pedicab or BUS #1 from Shexian:

Cobbled **Yulina Jie** alley;

tea shop @ NO 87

firewall separating bldgs

the **Lion Bridge** : ferry boat rides

NO Tangyue Archway, Tunxi Don't think worth the Y100 in TOT costs + 1 D see PDF page

DIRECS: 5km W of Shexian

Tunxi to Tangyue Memorial Arches: 27 kilometers (17 miles)



WESTERN VILLAGES (LP441) (Yixian): overnight recom' (UNESCO)

MOST PICTURESQUE in Anhui

STRAT: 1) BUS to Yixian 2) Hongcun overnight 2a) Mukeng Forest 3) Xidi 4) ? another overnight at 3 or 4th villages 5) Tunxi return **YHostel: 1D tour > Xidi & Hongcun (Y180)**

TRANS: From Tunxi LD BUS STA 'Tourist Center' > Yixian (?) :

1) Tourist BUS (hrly, 8-4, 1 hr) > Xidi & then > Hongcun

2) or, Local bus > Yixian (1hr, frequent, 6-5pm)

2a) Then from Yixian: either:

1) green minibus (1/2 hrly; 7-5pm) > **NOTE: outside BUS STA make 2 R & x bridge**
Xidi: (34 miles) 15 min Nanping: 15 min Guanlu: 20 min

2) REG bus: Hongcun 20 min

Pediacabs from Yixian:: Xidi, Hongcun,

Nanping, Guanlu

XIDI: (great walking):

SITE: (LPZ385)

1) Huwenguang Paifang decorative arch,

2) Diji Hall

3) Zhuimu Hall,

4) jing'ai Hall: largest hall

5) Dafudi (old LP) ???

6) Xiyuan sm house w/ exquisite stone carvings on windows, both sides, rejected \$10k USD offers

ACCM:

Pig's Heaven Inn, 400 yr old house, 300 ¥

Possibly new facility available

HONGCUN: (65 km/ 40mi)

ACCM:

Hongda Tingyuan: upper village, rooms & lunch, if space

Qiuyuan Kezhan (\$40)

SITES:

Moon Pond w/in S Lake, West Stream & Leigang MT;

Chengzhi Hall; top floor railing 'peep holes' so girls can kook arr boys, ; alcove in mahjong room hid concubine; gold brushed carvings

Hall of the Peach Garden

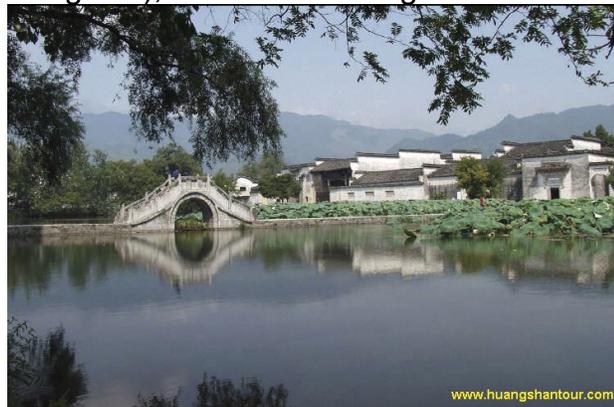
S Lake Academy: Overlooking pond:

Lexu Hall: Overlooking pond

MRKT : W of Moon PandHongji Bridge square on West Stream w/ 2 old trees

Biyuan Chalou tower in upper village

Lucun Village (1 km beyond Hongcun); extreme extravagant wood carved RES -- **Mudiao**



MUKENG bamboo forest HIKE: (LP442, 5km NE of Hongcun): small hamlet destination b4 return **Google Earth map of Tunxi area** See downloaded map & info.

TRANS:

Taxi or pedicab: Y5/10 OR **BIKE** in Hongcun opposite Hongji Bridge

SITE: "Crouching Tiger fight scene"; same surname 'Fu';

HIKE: 2 hr loop w/ sm hamlet

"A" on map



Guanlu: (8km W of Yxian beyond Nanping)

SITES:

Fabulous households (Badajia) of 8 wealthy brothers: lights wells, carved wood work, ceilings



1 ½ hr BUS, ½ hr walk up mt. trail; 10 min drive from Hongcun

(Google Earth map: see of Tunxi W

NO? Namping (p442):

NO? Tachuan:(3km N of Hongcun)

only if Stunning Autumn scenery; Hous #18: egreat wooden carvings

HAUNGSHAN MT: (LP445, p446m, DK236-237 SPECLAY) (1T,1N, 1T) (2T, 1N)
MAX PLAN / STRAT: 1) IYHostel DIRECT BUS, 2) Climb E steps (short , hard way, but NOT the really hard way) or Yungu Cable Car if line(s) not long, 3) hike around top awhile , 3a)
OVERNIGHT ???, 4) hike down W steps OR do same w/cable car ; 5) afternoon BUS > Tunxi

SEE HuangShan Mt map PDF

CLIMATE: BEST TIME: Sept – Oct expect misty, thick fog, rain; **ELEV:** 5600' Hi; hi 50s/low 60s

Huangshan Tourist Distribution Center: all regional travel plans, discounted TIKS ???

TRANS - IN:

1) **BUS:**

- a) **Hostels BUS:** (6:10am) **DIRECT BUS** > mountain
- b) **Tunxi TRN STA or BUS STA** (Huangshan Shi) > main base in Tangkou (1 hr, 6am-5pm, when full) **then** onto N entrance
- c) **Minibuses:** > Tangkou front of TRN STA

2) **Either:**

- a) **Yungu Cable Car STA: E steps** & Yungu Cable car
- b) **Mercy Light TEMP SA:** W steps & Yuping cable car

BEWARE of BUSes > Huangshan Scenic Area that DO NOT stop in Tunxi:

RETURN: plentiful, fag down any bus > Tunxi

LOCAL MT TRANS: Shuttles to E , W & N steps

Cable Car Options:

BLOG NOTE 2 Cableway connection between White Goose Peak and Yungu Temple.

- 1) 2) Yuping Cable Car

ON the SUMMIT

ACCM:

Huangshan Gongshansuo D120-150 (look 1st) (not in new LP ???)

Shilin Hotel : D9; shr bath Y200

Behai Hotel: D: Y20030% DIS

Paiyuniou: D: Y280, gud D views & shwers

Xihai Hotel: D: Y240: warm jackets; DIS Ds down to Y200,

Sunrise View from North Sea Refreshing Terrace

Enroute to N Sea, pause @ Flower Blooming on a Brush Tip

Beginning to Believe Peak

SITES: (See Huangshan Mt map pdf)

Sunset: Climb **Purple Cloud Peak**

Mobile Phone Rock (LP448)

TRANS – OUT / RETURN:

IYHostel Direct “return” BUS???

Many BUS from Tangkou: , LAST: 5:30p; can flag down

TRANS – OUT: > High Speed Train ALTERNATIVE

STRAT

- 1) **TRN:** Huangshan > Changsha (VIA Yingtan or Xinyu): **See SCHED printouts**
TRN: Huangshan (Tunxi) > Yingtan or Xinyu **See SCHED printouts**
TRN: Yingtan or Xinyu > Changsha **See SCHED printouts**
- 2) **Hi Spd TRN:** Changsha > Guangzhou & back > Changsha
- 3) **TRN:** Changsha > Guiyang ~~Guiyang-W & Guiyang-N~~
Changsha > Guiyang (shorter TRAV Time: 12 ½ h vs 14hr)

TrainNo	Orgin-Destination	From (in Chinese)	DeptTime	To (in Chinese)	ArrTime	Distance (km)	Total Time (hh:mm)	Seat (RMB)	Hard Sleeper (RMB)	Soft Sleeper (RMB)
K109	Wuchang - Kunming	Changsha (长沙)	02:56	Guiyang (贵阳)	15:20	949	12:24	110/184	200/208/215	322/337
K337	Zhengzhou - Kunming	Changsha (长沙)	07:08	Guiyang (贵阳)	20:00	949	12:52	110/184	200/208/215	322/337
T87	Beijing West - Guiyang	Changsha (长沙)	08:23	Guiyang (贵阳)	20:32	949	12:09	125/199	215/223/230	337/352
K471	Beijing West - Kunming	Changsha (长沙)	15:07	Guiyang (贵阳)	04:20	949	13:13	110/184	200/208/215	322/337

4) Guiyang > Anshun:

- 1) ARV Guiyang 2) GOTO Tiyuguan (LP662m, 37B4) **LD BUS STA**, 3) BUS: Guiyang > Anshun **LD BUS STA** (LP669m, 16B4) (every 15 m, 2hr, 7a-10p)- near TRN STA)

Changsha, SITE: if time & inclination (LP 506 , DK260)

CHANGSHA: Hunan Provincial MUS w/ Lady Dai city capital of at No. 50, Dongfeng Lu ne including items found in the tombs of the Marquis of Dai and his wife in [Mawangdui](#) xt to the Revolutionary Martyr's Park. 180,000 objects



BACK UP ALTERNATIVE:

Tunxi > Nanchang > Changsha: 10hr

TRN: <http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch>

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2239	Nanjing West - Nanchang	Huangshan (黄山)	20:56	Nanchang (南昌)	05:44	469	08:48	34/60

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TrainNo	Orgin-Destination	From (in Chinese)	DeptTime	To (in Chinese)	ArrTime	Distance (km)	Total Time (hh:mm)	Seat (RMB)
D205/D208	Nanchang - Changsha	Nanchang (南昌)	08:00	Changsha (长沙)	11:13	419	03:13	131/157
K787/K786	Nanchang - Chengdu	Nanchang (南昌)	10:17	Changsha (长沙)	15:54	419	05:37	55/90

IF DIRECT Huangshan (Tunxi) > Guiyang ALTERNATIVE:**NOTE:** Possible DIRECT AIR : Huangshan > Guilin (Then do Guiyang ???)

1) TRN: Huangshan (Tunxi) > Nanchang (KHN)

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TrainNo	Orgin-Destination	From (in Chinese)	DeptTime	To (in Chinese)	ArrTime	Distance (km)	Total Time (hh:mm)	Seat (RMB)
K434/K431	Yangzhou - Nanchang	Huangshan (黄山)	22:07	Nanchang (南昌)	05:45	469	07:38	34/60

2) AIR: Nanchang > Guiyang www.chinatraveldepot.com me e29

Confirm options w/ LP439-top suggested Tunxi Travel agency

?: Huangshan > GUIyang DIRECT ?

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Depart Arrive	Aircraft Flight No.	Left	Rules	Airfare	Tax & Fee
09:40 KHN 11:10 KWE	 320 MU2755	> 9	details >	US\$111	US\$31

Guiyang, (KWE), GUIZHOU (LP660m, 662m, 658, DK399m, 398) (access > Anshun)
STRAT: 1) fly from Nanchang > Guiyang, 2) same day TRN/BUS from Guiyang > Anshun (AVA)

TRANS - IN: Huangshan (Tunxi) > Nanchang (KHN) > Guiyang (KWE):

See above:

High Speed Train ALTERNATIVE

IF DIRECT Huangshan (Tunxi) > Guiyang ALTERNATIVE:

Climate: BEST: Oct: genial year-around weather

ACCM:

- * Star Hotel s Y158 next > TRN & BUS STA for late ARV
- Yuyunyan Binguan s Y138 near TRN & BUS STA
- Yidu Y Hostel

TOWN SITES: (LP662, DK398 (many extras)

Hongfu Temple

WalMart

River walk

TRANS-OUT: Guiyang > Anshun

- 1) ARV Guiyang
- 2) GOTO Tiyuguan (LP662m, 37B4) LD BUS STA
- 3) BUS: Guiyang > Anshun LD BUS STA (LP669m, 16B4) (every 15 m, 2hr, 7a-10p)- near TRN STA)

OVER NIGHT ???:

Anshun (Longong caves, Huangguoshu Falls, Zhijin) (LP660m, 669m, 668, DK400)

TRANS IN: Guiyang > Anshun:

BUS: Guiyang > Anshun LD BUS STA (LP669m, 16B4)(ea 15 m, 2hr, 7a-10p)- near TRN STA)

TRAIN: Why not?

<u>6081/6084</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	06:35	<u>Anshun</u>	07:56	97	01:21
<u>5637</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	08:46	<u>Anshun</u>	10:38	97	01:52
<u>5637</u>	<u>Guiyang West</u>	09:01	<u>Anshun</u>	10:38	86	01:52
<u>K9475</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	09:19	<u>Anshun</u>	10:54	97	01:35
<u>1235</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	10:46	<u>Anshun</u>	12:07	97	21:14
<u>K9435</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	15:11	<u>Anshun</u>	16:32	97	01:21
<u>K109</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	15:43	<u>Anshun</u>	17:12	97	18:23
<u>K9463/K9466</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	16:00	<u>Anshun</u>	17:35	97	01:35
<u>1224/1221</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	16:17	<u>Anshun</u>	17:51	97	24:02
<u>K827/K830</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	17:08	<u>Anshun</u>	18:29	97	23:07
<u>1257</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	17:42	<u>Anshun</u>	19:03	97	22:23
<u>1271/1274</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	18:27	<u>Anshun</u>	19:48	97	30:46
<u>K9367</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	18:41	<u>Anshun</u>	20:02	97	01:21
<u>K159</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	18:55	<u>Anshun</u>	20:16	97	10:55
<u>K671</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	19:42	<u>Anshun</u>	21:03	97	01:21

ACCM: San Xing Dajuidian

STRAT: Day trip from Anshun: combo: Longgong Caves (Dragon Palace Cave) & Huangguoshu Falls

SITES - Town

DAY TRIPS: (COMBO: Both in 1 day)

NOTE: p665 DIRECT BUS from Guiyang > HUangguoshu Falls (2 ½h)

TOUR: (LP663)

CITS: (LP662, 4C2, 661)

\$45USD, daily from: 1) TRN STA, 2) Main LD BUS STA or 3) special Tourist BUS STA > Falls & Caves (transport, adm. fees, lunch ???)

HAUNGGUOSHU FALLS (Rhino Pool) : (LP670, DK401) (Do 1st ?)

TRANS - IN:

1) **Mini buses** between Huangguoshu & Huangguoshu (1hr, Mar>Oct, otherwise iffy) (**NOTE:** Nov-Feb few or none)

2) **BUS:** Anshun LD BUS STA (**Zhonghua Nanlu & Huangguoshu Dajie** (See new LP map)) (every 20min, 1 hr, 7:30 – 5 p) > Falls:

BUS RETURN > Guiyang & Anshun regularly 7-7pm (**LP670**.)

BLOG:

3 main SITES:

1) **Doupotang Waterfall:** best > **visit 1st:** DIRECS: upstream from main waterfall (not as impressive, but very beautiful. **TOT visit TIME:** 1 ½ hr;

2) **Huangguoshu:** Short DIST: bus or taxi. **TOT visit TIME:** 3-4 hr: to walk round the falls & larger area; shorter if use cable cars; If in full flow - get very wet walking behind falls: path behind waterfall w/ ½ dz openings, actually see water fall dropping & touch

WARNING: protect videocam from spray

3) **Tianxing Resort** (or **Tianxing Bridge**): might be anticlimactic, but NO -- **TOT visit TIME:** 3-4 hr

:starts w/ 2 miles +/- of paved stones leading through wonderful unique rock formations > you enter a cave w/ many steps (warned!). then out into sunshine & down long paved path past limestone karsts & more impressive waterfalls > finish through a mini stone forest

TRANS BACK: cable cars back to > car park or walk uphill 20 min

Remember, you exit park at different place from your entry SO **taxi or bus** back to wherever you are going.

LONGGONG CAVES (LP670, DK400)

TRANS - IN:

Local BUS (30 min; hrly) from Anshun W BUS STA, W bus station) (RETURN: hrly > 5pm)

SITES: Drift thru caves in row boats

TRANS: CAVES > Huangguoshu Falls:

2) **Mini buses** between Longgong & Huangguoshu (1hr, Mar>Oct, otherwise iffy) (**NOTE:** Nov-Feb few or none)

Beware of hawkers pests

NO Zhijin Cave: (p670) TOO far & LONG a day trip

TRANS OUT > :

Anshun > Guilin, Guiling N:

TRN: NONE -

BUS: ???

Anshun > Guiyang:

1) BUS: (**REVERSE?**) Anshun LD BUS STA (**Zhonghua Nanlu & Huangguoshu Dajie** ([See new LP map](#))) (every 20min, 1 hr, 7:30 – 5 p) > Guiyang:

2) TRN

Trains	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Distance(km)	Total Time (hh:mm)
<u>K80</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	01:53	<u>Guiyang</u>	03:14	97	10:49
<u>1273/1272</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	02:06	<u>Guiyang</u>	03:40	97	19:00
<u>K338</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	03:35	<u>Guiyang</u>	04:56	97	11:11
<u>6082/6083</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	04:07	<u>Guiyang</u>	05:31	97	14:57
<u>K672</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	04:31	<u>Guiyang</u>	06:00	97	11:44
<u>T62</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	05:47	<u>Guiyang</u>	07:07	97	10:24
<u>K829/K828</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	07:23	<u>Guiyang</u>	08:44	97	20:08
<u>1223/1222</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	08:52	<u>Guiyang</u>	10:13	97	17:02
<u>K9465/K9464</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	09:04	<u>Guiyang</u>	10:32	97	19:31
<u>K9436</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	10:26	<u>Guiyang</u>	11:53	97	03:53
<u>5638</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	11:07	<u>Guiyang</u>	12:56	97	04:45
<u>5638</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	11:07	<u>Guiyang West</u>	12:40	86	04:29
<u>K110</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	16:19	<u>Guiyang</u>	17:40	97	10:32
<u>K9476</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	16:36	<u>Guiyang</u>	18:09	97	04:15
<u>1258</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	16:55	<u>Guiyang</u>	18:19	97	10:59
<u>K160</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	20:38	<u>Guiyang</u>	21:57	97	10:17
<u>K156</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	20:49	<u>Guiyang</u>	22:14	97	11:06
<u>K472/K473</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	21:06	<u>Guiyang</u>	22:31	97	11:59
<u>K168</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	21:25	<u>Guiyang</u>	22:48	97	10:27
<u>K9368</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	21:50	<u>Guiyang</u>	23:23	97	03:57
<u>1236</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	23:20	<u>Guiyang</u>	00:46	97	12:18

Anshun to Guiyang Schedule

Train No	Dep. City	Dep. Station	Dep.↑ Time	Arr. City	Arr. Station	Arr.↑ Time	Duration (hh:mm)↑	Distance (km)↑
<u>K156</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	01:21	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	02:42	01:21	97
<u>K80</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	02:04	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	03:25	01:21	97
<u>K338</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	03:35	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	04:58	01:23	97
<u>6083/6082</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	03:54	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	05:15	01:21	
<u>L197/L200</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	04:31	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	05:57	01:26	
<u>K672</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	04:43	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	06:10	01:27	97
<u>T62</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	05:44	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	07:02	01:18	97
<u>K829/K828</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	07:20	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	08:41	01:21	97
<u>K740</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	08:17	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	09:26	01:09	
<u>K9465/K9464</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	<u>Anshun</u>	08:33	<u>Guiyang</u>	<u>Guiyang</u>	09:54	01:21	97

Guiyang > Guilin (KWL)

TRANS – IN:

Air:

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AIR: >Guilin: (y630/\$100usd, CSA)

GS6463 - TIANJIN AIRLINES

Support E-Ticket

Depart: 09:30	Guiyang(KWE)	Duration: 0H50m	Aircraft: ERJ
Arrival: 10:20	Guilin(KWL)	Stopover: 0	Dining: NO
¥710 (\$111)	Econ Class(Y)	≥9 Seats	Select it All classes

G52647 Support E-Ticket

Depart: 14:50	Guiyang(KWE)	Duration: 2H30m	Aircraft: CR2
Arrival: 17:20	Guilin(KWL)	Stopover: 1	Dining: YES
¥580 (\$91)	Econ 21% Off	3 Seats	Select it All classes

MF8422 - XIAMEN AIRLINES Support E-Ticket

Depart: 20:45	Guiyang(KWE)	Duration: 0H45m	Aircraft: 757
Arrival: 21:30	Guilin(KWL)	Stopover: 0	Dining: NO
¥760 (\$119)			

BUS:

BUS: Guiyang > Guilin: NEW MAIN LD BUS STA (western Surburbs, Y260, 11hr , 2/D: (10 hr, 2 daily, noon & 8pm

TRN:

Guiyang, N , W > Guilin, N: NO direct, INdirect : shortedst -10hr

TRN / BUS / OPTION > Guilin

1) TRN: K156 > Liuzhou: (Bullet?)

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TrainNo	Orgin-Destination	From (in Chinese)	DeptTime	To (in Chinese)	ArrTime	Distance (km)	Total Time (hh:mm)	Seat (RMB)	Hard Sleeper (RMB)	Soft Sleeper (RMB)
K871/K874	Chongqing - Zhanjiang	Guiyang (贵阳)	06:08	Liuzhou (柳州)	16:08	620	10:00	43/77	89/92/95	144/151
K813/K812	Chongqing - Guangzhou	Guiyang (贵阳)	07:15	Liuzhou (柳州)	16:40	620	09:25	76/127	141/145/150	223/234
K829/K828	Chengdu East - Guangzhou	Guiyang (贵阳)	08:54	Liuzhou (柳州)	18:02	-	09:08	/	//	/
K488/K485	Chengdu East - Haikou	Guiyang (贵阳)	09:10	Liuzhou (柳州)	18:21	620	09:11	76/127	141/145/150	223/234
K1223/K1222	Chengdu - Guangzhou East	Guiyang (贵阳)	10:27	Liuzhou (柳州)	18:38	-	08:11	/	//	/
K843/K842	Zunyi - Guangzhou	Guiyang (贵阳)	16:10	Liuzhou (柳州)	23:45	620	07:35	76/127	141/145/150	223/234
K850/K851	Guiyang - Zhanjiang	Guiyang (贵阳)	17:05	Liuzhou (柳州)	01:40	620	08:35	43/77	89/92/95	144/151
K139/K141/K144	Chengdu East - Nanning	Guiyang (贵阳)	17:58	Liuzhou (柳州)	02:20	620	08:22	76/127	141/145/150	223/234

2) BUS: Liuzhou > Guilin: NO INFO; GET ON SITE

NO Yunnan Province: 678

Yuanyang Rice Terraces:

Tiger Leaping Gorge:

Lijiang: see lijian – China Visa service

Shaxi village:

Guangxi (SSE of Guizhou) (LP 632m, 631,

Guilin (KWL) (LP634m, 634) (T,D,N,T)



Map of Hongcun

