

Guangxi (SSE of Guizhou) (LP 632m, 631, DK 414)

Karst Topography DK 412-413 SPECLAY

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



Climate: BEST: Oct: 70-83°, low R

TRANS IN: Guiyang > Guilin (KWL)

SOURCES: www.chinatraveldepot.com

www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch?from=Anshun&to=Liuzhou

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](#)
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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)

Airport > Guilin: (½ hrly shuttles from CAAC office (Civil Aviation Mansion) , 6:30am – 10pm, 40 min)

TR STA: S end of Zhongshan Nanlu

LOCAL: bike but beware of traffic

\$: Banks :

Bk of China – main: on Shanhu Beilu; branches: 1) Shanghai Lu & Zhongshan Nanlu – corner, next to the train station , 2) at Zhongshan Nanlu, near Yinding Lu. Most tourist hotels

BIKES: 19D1 Ride Giant

ACCM:

Back Street Youth Hostel D ¥45: superb LOCATION, ENG, some smelly RMS

Wada Hostel: NEW (D Y35) ; out of the way, but all accessible by BUS 10; all Yangshuo bus stop

@; new, cafe, DIRECS: 212 Hangcheng Xiyii Jie, 86-773-2154888, CELL: 86-1897-8662-978 ;

wadahostel@yahoo.com

Guilin Flowers YH D 40 (OUT of new LP)

EAT:

Zhengyang Tangcheng: Soups: 8 Zhengyang Lu: (11:30a- 3am) **CAUTION: sea bass soup)**
 我对鲈鱼过敏。 **Wǒ duì (sea bass) guòmǐn.** sea bass: 鲈鱼

HIST:

Prefecture in 214 BC / Qin dynasty; a transport centre of Ling Canal linking important Zhu Jiang and Chang Jiang systems. Ming DYN: provincial capital, until 1914 then Nanning; 1930s & WWII - a Communist stronghold; refugees swelling population from 100,000 > one million+.

MAP: Tourist Map of Guilin (Y4) GUD w/ bit of English.

TOWN SITES:**15¼ h****2+D****N End: Start walk****N:**

Jinjiang Prince's Palace & Duxiu fFeng (DK415)

City Wall:**East Gate:** $\frac{3}{4}$ h

DIRECS: NE edge Mulong Lake Park

Mulong Lake Park $\frac{3}{4}$ h

[See Downloaded page](#)

Other nearby hills (LP636, DK415) $\frac{3}{4}$ h

(W) Wave Subduing Hill (Fubo Shan) (& Returned Pearl Cave:
 etched Buddhist carvings)

Folded Brocade Hill (& Wind Cave :
 more carvings

 $\frac{3}{4}$ h

Solitary Beauty Peak (Duxiu Feng) (DK415) &
 Palace & Wang Cheng Prince's mansion

1 h

W Side:**South Gate:** north shore $\frac{3}{4}$ h**CENTRAL: AROUND Rong Hu & Shan Hu Lakes:**

3 hr

Rong Hu LK:

Banyan tree : 800 yr (W shore)

old S Gate (Gu Nan Men) (N shore) only Ming Wall remains

Arched bridges:

Shan Hu LK

Sun & Moon (Riming Shuang) Twin Pagodas (LP634m, 17/17B2, 637, DK414) twin pagodas

Pretty @ nite walking around lakes

S END:

(S) Elephant Trunk Hill (Xiangby Shan):(LP634m, 636, DK416)

1½ h

(BEST seen from bamboo raft)

looks like a giant elephant dipping its trunk into the river.;

features: - Water Moon Cave

Elephant's Eye Stone**Yunfeng Temple .**

Water Moon Cave (Shuiyue dong): at riverside w/ Li River flowing thru;

looks like full moon floating on water surface w/ moonlight reflected
 on waves.

70+ Tang & Song inscriptions on walls in / around cave, praising
 the beauty of hills and waters nearby.

Puxian Pagoda: On top. Ming (1368-1644), looks like handle of a sword;

E SIDE (& of River):

Seven Stars Park (Qixing Gongyuan): (LP635m - D2; DK414)

1½ h

Sui tourist attraction;

DIRECS: eastern side of the Li River, 1 kilometer from the city center

Moon Tooth Hill (Yueya Shan) (NO! on zoo)



Reed Flute Cave (Ludi Yan): (DK415)

3 h

TRANS: Bike or BUS3 & free BUS 58

DIRECS: 5 km; on Guangming Hill 's (Bright Hill) south shoulder ; **Legend:** name cuz believed that reed by cave's mouth cud made into flutes. **Length:** 240 mtrs/750 ft; offers majestic karst caves fairyland: stalactites, stalagmites, stone pillars, stone curtains, birds, plants and animals in fantastic shapes and colors, all glistening in colorful lights w/landscape & rural scenery.

Tang DYN tourists; 77 stone inscriptions.

Crystal Palace of Dragon King grotto, hold 1000 peeps. During war (???), air-raid shelter;

highlight great slab of white rock hanging from ledge like cataract, w/ human-shaped stalactite on opposite side.

Water Tours: (LP637) CITS or hotels

each 3 hrs ???

1) Two Rivers & 4 Lakes

1½ h

2) Li River:

CITS: Could I take this > Yangshou one-way ONLY??? SEE a couple of pages

AROUND Guilin:

Google Earth map of these villages

Jiangtouzhou: (p639 & p648 Great Rides) arched Hulong Bridge

OVER NIGHT:

NOTE: Left Luggage **OPTION** for Chengyang & Dazhai:

BEST: @ hostel or 2) Left luggage at Guilin bus or train station

10-26-2009: **End of tourist season & rice growing**, so **room bargains**

1) Chengyang BRIDGE & Dragon's Backbone (2T/ 1D/ 3N/ 1T) 4D
Chengyang Wind & Rain Bridge (LP632m, 641, DK421 embedded in 1st column): Sanjiang

TRANS IN:

- 1) Guilin **BUS** > Sanjiang **E BUS STA** (4 hrs)
- 2) Sanjiang **West BUS STA** > Chengyang Bridge
(also mini vans on main rd outside W BUS STA after hours)

DIRECS > W BUS STA:

- 1) turn R from E BUS STA
- 2) R again to X RIV
- 3) R again after Xing RIV
- 4) 20 mtrs on L & UP steps > TIKs

via **BUS** > (林溪) Linxixiang: ½ hrly, 30 min, 7:30 – 5:30pm) (Ask driver > go to Chengyang Qiao)

rickshaw drivers congregate outside Sanjiang **E BUS STA**: 10-15 RMB for ride to bridge

??? **Bike** (see LP649)

ACCM:

Ma'an Village:(behind Chengyang Bidge)

Drum Tower Folk Hostel: **ON HILL**; spectacular view: charming scenery

⚡ **Dong Village Hotel**: (old LP ;Chengyan Bridge National Hostel): **Next > wooden water wheel**; **DIRECS**: From BUS STOP , X bridge turn L

bike rentals

INside Village:

SITES:

Bridge: No nails or rivets – all dove tailed, 5 tower-like w/"horns" & 'flapping bird-like wings'; nearby Dong stockade villages:Ma'an, Pingzhai, Yanzhai, Chengyang-Dazhai, Pingpu , Pingtan, Jichang and Guandong.

Nearby village WALKS: (LP641, 649) Pingzhai, Dongzhai, Dazhai, Pingpu & Guangdong

(???) **Yinshui Dong** village: typical Dong village w/picturesque scenery; in very steep mountain sloped valley; **waterfall**; unique village architecture with a distinctive - Drum Tower with square piled-eaves.



TRANS-OUT > Dragon's Backbone: See **TRANS – IN**: next page

2) Dragon's Backbone (Longji) Rice Terraces (龙脊梯田): (LP640, DK420 under Longshen)) (Longshen)

TRANS-IN from Chengyang Bridge > **Dragon's Backbone:**

1) **BUS** from Chengyang Bridge > Sanjiang W BUS STA

2) **GOTO Sanjiang EAST BUS STA**

3) **BUS** from Sanjiang E BUS SA > **Longshen** (reg, 1½ h; 6:30am- 5:30pm)

NOTE: reach the terraces, you will need to pass through the town of Longsheng

3) **BUS: Longsheng BUS STA (buy TIK on bus) > Dazhai;** (Every 20 min; 1 ½ hr, 7:00am > 6pm)

Between Longshen and Dazhai is a "Gate" where you have to pay 50 RMB entrance fee to Yao reservate.

3a) **Dazhai > Heping > Ping'an;** (Every 2 hr, 1 hr, 7:40am > 5pm)

TRANS: 1) Just tell driver you want to go to Dazhai or Ping'an and he will drop you off at **intersection** (a bit before Heping) that leads into valley.

2) **At intersection:** Longsheng buss -- about every 20-30 mins.-- Some > Ping'an, others > Dazhai.

ACCM:

meat dishes cost two to three times as much as the vegetable and tofu dishes

Dazhai (大寨): quieter, less tourists & tour buses

10-15 min walk: parking lot > Dazhai village

Dazhai guesthouses (NOTE: Dazhai area OF guesthouses is called Tian Tou Zhai):

Minority Cafe & INN GH: (r Y40)

Yinhe Luguan

Tian Ti GH (86-773-7584203)

Jin Keng GH (86-773-7584196) Jin Tian GH (86-773-7584169)

Dazhai GH (86-773-7584175)

Ping'an: (平安)

Most GHs = traditional-style wooden houses, family-cooked meals, shared baths, H&C shower (common features). Y15 – 20/ bed, 6Y+/ meal, 3Y/ btl mineral water (some exceptions).

Wangji Peasant Family Happy (beds; Y20) (modify new name)

Li Qing Guesthouse, 1st & largest GH in Ping An; run by 2 sisters Liao Yan Li (phone & fax 86-773-7583021) and Liao Yan Qing (86-773-7583048, liqing_gh@hotmail.com) **PERKS:** 2 houses, great view at new house / 70 beds / D Y15 per bed/ large porches/ some English / Internet Y10/hr

View Place Inn (Lan Yue Ge, 86-773-7583005, mianbao-cha@163.com), highest point in village, best views, 48 beds / Y15, 20 or 25 per bed depending on room's view / porch view / Internet Y10/h

Longji Hotel (86-773-7583047 & 86-773-7511335 in **Longsheng**), approx. new , English teacher / **located on path to Viewpoint 1 ?** / 46 beds / D Y10 or 15 per bed, / western food offered, BBUT C food: more expensive than others

Countryside Cafe & Inn (86-773-7583020), approx. new / **located near Li Qing GH (above)** / 14 beds / Y20/bed / expensive western food, good Eng

HIKE:

ALT #1: (I prefer): 1) Dazhai early morning **TRANS** > Heping > Ping'an, 2) **hike** Ping'an > Dazhai (4hr)

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2) At intersection: Longsheng BUS -- about every 20-30 mins.-- Some > Ping'an, others > Dazhai.

DIRECS: 4-5 hr HIKE : Ping'an > Zhongliu > Tiantouzhai > Dazhai:

* **Route clearly sign posted** ** **viewpoints** are numbered, but don't confuse them; consult map

Minority villages: (LP640, DK420)

Dazhai: **BEST:** 700 years; women embroidered pink costumes, heavy silver earrings w/hair extremely long/ in the world; more grand than Longji. **Yao villages:** Zhonglu, Dazhai & Xiaozhai.

Tiantouzha (田头寨) : MOST REMOTE, most spectacular terraces

Zhongliu: Yao village, (Middle Six); half way btw Dazhai & Ping'an. Right after village, in bottom of gorge, a running creek w/gurgling water = ideal place 4 lunch

Ping'an: heavy tourist, but best facilities Zhuang villages: Ping'an & Longji

Zhuang women wearing white shirts, black pants, & brightly colored towels on their heads.

HIKE ROUTE: hike mostly "up"

NOTE: stone paths / steps network leads from Dazhai (same to Ping'an (???);

a) Ping'an > Zhongliu (1/2 way) > Dazhai **VP #1** (1hr) "Music from Paradise"

b) Dazhai **VP #1:** > Tiantou: (田头寨) (@ top): (1 ½ hr) Great Views! BUT highest viewpoint, called 西山韶乐

c) Tiantou > Dazhai **VP#2:** "Qiancheng Ladder>Heaven" thru Zhuang Jie (?) (45min-1hr, dn)

d) Dazhai **VP#2** > Dazhai

Skip attempt > Viewpoint #2 > Viewpoint #3 – just get lost

Possible Confusion: as i begin to enter Tiantouzhai village -- having left Dazhai VP #1 above -- I take road or path down > turn R onto road. **Misleadingly element, I will know correct road/path because as I leave path from above, to my L a few meters from this intersection a sign for Ping'an, indicating I turned incorrectly L instead of correctly R toward Tiantou**

After 3 hr hike across rice terraces > & through Yao village: Zhongliu > Ping'an, Zhuang village.

Relatiely, this part = "road less traveled": almost no hawkers / tour guides & relatively flat; last 45 min: less scenery, walk road rather than path through terraces

Ping'an viewpoint #1: "Nine Dragons and 5 Tigers"

Ping'an viewpoint #2 : "Seven Stars Accompanying the Moon"

Ping'an's rice terraces more beautiful, Dazhai views more majestic.

Yao woman's turban wrapped, long hair-let-down photo OP: Y5: larger bundle - more beautiful.

ALT #2: hike Dazhai VIL > Ping'an (4hr) > RETURN TRANS > Dazhai

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Possible Confusion: as you leave Tiantouzhai village -- having left the village below you -- you need to take path up to L. **Misleadingly element**, this correct path to the Left is signposted a few meters **AFTER** the the turn point.SO... **if see a sign here for Ping'an, your have gone too far**

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TRANS OUT / TRANS-IN: of Ping'an back to Daizhai

TRANS: 1) tell/show driver you want to go to Dazhai or Ping'an and he will drop U off **at intersection** (a bit before Heping) that leads into valley.

2) At intersection: Longsheng BUS -- about every 20-30 mins.-- Some > Ping'an, others > Dazhai.

By BUS btw dazhai & pinyan: change bus at **dragon bridge**. Villages have only direct BUS > Longshen and routes connect at dragon bridge

3) Longsheng > Dazhai; (Every 20 min; 1 ½ hr, 7:00am > 6pm)

3a) Longsheng > Ping'an; (Every 2 hr, 1 hr, 7:40am > 5pm)

(???) BUS from Ping'an > Longsheng BUT get off & switch > Ping'an BUS at **Heping** (6/day, 1 hr, 8 RMB). In Afternoon BUS times: 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

TRANS_OUT:

Longshen > Guilin by BUS (every ½ hr, 1 ½ - 3 hrs, 6:30am-7pm)

Quan Jing Lou Hostel See [Downloaded pages](#) from Ping': 1) a trail down to main road from near toilets at entrance gate, JUST IN CASE you miss infrequent Longsheng buses, 2) once on the highway you can flag down a more frequent Dazhai - Longsheng bus.

?? ? Longsheng Hot Springs National Forest Park: See [Downloaded map & pages](#) dense primeval forest, famous hot springs; weather very pleasant, many mountains 16 hot springs: spout from 1,200 meters underground; water is pure and clear to drink

Yangshuo (LP644m, 641, DK419m, 418)

10D

(1T, 9N/ 8 days/ 1 trav)

TRANS IN: Guilin > Yangshou by:

BUS: from main **BUS STA**, N of **TRN STA** (1 ½ hr, every 15 min)

Boat – possibly ??? : Li River:

Could I take this > Yangshou one-way **ONLY**??? SEE a couple of pages

BIKES: 1C1 Bike Asia: 882-6521

ACCM: (LP594-595)

Bamboo House Inn D ¥25 noisy location wifi, bikes, 2 building (LP old)

Giggling Tree D ¥50 (LP old)

Trippers Carpe Diem D Y35 (new) 1.5 KM N of Xie Jie, walkable, Yangshuo Outside Inn ¥ 50-100 BUT 4km S

NO - Monkey Jane's HGHG D ¥20 **PART HARD** gloomy, damp, needs maint, wifi, views,

NO - Yangshuo Culture House D ¥70 w/ 3 free meals (looks like a premium for meals

IN-Town SITES: (LP642m, DK419m)

1D

Xi Jie (DK418)

Bilian Feng (Peak) (DK418) (1 hr, fee)

Yangshuo Park: Man Hill, Lady Hill

Dragon Head Hill (DK 417)

Markets: (p647) ask hostel for mkt days

AROUND Yangshou:

1D

Moon Hill (Yueliang Shan) **by bike** (DK419); nesrby Big Banyon Tree

4h

Black Buddha Caves & Water Caves (DK418-9) by bike or tour; underground waterfall

4h

Village MKT days??? ask at hotel

DAY TRIPS:

Li River: Yandi > Xingping (24 mi) (LP646m, DK 416-17 **SPECLAY**)

1) The Hike: 4-5 hrs

DIRECS:

1D

1) Yangshou > Yangdi by BUS (Y8)

2) Hike back from Yangdi > Xingping

3) Then, Xingping > Yangshou by BUS or Raft

2) Li Valley Boat & bike (LP649) Yangshou > Xingping & Back via Fufu village

1D

See Downloaded map & pages

DIRECS: Great Bike Rides : (See box p649)

1) Boat > Xingping

2) Bike S thru villages > **Fuli Cun** (DK419) Hand made fans) > Yangshou

Fulicun: MRKT Days: ending in 1, 4 7; stone house, cobbled lanes;

DIRECS:

1) Bike S from Guilin

2) Turn E over bridge > Dutou Cun

3) Bike onto ferry > Fuli on other side

3) Yulong River: by bike > **Dragon Bridge** (p646m) etc.

1D

DIRECS: 6 KM S of Yangshou; Great Bike Rides : (See box LP648)

1) Bike thru Jima cun > Dragon Bridge

??? Baisha Village See Downloaded map & pages

4) Shitoucheng village (Stone Town) (LP647) Google Earth

1D

Steep 50 min hike; 4-5 hr ruin explore

DIRECS TO:

- 1) any Guilin bound bus > Putao; (main intersection & mobile phone store)
- 2) motorbike taxi (mototaxi Y35 – 6mi,) or tractor > Shitoucheng
- 3) DR Liao (Baobao)

RETURN: Reverse above

- 1) motorbike > Putao)
- 2) flag down S BUS > Yangshou

SITES:

50 min hike UP > Old Town

Ancient garrison walls & gates; 4-5 hr walk around

Shitoucheng valley is hanging valley surrounded by karst formations. Inherently defensive location

TRANS OUT of Yangshuo Options:

OPTION 1: Yangshuo > Nanning

BUS: (6 ½ hr, 2/D -- 8am & 11:3am) **BEST**

NO trains

OPTION 2: Yangshuo > Guilin > Nanning by:

Doesn't make sense to go back to Guilin by BUS rather than direct to Nanning by BUS

BUS: REG 5 hrs

TRAIN:

www.chinatraveldpot.com

Train No	Dep. City	Dep. Station	Dep. Time	Arr. City	Arr. Station	Arr. Time	Duration (hh:mm)
2513	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin</u>	04:39	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	10:50	06:11
1561	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin North</u>	04:46	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	11:15	06:29
1561	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin</u>	05:03	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	11:15	06:12
1627	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin</u>	05:48	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	11:40	05:52
1557	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin</u>	07:11	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	13:30	06:19
K9301	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin North</u>	07:40	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	13:10	05:30
K584/K581	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin</u>	07:50	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	14:00	06:10
K9301	<u>Guilin</u>	<u>Guilin</u>	08:09	<u>Nanning</u>	<u>Nanning</u>	13:10	05:01

AIR: NO cuz must GOTO Guilin 1st

OVER NIGHT:

HUANGYAO Cun (SW of Yangshou) **黄姚广西** (1T,2N,1T) **3D**

TRANS TO:

BUS 11:10 ONLY : DIRECT from Guilin STOPS in Yangshuo ONLY IF NOT FULL

MISC Sources:

just take bus to Hezhou and switch another bus to Huangyao

take a bus from Guilin(8:00-17:30, frequent at every 30 minutes, 4hrs journey)

TIKS & ENTRANCE:

-- Walk 5 min > W Gate & TIKS (Y68) , or

-- IF no want guide (or pay entry) use entry of locals off modern city street near market.

GEN:

entrance statuary: **ancient stage** on L side, R side = **patriotic education base**: protected many cultural celebrities during Sino-Japanese War; now National Patriotism Educational Center. Inside: historical photos of Sino-Japanese War and American Flying Tigers info limestone caves, pavilions, temples and shrines, ancestral temples, ancient trees, couplets and steles...

8 streets paved w/ blue flagstone (blue bricks & black tiles) : 99,999 (???) .; Yaojiang RIV = **old bridges** everywhere.

TO DO:

Boat ride ???

SITES:

Ancient banyan tree stands in courtyard: silent witnesses.

2 **Banyan trees** 2500 yr @ RIV edge

Stone Jumping Bridge: many dis-connected stone blocks, forcing U to X w/ bounds & leaps: local cattle / sheep all do,

10 ancestral temples built by rich like other famous ancient towns

old houses & antiques perfectly reserved: defensive mt on 4 sides

calligraphy of Hanyu, 800 AD, the great scholar and calligraphy of Song Dynasty, He

xiangning and Gao shuqi's residential houses and many other inscribed boards, couplets and steles **FOOD**: try herbal pudding & soy bean soaked and dried with garlic.

Architecture: array of Nine-Palaces & Eight-Diagrams, most Ming or Qing, two-storied tile structure: 600 families Ming and Qing Dynasty style.

The Painted Veil

TRANS BACK > Yangshuo:

2 hours walkabout time;

BUS from Gongqiao > Guilin passes Huangyao at about 14:30 in afternoon from same place

LP ALT

Guilin LD BUS via Yangshou (2:50pm; 3 hr) > Huangyao VILL BUS (8am) ???

One bus per day, (3 hrs @ 2:50pm) (p647)

ACCM: IF overnight ???

Booker Inn., D Y50,

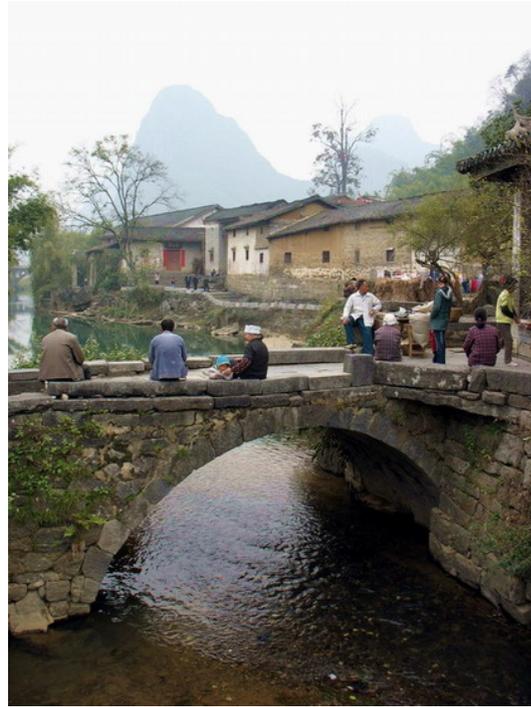
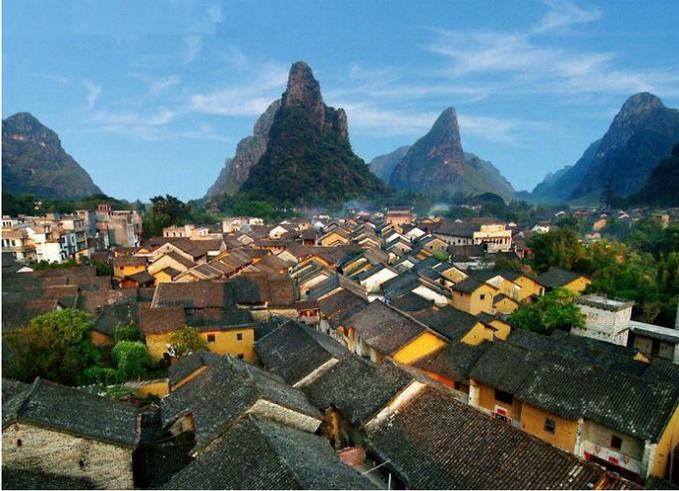
Chance: Y80 across RIV

Jinlanju Guesthouse - the highest and best hostel in town, good location, Y20~30/bed

Shichang Lvshu (Market Hotel)/市场旅社- the condition is just average of Y10-15/bed. But 6th floor; nice town panorama; BEST for welcoming sunrise.

Tianranting Lvshu/天然亭旅社 - Y10/bed, more comfortable than Shichang Lvshu. But both are located outside the old town on the 2 sides of the market, very noisy.

(BLOG) not gud, return > Yangshuo



Nanning Guangxi (LP 650m, 649, DK423) > Detian Wrfall (2 N/ 0 D/ 3 T)

TRANS IN Options:

BUS: Yangshuo > Nanning

BUS: (2/D, 6 ½ hr, 8am-8:59am) **BEST cuz I will fly from Nanning to HKG so might as well base there & take DIRECT Nanning BUS > FALLS**

NO trains

OPTION 1: Yangshuo > Guilin > Nanning by:

BUS: REG 5 hrs

Possible Option: Intercept Direct Guilin > Falls BUS ???

Yangshou > Nanning by TRAIN (p6: hrs) **Several trains from Guilin thru Yangshou**

ACCM: Lotusland Hostel

TOWN SITES: (DK423- extras)

NOT MUCH, but:

Guangxi PROV MUS: Dong bronze drums; ; Dong & Ming hoouse, nail-less Wind & Rain Bridge w/restuarant

Sunken alleyways : e side of Yong RiIV Bridge just S of Suthgate MKTto wander P650

AROUND Nanning:

If **STUCK**, see p 652 for suggestions

TRANS – IN > Detian Waterfall: (LP657, DK425) 1D

OPT !: DIRECT Nanning BUS from **INTER Tourism distribution Center (LP650m , 18C1) (Y90 RT, 3 ½ hr, 7:40am) > Detian Falls (9am, 3 ½ hr)**

OPT 2: Difficult OPTION:

1) **BUS** From Nanning > Daxin

2) **turn L from BUS STA & walk 5-10 min down Minsheng Jie @ Lunli Lu junction (w/ traffic lights)**

2a) **There, on your R minibuses > Shuolong (Y10, 1 hr, up > 6pm)**

Minibus > Shuolong

@ Shuolong: minibuses & rickshaws under big tree > Detian Falls (Y20 & Y15, 20 min)

OVER NIGHT: Detian Waterfall (LP657, DK425)

ACCM: at Falls Guesthouses ¥80

TO DO:

1) Falls ¥80

2) Bamboo rafts to near falls

3) Climb Ft Mountain (1 ½ hr)

TRANS-OUT Detian Falls > Nanning:

1) **DIRECT BUS . Nanning: DP : 3:20p**

2) a) Last BUS Shuolong > Daxin: 4pm

b) REG Daxin BUS > Nanning: . . 8:30p

NANNING (NNG) > HKG:

TRANS – OUT: FLY: \$300

China Southern Air <http://www.flychinasouthern.com/index.php?lang=en>

TO Airport: CAAC Airport Shuttle: (2/hrly, 40 min, 5:30am – 9p) DP outside this office (LP651)

CUSTOMS DECLARATION: --- CASH: Declare US\$6,000+: **CAUTION: GET Declaration receipt**; to show Customs @ China departure. ON DEPARTURE declare between US\$6,000 and US\$10,000 w/ Chinese bank permission

CAAC (Civil Aviat Admin.C, Zhongguo Minhang), 82 Chaoyang Lu (LP says: 24 hr; 243-1459) ([Airport Shuttle](#))

CITS 76 Chaoyang Lu (daily 8am-noon & 3-5.30pm; 0771/2804960, 2806025, citsgx@public.nn.gx.cn). A whole courtyard full of CITS offices; try and track down Ms Zhou Run LIng , some ENG, works upstairs in building ahead of you as you walk in off the street.

✈ Nanning - Hong Kong	
Saturday, November 19, 2011	
<<previous day next day>>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	18:15 Nanning (NNG) 19:40 Hong Kong (HKG) China Southern Airlines (CZ3089) 1:25 • 0 stop(s) • • Economy • flight details
<input type="radio"/>	11:50 Nanning (NNG) 16:50 Hong Kong (HKG) China Southern Airlines (CZ3297) China Southern Airlines (CZ633) 5:00 • 1 stop(s) • • Economy Restricted / Economy • flight details
<input type="radio"/>	08:05 Nanning (NNG) 16:50 Hong Kong (HKG) China Southern Airlines (CZ3275) China Southern Airlines (CZ3412) China Southern Airlines (CZ633) 8:45 • 2 stop(s) • • Economy / Economy Restricted • flight details
<input type="radio"/>	08:00 Nanning (NNG) 16:50 Hong Kong (HKG) China Southern Airlines (CZ3295) China Southern Airlines (CZ633) 8:50 • 1 stop(s) • • Economy • flight details
<input type="radio"/>	08:00 Nanning (NNG) 18:20 Hong Kong (HKG) China Southern Airlines (CZ3295) China Southern Airlines (CZ3292) China Southern Airlines (CZ3031) 10:20 • 2 stop(s) • • Economy • flight details

BACK UP OPTIONS: CITS GOTO Gunagzhou or Shenzhen

Hong Kong, (LP 526-535m, 522,DK308-9m,) (T, D, N/ 3 T> TUS)

USD > HK\$: \$1USD + 7.8HKD

TRANS - IN: SEE Nanning **TRANS - OUT** --- AIR

TO/ FROM AIRPORT:

Airport Express: Central (HK Airport Express STA: every 12 min) & Kowloon STA

GETTING AROUND: **Octopus Card:**

HK\$50 + refundable deposit (HK\$50) ; most TRANS, some stores, ADD-Value machines :
MTR TIK off & 7-11 Stores

ACCM:

Kowloon: (Tsim Sha Tsui): cheapest: either side of Nathan Rd (**DK316**)

Park GH: HK\$200/ \$26

Mei Lam GHH: HK\$200/ \$26

World Wid GH: HK\$250/ \$332

Man Hing Lung HOT: HK\$150/ \$

New Yan Yan GH: HK\$150/ \$

WELcome GH: HK\$200/ \$26

Chungking House (???)HK\$200/ \$26

ad 13% in taxes; prices fall in shoulder season HI Season: Oct & NOV

AI but cheapest have: Eng cable, A/C, private bath

FOOD:

SITES: 4 main areas

KOWLOON:

Tsim Sha Tsui (DK316)

START WALK @: (NLP) Kowloon-Canton RR clock tower: near Star Ferry Concourse
(**DK315**) *Where?* not on map

Space MUS: IMAX ?

Kowloon Park

HK MUS of Art (LP538, DK316)

Yau Ma Tei / Mong Kok: (N of Kowloon) (**DK317**)

Jade MKT

Tin Hua TEMP

Signal Hill Garden & Tower (NLP)

Temple ST night MKT

Yuen Po St Bird Garden

New Kowloon: (N of Mong Kok)

Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin TEMP

Chi Lin Nunnery

Kowloon Walled

NEW TERRITORIES:

Chi Lin Nunnery (NLP) (**LP483**)

Kam Tin & Mai Po Marsh: 2 Walled villages: (**DK321**)

Kat Hing Wai: (**LP526m, 540**)

Shui Tau Tsuen: (**LP526m, 540**)

Sha Tin:

Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery (LP 526m, 540, DK320)

HK Heritage MUS (LP526m, 541, DK320)

City Park

HONG KONG Island: N side (**urban jungle**) & S side (**green , relatively UN developed**) ; center: (**protected convenient hiking area**)

⚡ **Star Ferry boat ride (DK315)**

1) **Sheung Wan** Walking Tour: 1 hr; (LP542,)

Western MRKT (DK315)

2) **CENTRAL:** (DK310)

* Peak Tram:

* Victoria Peak: (**DK312-3 SPECLAY**)

3.5 walking trail around peak (also, can walk down to Central track

? HK Zoo & Botanical Gardens (**DK311**)

? Cenotaph (NLP)

Li Yuen ST E & W: if en route somewhere

⚡ **Graham St MKT** 嘉咸街 (& Peel St MRKT) Victoria City of Hong Kong. Located in Central, the street starts from Queen's Road Central and runs uphill and south to Staunton Street, c

Central-Midlevels escalator: (**DK314**) worlds longest

Man NO TEMP: (**DK314**)

Western MKT

PUBLIC TOILET: second floor (3rd floor); not 1st (2nd flr) Completed in 1906, impressive building has a red brick exterior with a handsome granite arch over its entrance. The market now houses shops formerly located in old alleys Central, selling all manner of cloth; also traditional handicraft stalls & cafes. top floor: Grand Stage dancing & dinner

3) **Admiralty:** nothing

Flagstaff House MUS of Tea Ware

4) **Old Wan Chai:** (**DK310**) (Best – walking)

Blue House (NLP)

Wan Chai MRKT (NLP)

Golden Bauhina 11B2HK

Convention & Exhibit CNTR (**LP532m, 13B3**)

5) **Causeway Bay:** (**DK311**)

Pak Tai TEMP (NLP) **Where?** not on map

Lin Fa TEMP **Where?** not on map

Hung Shing TEMP **Where?** not on map

Tin Hua TEMP 16H3

Island South:

Repulse Bay bus ride

Longevity Bay

Deep Water Bay:

Aberdeen (p526m)

HONG KONG > TUCSON: WED NOV 23: 12:50 pm (noon)

TRANS - OUT --- AIR

TO/ FROM AIRPORT:

Airport Express: Kowloon STA **Octopus Card** - ??? Central (HK Airport Express STA: every 12 min) &



UAL eTicket Number: 0058668467270 800-538-2929 (say 'Agent' or "hit "0")
UAL Reference Code: N950LJ
CONT Reference Code: D8LF8Y
Traveocity Trip ID #: 2119 9280 9993 1.888.872.8356 / 888.756.2745
[www.checkmytrip](http://www.checkmytrip.com) (not available for United)

SERVICE	DATE	FROM	TO	DEPART	ARRIVE	DURATION
UAL 862	23NOV WED	HKG	SFO (HKG>SFO)	12:50pm	0828am	11h 38m
				HKG Ter: ???/SFO Ter: 'eye'		Seat: 55K
				Time between flights: 11h 12m		
UAL-X 6352/6193	23 NOV WED	SFO	TUS (SFO>TUS)	07:11pm	10:08pm	3h 0m
				SFO Ter: ???	Seat: 11D	
\$1115.70	Seat as of 7-19-2011 @ 9am			Total Travel Time: 24h 22m		

MISC:

HK\$: p951

ELECT: 220v 50 hz Type G & Type M (3 rnd. Posts in triangular config.)

Hong Kong	220 V	50 Hz	Type G Electrical Outlet Type M Electrical Outlet	* Type M has been replaced by Type G, but sometimes still be found.
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U.S. citizen tourists for < 30 days no visa req'd; passport req'd; CAUTION: private "visa extension services," bogus;

NNG > CAN > HKG: Nanning Flight ? HKG may stop in CAN; No real reason to GOTO CAN

FLY: www.chinatraveldepot.com

NNG > CAN

Depart Arrive ↑	Aircraft Flight No.	Left	Rules	Airfare	Tax & Fee	Discount	Price ↑
08:00 NNG 09:00 CAN	 738 CZ3295	> 9	details ▶	US\$115	US\$21	Economy(Y)	Select
11:50 NNG 12:50 CAN	 320 CZ3297	> 9	details ▶	US\$115	US\$21	Economy(Y)	Select
16:20 NNG 17:20 CAN	 320 CZ3293	> 9	details ▶	US\$115	US\$21	Economy(Y)	Select

Zuo Jiang Scenic Area::

TRANS-IN:

1D

OTE" local bus > TRN STA

2) Rickshaw (30min) > Minzu Shanzhai aka Panlong:

ACCM:

Guidebook Confiscation:

LEFT LUGGAGE:

SITES:

Longrui Nature Reserve:

Huashan Cliff Murals: 2000 yr rock art

TRANS-OUT > Pingxiang:

BUS: reg; Last @ 6:20pm

TRN: 10:43am (49min) & 2:39 (38min)

PINGXIANG (> Friendship Pass)

TRANS-OUT > Friendship Pass

NOTE: If COMING FROM or GOING TO Vietnam SEE LP for additional Sites enroute (Zuo Jiang Scenic Area: Huashan Cliff Murals

Jiayuguan GW (LP848m,

or **Jiayu Pass** (simplified Chinese: 嘉峪关; traditional Chinese: 嘉峪關; pinyin: *Jiāyù Guān*; literally "Excellent Valley Pass") is the first pass at the west end of the **Great Wall of China**, near the city of **Jiayuguan** in **Gansu** province. It has also been called "Jiayuguan Pass"; however, this form is **redundant** since "guan" means "pass" in Chinese. Along with **Juyongguan** and **Shanhaiguan**, it is one of the main passes of the Great Wall , 6 kilometers southwest of the city of **Jiayuguan** in **Gansu**. The structure lies between two hills, one of which is called Jiayuguan Hill. It was built near an **oasis** that was then on the extreme western edge of China

Yaumenguan Pass , In most NW corner of **GANSU PROV**, **TOO FAR FROM Xian, Shaanxi PROV** 75 km from GW of E Wei

located on a hillock 90 km (56 miles) northwest of Dunhuang City, is an important pass of the north route on the Silk Road. After Zhangqian served as an envoy to the West Region, a mass of silk and tea from Central China were exported abroad through this pass, and in return, fruit, specialties and religion culture were brought in.

Jingdezhen > **Nanchang**

Trains	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time	Distance(km)	Total Time (hh:mm)	Hard
<u>5205</u>	<u>Jingdezhen</u>	07:39	<u>NanChang</u>	12:28	302	04:49	\$:
<u>K8729</u>	<u>Jingdezhen</u>	13:50	<u>NanChang</u>	18:09	302	04:19	\$ '
<u>2239</u>	<u>Jingdezhen</u>	23:38	<u>NanChang</u>	06:00	302	16:52	\$:

ALT #2: Xian (SIA) > Nanjing (NKG):

Air :

Depart Arrive ↑	Aircraft Flight No.	Left	Rules	Airfare	Tax & Fee	Disc
07:50 XIY 09:40 NKG	 319 JD5129	> 9	details ▶	US\$171	US\$31	Econoc
08:30 XIY 10:15 NKG	 737 HU7821	> 9	details ▶	US\$171	US\$31	Econoc
12:00 XIY 13:35 NKG	 320 MU2876	> 9	details ▶	US\$171	US\$31	Econoc

Nanning > Huangshan

LP439 1 thru Nanjing stop @ Tunxi Ji

Ngdezhen – BUT I found nothing

NO cuz underwater cuz modern reservoir, NOT HIST

Xiaoxihu: Reservoir (& Huanghuacheng Great Wall)

TRANS:

By bus: Catch bus # 916 from Dongzhimen long distance bus station to Huairou, then change to bus no 961 or a minibus to the village of Xishuiyu.

- 1) 1 ½ jrs from Beijing to Xiao Xi Hu (Huanghuacheng Reservoir),
- 2) passing by Huanhuacheng Village and Huanghuacheng GW.
- 3) Enter the gate of Huanghuacheng Reservoir (Xiao Xi Hu).





SITE:

extended Huanghuacheng Great Wall at the Reservoir Section. Xiaoxihu Great Wall i@ Xishuiyu Village near Huanghucheng RES. Huanghuacheng RES cuts the Great Wall into 3 sections

HIKE:

Hike Route: loop, challenging, Great Wall, mountains & water.

Walking Time: 3 hours

Walking Level: 3

lakeside setting: lovely walks, especially in thick forest, **2 TRails:**

1) around lake trail : wooded forest. 2) starts near guard's station on dam wall – 2–3hr – leads to watch towers of the greatwall on hill top: spectacular views, including a connecting creek.

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Handle, open seam, wheels
REI Luggage: 800-638-6464