

7-Day Chengdu and Jiuzhaigou Fairyland Tour

Trip overview

Taste a world of difference in China's southwest corridor, where vibrant local culture, bold cuisine, and ethereal landscapes blend into a magical adventure. Designed for travelers who want to unlock the classic treasures of Sichuan in exactly one week, this private tour offers the perfect balance of seamless logistics and immersive experiences.

Your journey begins in **Chengdu**, the laid-back culinary capital of China, where you will meet adorable giant pandas and slip into the slow rhythm of traditional teahouses. From there, head south to stand in awe before the colossal **Leshan Giant Buddha** and ascend the mist-veiled, sacred peaks of **Mount Emei**. Finally, journey via high-speed bullet train into the alpine highlands to witness the breathtaking, jewel-toned travertine pools of **Huanglong** and the legendary, fairytale waters of **Jiuzhaigou Valley**. Complete with dedicated English-speaking guides, private comfortable vehicles, and pre-arranged bullet train logistics, this hassle-free itinerary guarantees an unforgettable encounter with the soul of Sichuan.

- **Durations:** 7 Days
- **Destinations:** Chengdu - Leshan - Jiuzhaigou - Chengdu
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/7-day-chengdu-and-jiuzhaigou-fairyland-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Chengdu — Warm Welcome & Private Transfer

Welcome to Chengdu, the hometown of giant pandas and the culinary capital of China! Upon stepping into the arrivals hall, you will be greeted by your dedicated local guide holding a personalized nameplate with a welcoming smile. A comfortable private vehicle with a professional driver will be at your service to transfer you directly to your hotel. Your guide will assist you with the check-in process and ensure all room arrangements are perfect.

The rest of the day is yours to unwind, adjust to the time zone, or take a leisurely stroll nearby to catch a first glimpse of this famously laid-back city.

Professional Travel Tips for Day 1:

Since Chengdu is served by two airports, please double-check your flight details ahead of time as Tianfu (TFU) requires a significantly longer drive to the city center than Shuangliu (CTU). To ensure a seamless pickup, providing the guests' WeChat or WhatsApp ID in advance allows the guide to coordinate the exact meeting point coordinates smoothly upon landing. If your clients arrive early and have the energy, a relaxed evening walk around Kuanzhai Alley or Taikoo Li offers a fantastic first taste of the city's blend of tradition and modern chic, though we recommend opting for a mild Sichuan dish or a non-spicy broth hotpot for dinner to let their stomachs ease into the local culinary culture gently.

Day 2: Chengdu — The City Highlights

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Morning: Step into the emerald sanctuary of the Chengdu Giant Panda Research Base. Guided by an expert, you will enjoy a curated walk to observe pandas of various ages interacting in their naturalistic habitats, followed by an educational journey through the panda museum to discover the delicate science behind their breeding and preservation.

Afternoon: Delve into the living traditions of Chengdu at People's Park, an elegant urban retreat where the city's rich heritage thrives. Retreat to a reserved table at a historic teahouse, allowing you to relax over a premium tea-tasting experience and observe the timeless, leisurely rhythm of local life.

Evening: Attend a private performance at the Shufeng Yayun Opera House, a premier cultural institution. Marvel at the precision of master performers showcasing ancient arts, from dramatic puppetry to the breathtaking, fluid illusions of Sichuan face-changing.

Professional Travel Tips for Day 2:

For high-end groups or independent travelers, utilizing the internal electric golf carts at the massive Panda Base will save considerable time and energy, allowing guests to bypass long walking trails and head straight to the nursery enclosures where the youngest cubs are kept. When planning the afternoon schedule, keep in mind that People's Park can get exceptionally busy on sunny weekends, so adjusting the visit to a weekday ensures a much more serene and exclusive experience in the tea garden. Additionally, if your clients are avid photographers or culture enthusiasts, arriving at the opera house 30 minutes early allows them a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the actors applying their intricate stage makeup in the open courtyard.

Day 3: Chengtu to Emei via Leshan — The Giant Buddha

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Morning: Enjoy a private overland transfer from Chengdu to Leshan, a pleasant two-hour journey through the lush Sichuan countryside, followed by a specially curated lunch featuring regional delicacies.

Afternoon: Experience the grandeur of the Leshan Giant Buddha, a monumental 71-meter stone statue designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Board a private cruise to admire the full scale of this ancient marvel and its massive cliffside inscriptions from the river confluence. Afterward, enjoy an exclusive guided walk along the mountain pathways to view the intricate

details of the Buddha's head and the surrounding temples.

Late Afternoon: Embark on an insider's epicurean walking tour through Leshan's historic streets, sampling premium local specialties such as artisan Shaomai, classic sweet-skin roast duck, and savory beef pancakes.

Evening: Relax on a smooth 45-minute private drive to your premium resort nestled at the base of Mount Emei.

Professional Travel Tips for Day 3:

For luxury FITs or senior travelers, the cliffside walk involves steep, narrow, and often slippery stone steps, so if guests have limited mobility, the river cruise alone provides a magnificent and completely stress-free view of the entire Giant Buddha without any physical strain. When planning the culinary walk, we suggest scheduling it around 16:30 when the local snack shops are freshly preparing their evening batches, ensuring the sweet-skin duck and beef pancakes are served perfectly warm and crispy. Please also verify if the Emei hotel requires a health or green declaration code for check-in, and ensure the private vehicle has the necessary mountain permits if guests are staying at a luxury resort located beyond the mountain's main gate.

Day 4: Mount Emei to Chengdu — The Golden Summit & Sacred Mountain Exploration

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Morning: Ascent to the Golden Summit

Dedicate today to exploring the mist-shrouded wonders of Mount Emei, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of China's four sacred Buddhist mountains. Board the scenic public sightseeing bus winding through lush alpine forests, followed by a breathtaking cable car ride up to the Golden Summit (Jinding). At the peak, stand in awe before the magnificent, 48-meter-tall multi-faced Golden Buddha statue (Puxian Bodhisattva) gleaming against the sky, and soak in the sweeping panoramic views of the surrounding sea of clouds and rolling mountain ridges.

Afternoon: Mountain Descent & Return to Chengdu

After a mountain-top lunch, enjoy a relaxed descent, taking in the tranquil temple atmosphere and fresh mountain air. In the late afternoon, your private vehicle will escort you back to Chengdu (approx. a 2.5-hour drive) for a smooth check-in at your hotel, leaving you with a free evening to relax after a rewarding mountain excursion.

Professional Travel Tips for Day 4:

To guarantee catching the spectacular morning sea of clouds and avoiding massive tour group bottlenecks at the cable car station, we highly recommend an early morning departure from the hotel lobby by 07:00, especially during peak seasons when lines can add hours to the transit time. Additionally, please advise clients that temperatures at the Golden Summit (3,079 meters) are significantly lower than at the base, often dropping by 10–12°C, making a windproof jacket or warm layers essential even during the summer months. Finally, warn guests to secure all loose belongings, cameras, and food items when passing through the mid-mountain monkey reserves, as the local Tibetan macaques are notoriously bold and known to snatch bags from unsuspecting hikers.

Day 5: Chengdu to Jiuzhaigou via Bullet Train — The Travertine Pools of Huanglong

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Morning: High-Speed Train to the Highlands

Your private guide and driver will escort you to the station this morning to board the modern bullet train bound for the Jiuzhaigou region. Enjoy a smooth, scenic rail journey as the landscape transitions into dramatic alpine peaks. Upon arrival, your local highland guide and driver will welcome you and transfer you to a local restaurant for a fortifying lunch.

Afternoon: Fairyland Landscapes of Huanglong

Head out to explore the Huanglong Scenic Area, a UNESCO World Heritage site and China's best-preserved plateau wetland. Famous for its multi-colored travertine pools, snow-capped peaks, lush forests, and serene valleys, it offers a surreal alpine experience. To optimize your time and energy, a scenic cable car ride to the top is included. From there, enjoy a leisurely downhill walk through the park, capturing stunning views of the terraced, jewel-toned ponds at a relaxing pace.

Evening: Transfer to Jiuzhaigou

After a memorable afternoon, relax on a comfortable drive to your hotel nestled near the gates of Jiuzhaigou, where you can unwind for the evening.

Professional Travel Tips for Day 5:

Because Huanglong sits at a high altitude peaking at around 3,558 meters, it is crucial to advise clients to avoid strenuous exertion, stay well-hydrated, and consider buying a small, portable oxygen canister at the park entrance if they are sensitive to thin air. To ensure a completely stress-free morning transition, please secure the bullet train tickets well in advance as this route is highly popular, and make sure guests keep their physical passports handy for the station's automated ticket gates. Additionally, because weather in the highlands can shift rapidly from bright sunshine to chilly rain, guests should pack both sun protection and a warm, windproof jacket in their daypack for the outdoor mountain walk.

Day 6: Jiuzhaigou — Full-Day Exploration of the Alpine Wonderland

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch (Restaurant or Picnic)

Full Day: The Ethereal Ravines of Jiuzhaigou

After breakfast, dedicate your day to exploring the Jiuzhaigou Scenic Area, a mythical UNESCO World Heritage site named after the nine historic Tibetan villages nestled within its valleys. This sprawling alpine sanctuary winds across 80 kilometers of pristine wilderness. Accompanied by your expert guide, you will travel via the park's efficient sightseeing shuttle bus to explore its three legendary ravines: Rize Valley, Zechawa Valley, and Shuzheng Valley.

Prepare to be mesmerized by a surreal landscape of crystalline, jewel-toned lakes, multi-tiered cascading waterfalls, snow-dusted peaks, and vibrant primeval forests, all steeped in rich Tibetan cultural traditions. Keep your camera ready for iconic stops like Five-Flower Lake and Nuorilang Waterfall. For lunch, your guide will recommend a suitable spot at the central dining hub, or you can opt for a scenic picnic lunch amidst the breathtaking scenery.

Professional Travel Tips for Day 6:

To maximize your time inside this massive park and catch the morning light reflecting perfectly off the mirror-like lakes, we highly recommend arriving at the park gates by 07:30 to beat the massive influx of tour group buses. Because private vehicles are strictly prohibited, your guide will help you navigate the hop-on-hop-off eco-buses, and we strongly suggest choosing the premium picnic lunch option over the crowded Nuorilang service center restaurant to save up to an hour of dining time and enjoy a much more peaceful meal by the lakes. Lastly, remember that the weather in the valley fluctuates wildly between shady forest trails and open boardwalks, so packing a light backpack with removable layers, sun protection, and a compact umbrella will ensure complete comfort throughout the day.

Day 7: Jiuzhaigou to Chengdu — Bullet Train Return & Departure

Meals: Breakfast

Morning: High-Speed Rail Back to Chengdu

Bid farewell to the magical highlands of Jiuzhaigou this morning. Your private guide and driver will escort you to the railway station, where you will board the modern bullet train for a smooth, scenic journey back to Chengdu. Enjoy a final look at the changing landscapes as you descend from the alpine plateau back into the fertile Sichuan basin.

Afternoon: Seamless Onward Departure

Upon your arrival in Chengdu, a dedicated driver will welcome you at the station and provide a seamless, private transfer directly to the airport (or high-speed railway station) to catch your homeward flight or connection to your next exciting destination, bringing your unforgettable Sichuan journey to a perfect close.

Professional Travel Tips for Day 7:

To ensure a completely stress-free departure, we highly recommend booking an onward flight that departs from Chengdu no earlier than 16:30 for Shuangliu Airport (CTU) or 17:30 for Tianfu International Airport (TFU), which safely accounts for the morning train ride from Jiuzhaigou and the cross-city transit from the railway station. Please remind clients to double-check their packing lists and keep their physical passports, mobile phones, and power banks easily accessible in their hand luggage, as these will be checked multiple times during train boarding and airport security. Lastly, if your clients are departing from the massive Tianfu Airport, coordinate with the driver to drop them off at the exact terminal (Terminal 1 for international or Terminal 2 for domestic) to save them from long, exhausting walks inside the complex.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate

- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
 - 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
 - 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
 - Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate
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