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16 - 27 Oct, 2014 (12 days) Langmusi- Juizhaigou
Rm4380 (per pax group of 10), Rm4350 (12 pax), Rm4330 (16 pax and above)

Update 6 Aug 2013. Autumn is the Super peak season for Jiuzhaigou and therefore please register asap to secure the flight seat if you keen to join. Trip cost above, based on air fare Rm1500 using China Airlines, will be adjusted higher or lower depending on the final fare. Flight schedule is based on 2012 and will adjust once have flight schedule. We received very good responses for our 2009 to 2013 trips. As such, please register early to secure your seat. Contact rachelheng123@gmail.com or call 012 3520868 for registration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humor, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun.



Jiuzhaigou river, autumn leaves, waterfall

Jiuzhaigou, translated Nine Stockade Valley, is one of the top China destinations, especially in the super peak months of October. We also visit the equally popular Huanglong. We enter from the north, traveling along good roads that passes beautiful Tibetan villages and rolling hills. We overnight in Tibetan town/village of Xiahe, Langmusi and Ruergai. We spend a full day in Jiuzhaigou when gates open till gate closes, using the inner walking trails, away from the expected huge crowds. We "tapau" our lunch and spend as much time as possible, seeing as much as possible.

Day 0 (15 Oct) KLIA to Shanghai : Assemble at KLIA by for our past midnight flight MU540 at 0155AM, arriving Shanghai (Pudong) at 0720AM (16 Oct) . No need to apply for annual leave on this day. Overnight Plane.

Day 1 Pudong to Lanzhou: We will take off MU2352 at **1115AM Tue 16 Oct** to Lanzhou, reaching 1420PM. After checking in to our hotel, we visit the banks of the Yellow River, its water-wheels and sheep-skins rafts. Overnight (ON) Lanzhou.

Day 2 Lanzhou/Xiahe (260km 5hrs) We start the day early to enjoy the scenic drive to Xiahe on part of the Qinghai Plateau. This

less-frequented route is dotted with quaint and pretty Muslim Hui and Tibetan farms and villages. The rolling high altitude grasslands with flocks of yaks and sheeps are especially pretty. We will visit Labrang Tibetan Monastery that is reputed to be more Tibetan than Tibet itself. We'll have adequate time just walking around and taking in the atmosphere. ON Xiahe.

Day 3 Xiahe/Langmusi (230km 5hrs): On the drive to Langmusi, we visit the Milariba Buddhist Pavilion at Hezuo County. Langmusi is in the border of Gansu/Sichuan province. There are two tibetan monasteries, one is called Sezhi monastery in Sichuan Province and another one is called Geerdeng Monastery in Gansu Province. Local simply call them Sichuan Monastery and Gansu Monastery. Both are majestic temples with red walls and golden roofs built on the high slopes, overlooking hundreds of white-painted monks' houses. ON Langmusi.



Langmusi/Tibetan women praying

Day 4 Langmusi: We have a full day visiting the two Tibetan monasteries, and wander about the pretty villages. There are numerous trekking possibilities and we have the services of local Tibetans to take the group around this very untouristic area of Gansu. O/N Langmusi.

Day 5 Langmusi/Ruoergai (160km 6hr) : After breakfast, we drive to visit the First Bend of the Yellow River. The 80 km road from Langmusi to this First Bend is in poor condition and takes about 3 hrs of hard driving. From here it is another 4 hrs to Zoige. ON Zoige (Ruoergai).

Day 6 Ruoergai/Songpan (192km 3hr): We drive to Songpan, we will pass the grassland where the Red Army walked through there for Long March, after lunch, we will visit the Ancient Songpan town and take a walk in the city. O/N Songpan

Day 7 Huanglong(100km 3hr): We bus 3hr to Huanglong, translated Yellow Dragon, another beautiful park studded with waterfalls and travertine ponds of blue, yellow, white and green. The top temple is 7.5 km from the entrance and has the most beautiful pools. Cable cars are available for visitors to get quickly to the top. ON Jiuzhaigou (Zhachang town)

Day 8 Jiuzhaigou : We have a full day to explore and appreciate one of China's most beautiful national parks. We visit the numerous lakes. The park is a huge area of gorgeous alpine valley studded with dazzling turquoise lakes and surrounded by snowy peaks. Shuttle bus services take visitors around but many choose to walk/trek along the walkways and paths running alongside the rivers. There are basically two routes covering Juizhaigou and we will do certain selective scenic spot. Overnight Juizhaigou.

Day 9 Lanzhou : We bus to Lanzhou after breakfast. It is a long drive taking approximately 9-10 hours. O/N Lanzhou.

Day 10 Lanzhou : After breakfast, group can visit interesting Musuem in Lanzhou to know about Silk route. Afternoon free & easy for final shopping before home. O/N Lanzhou.

Day 11 Fly Home: We need to wake up early to catch up morning flight MU539 at 0740AM, reaching Pudong 1015AM. Then connect flight MU539 back to Kuala lumpur at 1955PM. O/N Plane

Day 12 Home : Reached KLIA 0050AM early morning (27th Oct 2014)



Way to Langmusi /Zoige/ Huanglong

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost cover airfares on airfare, accommodation and transport.
2. Accommodations will be in 2-3 stars hotel.
3. Not covered are visa fees (Rm58), airport taxes & fuel surcharges (about Rm700-800), meals (Rm40 x 10 days = Rm400) and entrance fees (approximately Rm350). Note that entrance fees are substantial in China, some which are mentioned in the itinerary above.
4. Note we do not collect up front compulsory tips nor do we bring our groups for "compulsory" shopping stops. Members will decide the tips based on their satisfaction of the guide services.
5. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates and/or airfares.
6. A deposit of **Rm1010** will be payable to confirm your place.

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