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15-day Folk-custom Photography in Western Sichuan

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Tour Code: SC-FPWS

Length: 15days and 14 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: Sichuan

Highlight Attractions: null

Experience & Features: Zhonglu Tibetan Village, Mt. Holy Yala, Ganzi Monastery, Gengqing Monastery, Jinsha River, Kangding

Physical Rating : 2

Cultural Shock Rating : 4

Linguists and anthropologists refer to Western Sichuan as the 'Ethnic Corridor of China', as its vast and sparsely populated territories are inhabited by over 14 culturally and linguistically distinct Tibetan ethnic groups. There are significant differences in traditions and beliefs - even physical appearance - between the peoples of the local and Lhasa. 1/3 of Kham residents speak Qiangic languages that are unrelated to the Tibetan language. In this journey we record the local Tibetans' life with your camera.

Itinerary

Day 1: Chengdu

Arrive in Chengdu and prepare for the exciting plant hunting tour.

Stay overnight in Chengdu.

Meals:

Day 2: Chengdu –Danba

Today we head west, passing underneath Erlang Shan and then turn north before the town of Luding and drive along up to the Dadu River, to arrive at town of Danba.

Stay overnight in Danba.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 3: Danba

Today we will spend the whole day on visiting Zhonglu Tibetan Village, where you may have a personal talk with the local villagers.

Stay overnight in Danba.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 4: Danba – Bamei

We head southwest to town of Baime, where Mt. Holy Yala is situated. Mt. Holy Yala is one of the four Holy Mounts in the Tibetan world. We stay in guesthouse tonight.

Stay overnight in Bamei.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 5: Bamei – Ganzi

We head northwest to town of Ganzi along the road going through Great Snow Mountain. On the way we will pass Daofu, a town with feathered Tibetan houses.

Stay overnight at Ganzi.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 6: Ganzi

Today we visit Ganzi Monastery, which was built by one of the fifth Dalai Lama's disciples in 1670's.

Stay overnight at Ganzi.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 7: Ganzi – Mani Gange – Dege

Heading west again we arrive at Mani Gange, a tiny Tibetan town. This tiny town is reputed as Cowboy City in West China for the men's wild personalities in the town. Then we keep heading west to Dege after crossing Que'er Shan Pass at 5,055m above sea level.

Stay overnight at Dege.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 8: Dege

Today we will visit the scripture print house as well as Gengqing Monastery behind the print house.

Stay overnight at Dege.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 9: Dege – Baiyu

Down to Jinsha River, the upriver of Yangtze River, we head south to the town of Baiyu, where we visit the Baiyu Monastery, built in 1857, which is a Nyingmapa Buddhism monastery with much influence around the border between Tibet and Sichuan.

Stay overnight at Baiyu.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 10: Baiyu

Today we stay another day in Baiyu and this gives us another chance to explore this featured Tibetan town.

Stay overnight at Baiyu.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 11: Baiyu – Ganzi

Today we return to town of Ganzi and stay overnight there.

Stay overnight at Ganzi.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 12: Ganzi – Litang

Along the valley of the upriver of Yalong River we head south to Litang.

Stay overnight at :Litang.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 13: Litang – Kangding

Today we head east to Kangding.

Stay overnight at Kangding.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 14: Kangding – Chengdu

Heading east again we return to Chengdu and stay in a four-star hotel in the city.

Stay overnight in Chengdu.

Meals: (B/L)

Day 15: Chengdu -

Depart Chengdu.

Meals: (B)



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