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## Lovely Romance in China

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**Tour Code:** CET-HM02

**Length:** 22 days and 21 nights

**Cities Visited/Stayed:** Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Kunming, Dali, Lijiang, Shangri-la, Guilin, Sanya, (Hong Kong)

**Highlight Attractions:** Yu Yuan Garden, The Bund, Humble Administrator's Garden(Zhuozhengyuan), West Lake, Wuzhen Town, The Stone Forest, Dali Ancient Town, Jade Dragon Snow Mountain (Yulong Xue Shan ), The Ancient Town of Lijiang, Songzanlin Monastery, Li River, Yangshuo, Dadonghai Beach, Wuzhizhou Coral Island.

**Experience &Features:** Tibetan Family Visit, Leisure Time in West Street Yangshuo, Sands, Sea, Sunshine in Sanya

Welcome to go on your romantic honeymoon in China. Deluxe and romantic hotel room, considerate itinerary and unexpected surprise are all in this tour. We begin our tour from the largest city of China-Shanghai, which will amaze you by its modern atmosphere and traditional culture and art. The West Lake in Hangzhou is sure to impress you deeply and bring your faith in love. Then we go to Yunnan province. Be affected by the romantic atmosphere there and spend leisure time at Dali and Lijiang ancient town, which bring you sense of ancient time and feeling for love. Also included a trip to Guilin, you experience a cruise on the world-wide famous Li River through stunning karst landscapes in Guilin and enjoy wonderful natural sceneries in Yangshuo. The famous West Street in this old town will surely intoxicate you in its leisure and modern atmosphere. Our highlights come in Sanya, where you walk on the silver beach and take water sports with your sweetheart. A con amore hot spring arouses your feel. Relax and indulge in the fairy island of Wuzhizhou. Let's start this romantic tour in splendid China.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Shanghai

Welcome to Shanghai! Our guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. A high standard honeymoon room has been prepared for you. There will be an interesting Chinese ceremony to welcome you.

You can put on traditional Chinese wedding dresses to take photos. You can arrange the rest of the day on your own.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

**Meals:**

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## Day 2: Shanghai

**[Yuyuan Garden]** is our first in this morning. And you will find many delicate handicrafts and tasty Chinese snacks. Also include is a visit to the **[Jade Buddha Temple]**, an elegant structure famous for its Buddha statue which is carved of solid white jade and decorated by jewels. You will have your lunch in a romantic Shanghai restaurant. The **[Outer Bund]** is the place where you can appreciate the traditions and modern at the same time. Late we will take a walk on the **[Nanjing Road]**, the most prosperous commercial street. You can find lots of world famous brands setting along the street and enjoy a good time in shopping.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 3: Shanghai-Suzhou

**[Humble Administrator's Garden]** is the largest private garden in Suzhou, as well as one of the four most famous classic gardens in China. Today we will pay a visit there. There is a treasure house containing arts of architecture, calligraphy, carving, painting, and bonsai and a typical example of the art of horticulture south of Yangtze River in Humble Administrator's Garden.

As Suzhou is "the City of silk", the **[Silk Factory]** is always a must place for the visitors. Visitors would have the chance to see the real cocoons. The demonstrations of reeling, weaving and printing are interesting and the fabrics are, of course, wonderful.

**[Panmen Gate]** with a long history of more than 2,500 years, is Suzhou's oldest and the most completely preserved part of the ruins of the ancient city of Suzhou.

After lunch we will take a short cruise in [the Grand Canal] which was founded in about 600 BC but really making its fame one thousand years later when the Grand Canal was up and running. It is the great location the city affords that helped Suzhou become a prosperous trading area and the boomed silk industry.

Later we're going to take a look at the **[Huqiu Pagoda]**. The 36-metre-tall Huqiu (**Tiger Hill**) Pagoda stands outside the Lümen Gate to the north west of Suzhou. the King of the State of Wu, Fu Chai, He Lü's son and successor, buried his father along with 3,000 swords here. It is said that on the third day after the burial, a

white tiger appeared to guard the tomb; hence the hill got the name. After visiting the above spots we will come back to Shanghai and finish the one-day Suzhou tour.

Stay overnight in a hotel near Taihu Lake.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 4: Suzhou-Hangzhou

You can enjoy a leisurely morning, and then we will go to Hangzhou after a traditional Chinese lunch. West Lake in Hangzhou is known for its natural beauty worldwide, just like the saying goes "Above is paradise, below is Suzhou and Hangzhou", which expresses the idea of elegant Hangzhou. You will arrive there in the afternoon and will be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is on your own to explore the city.

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 5: Hangzhou

After breakfast, we will go to visit the **[Lingyin Monastery]** and **[Feilai Peak]** first, and they are the famous sites in Hangzhou. Lingyin Monastery is a famous ancient temple in China, in front of which there are Feilai Peak, Cold Spring, Longhong Cave and precious rock cave arts and queer and varied natural caves and gullies. **[Enjoying Tea at Dragon Well]** is also included in our list.

Visiting **[West Lake]** is a good chance to experience lots of romance legends which made it a poetic place where lovers are longing to go. It is undoubtedly the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for the scenic beauty that blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. In there, you can sit in a boat wandering on the river and enjoy the beautiful scenery, while listening to the guide telling a moving love story of two young persons in ancient time. **[Viewing Fish at Flower Pond]** and **[Leifeng Pagoda]** which are near the Lake are also be visited. Later, we will take a walk on the [Hefang Street].

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 6: Hangzhou

Today we will drive to **[Wuzhen]**, an old water town dating back one thousand years ago. Wuzhen embraces all the features of a waterside town in the Ming and Qing dynasties, which is featured with water lanes, old

buildings and stone bridges. Old waterside houses, corridors scatter can be seen around anywhere. There are huddles of locals gathering in a square happily playing chess, old grannies pushing cabbages in rickety wooden carts. When you are walking on the street it feels like that you are back in ancient time. Then we drive back to Hangzhou.

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 7: Hangzhou-Kunming**

This morning is free at leisure. After lunch, we will go to the airport to catch a flight to Kunming. Upon your arrival, our guide will welcome you at the airport and bring you to the private car that will take you to the hotel.

Stay overnight in Kunming.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 8: Kunming-Dali**

**[Stone Forest]** is waiting for us today. Those magnificent stone masterpieces, various strange and steep intricate formations, and countless labyrinthine vistas make Stone Forest (Shi Lin in Chinese) worthy of the fame as the 'First Wonder of the World'. Major Stone Forest, Minor Stone Forest and Naigu Stone Forest all feature stones in various formations. Animals, plants, and even human figures can be found here. Some are elegant, some are rugged, and each is lifelike with its own distinguishing characteristics. Later this afternoon we will drive to Kunming Train Station to catch an overnight train to Dali after dinner.

Stay overnight on train.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 9: Dali**

You will be picked up by your guide at Dali Train Station in the morning, and will be transferred to your hotel in the Old Town. There are many famous for romantic themes such as wind, flower, snow and moonlights, and it has been regarded as a love cradle. You can arrange your own time in the morning on your own. After lunch, we set out to visit a typical sight of Dali-the **[Three Pagoda Temple]** which is made up of three ancient independent pagodas forming a symmetrical triangle. Later we will enjoy a walk along the **[Dali Ancient Town]**. It was an important gateway to the Silk Road in Southwest China, and also served as a seat of government and a major military barracks for Yunnan Province in ancient times. Witnessing some parts of the

city wall and the tower remained are good ways to explore the mystery in the history. You will have a special feeling from any other Chinese city when appreciating traditional Bai ethnic minority folk houses.

Stay overnight in Dali Old Town.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 10: Dali-Lijiang

This morning we will depart for Lijiang by private car, van or bus after lunch. It will cost about roughly 3.5 hours to drive there. The beautiful scenery on the way will surely give you some special feeling, and we may stop on the way for you to relax and take some photos. You will arrive in Lijiang before dinner time.

Stay overnight in Lijiang.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 11: Lijiang

The Old Town of Lijiang perfectly adapted to the uneven topography of this key commercial and strategic site, retaining a historic townscape of high quality and authenticity. This morning we will go to the **[Jade Dragon Snow-capped Mountain]**. The reflection of skyscraping snow-capped peaks and its imposing body plus the flowing rivers compose a fabulous picture. When viewing from afar, the snow-capped ranges look like a silver dragon with snow curling up its middle. It is said that sunlight is hard to penetrate the cloud, only at special moment that about one meter's sunlight appear on top of the mountain, and people who are shined by the light can have an undying affection. This miracle may not happen, but the beauty of this ancient town is real. We **[take cables to climb the mountain]** and be intoxicated in the picturesque scenery. The coziness and difficulty along the way makes your trip memorable. Later the day we will spend time walking around the **[ancient town]**, as time passes by softly, you can enjoy the life of companion in fairyland.

Stay overnight in Lijiang.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 12: Lijiang-Shangri-la

We will depart for Shangri-la by private car, van or bus after breakfast. It will be a long drive, so you will have a lunch stop on the half way. But the scenery all the way is fabulous. You will arrive in Zhongdian ("Shangri-la") before dinner time.

Stay overnight in Shangri-la.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 13: Shangri-la**

Shangri-La has become synonymous with any earthly paradise but particularly a mythical Himalayan utopia, a permanently happy land, isolated from the outside world. And it characterized by towering snow-capped mountains, lush forests, vast gorges and idyllic lakes. We will visit **[Songzanlin Monastery]** which is about three kilometers from the downtown area. It is a spiritual hub for people to discover the mystery and traditions of Tibetan Buddhism, a famous Tibetan style Buddhist temple in China. There are lots of things to see, and you will be lucky enough to take photos of girls wearing exquisite Tibetan costumes holding perfectly white fluffy lambs against the imposing mountains and blue sky. Next we will visit the **[old part of the town]** and a **[Tibetan family visiting]** as well. There you will discover that Tibetan built their houses in distinctive religious styles influenced by Buddhism. You can taste Tibetan specialties of yak butter tea, local yogurt and Tibetan barley. Afterwards, you can arrange your time freely, and visiting the local market is a good choice.

Stay overnight in Shangri-la.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 14: Shangri-la-Kunming-Guilin**

We will take a morning flight back to Kunming. In the afternoon, we will catch another flight from Kunming to Guilin. Upon arrival, your guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. You can arrange the rest of the day.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 15: Guilin-Yangshuo**

This morning we embark the ship for **[Li River cruise]**. Li River symbolizes the Guilin area, as this picturesque river is a major component of Guilin scenery. As it sparkles in the sunlight, the river meanders through lush mountains like a liquid jade belt. A cruise along the Li River between Guilin and **Yangshuo** is an unforgettable experience. The entire journey lasts about four hours. You can stay inside or enjoy the lovely river breezes on the open deck. Meanwhile you can also bring your cameral to capture the dramatic landscapes that Chinese artists have been painting for centuries. Afterward, we will take a walk on West Street, which has received countless foreigners from all over the world and reputed as "Earth Village in China". Nowadays, the 600 meters long street has over 300 cafes, restaurants, hotels art crafts and tourist stores, foreign language clubs, internet

centers and Kungfu schools. The rest of the day is at your disposal either to enjoy a coffee time at the West Street, or walk around the small Yangshuo town.

Stay overnight in Yangshuo.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 16: Yangshuo

After breakfast, we [**enjoy a bike tour to the big Banyan Tree and the Moon Hill**]. You will have your lunch at a local famous restaurant. You can spend the whole afternoon to relax. In the evening we will watch the "Impression—Sanjie Liu", a famous moving love story of a clever and kind woman. It is the first new concept minority cultural show which takes the advantages of the live landscape as its stage background. And you will have an opportunity to experience the sole happiness of life at the Li River.

Stay overnight in Yangshuo.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 17: Yangshuo-Guilin

This morning we will drive back to Guilin city, spending the rest of the day in Guilin to discover its shining scenic spots that make the city unique and especially beautiful. First comes is the [**Elephant Trunk Hill**], looks like standing in the Li River and looks like an elephant drinking water from the river. The [**Reed Flute Cave**] is one of the most spectacular caves displaying karst geographical formation in various shapes. And then we will move to the nearby [**South China Sea Pearl Museum**]. It is the place where you can learn some knowledge of pearls and have the chance to purchase real sea pearl at competitive prices. After dinner, taking a cruise in the city's central area on a water system will absolutely give you a deep impression of Guilin.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 18: Guilin-Sanya

Today is on your own to relax until you are ready to be transferred to the airport for a flight to Sanya. When you arrive in Sanya, our guide will greet you and transfer you to the hotel. High standard room with sea view has been prepared for you. Besides, there are special gift in your room.

Stay overnight in Sanya.

(Sometimes you need to fly to Guangzhou/Shenzhen in the morning and wait for the connecting flight.)

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 19: Sanya

After breakfast, we drive to **[Dadonghai Beach]**—one of Sanya's cleanest beaches, situated about 3 km from the centre of the city and just off the main road. Water sports are very popular. Here you can dive into the sea with your beloved under guidance of professional coach. Leave your footprint on the seabed and touch lovely fishes. There are numerous small restaurants and bars serving up tasty snacks and drinks. Later we drive to the **[Li Minority custom park]**, where you put on minority wedding dresses and experience minority collectivity marriage ceremony. It is particularly pleasant here in the evenings, when the sun sets and the crowds disperse. You can plant a tree together to pray for everlasting affection.

Stay overnight in Sanya.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 20: Sanya

This morning we will pay a visit to **[Tianya Haijiao]** or the “End of the Earth and the Corner of the Sea”. It is undoubtedly Sanya's most famous scenic spot and the highlight for almost every visitor. It is not only famous for the spectacular beaches and expansive ocean view, but also its outstanding title and rich history, for its title is a set phrase in Chinese that brings profound poetic allusions with. The cape there is a perfect harmonization of nature's palette, with bleached white sands, turquoise seas, deep blue skies and lush green hills. There is a romantic Romeo and Juliet story about these two stones. Now people regard these two stones as symbols of eternal and faithful love. Because of this beautiful and romantic story many young lovers choose this place for their wedding ceremony. Later the day we will drive to a luxury hot spring holiday hotel in **Yalong Bay**; you can enjoy a leisure afternoon **[bathing in the private hot spring with your beloved]**.

Stay overnight in Sanya.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 21: Sanya

After a leisure breakfast, you will enjoy a walk in the nearby forest. Since wearing flowers in the woman's head means she is a married woman in local tradition, so you can pick a lovely flower and wear it on the right of your sweetheart's head. After lunch, we drive to **[Wuzhizhou Island]**. It is a tropical island with some excellent scuba diving available around the spectacular coral reefs. There are many exciting things there such as the

white beaches, palm trees, sunshine and wonderful sea life including sea urchin, starfish and sea horse. This spot is generally acknowledged as the best place for scuba diving on the entire island. So you will have a great time there.

Stay overnight in Sanya.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 22: Sanya-Hong Kong-Departure**

This morning is free for your own to relax until you are ready to be transferred to the airport for Hong Kong or departure.

**Meals:** (B)



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