CHINA

Beyond the Map

Pandas, floating mountains and a city that climbs the sky.



8-day sample itinerary | Culture & discovery

Slow down in Chengdu’s teahouses, meet giant pandas, rise into Zhangjiajie’s sandstone peaks and discover Chongqing’s layered skyline. High-speed rail links the chapters of a journey through Sichuan and beyond.

Departure: Enquire for the next departure

This is a sample itinerary summary. Your final quotation confirms dates, accommodation, services, current pricing and booking terms.

The journey, day by day

Route: Chengdu → Zhangjiajie → Chongqing → Chengdu

Day 01 — Arrive in Chengdu

Meet your guide at Tianfu International Airport and transfer to the hotel. The day is free to settle in and discover the city at your own pace.

Day 02 — Pandas & the rhythm of Chengdu

Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, pause for tea in Renmin Park and wander Jinli Old Street.

Day 03 — Temple courtyards to mountain country

Explore Wenshu Temple and Chengdu Museum, with time around Taikoo Li and Chunxi Road. Take the high-speed train to Zhangjiajie.

Day 04 — Glass bridges & hidden caves

Visit Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon and the Glass Bridge, then discover Yellow Dragon Cave by boat and on foot.

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Day 05 — Among the floating mountains

Explore Zhangjiajie National Forest Park via Ten-Mile Gallery, the Bailong Elevator, Yuanjiajie and Tianzi Mountain before descending by cable car.

Day 06 — Tianmen Mountain to Chongqing

Ride up Tianmen Mountain and explore its cliffside paths and natural arch, then transfer by high-speed rail to Chongqing.

Day 07 — A city in layers

Discover Chongqing’s skyline and rivers, Longmenhao Old Street and an observation deck. End among Hongya Cave’s illuminated buildings.

Day 08 — History & farewell

Visit the Three Gorges Museum, People’s Assembly Hall, Liziba Station and Ciqikou Old Town. Return toward Chengdu for the flight, subject to final timings.

The practical things

Accommodation

4-star hotels. The source lists 8 nights alongside an 8-day programme; final nights and hotel details will be confirmed.

What’s included

• 4-star accommodation, final night count to be confirmed

• Daily breakfast

• Listed attraction entrance fees

• Second-class high-speed train journeys per confirmed route

• Flights and visa fees as specified in the supplied package, subject to updated quotation

What’s extra / to confirm

• Lunches and dinners unless specified

• Optional excursions

• Personal expenses

• Tips and gratuities

• Travel insurance

• Services not expressly included

Good to know

• The original quote had a limited validity period and is not presented as a current price.

• The overview names Chongqing as the arrival city; daily activities start in Chengdu. Final flights and routing will be confirmed.

• Expect steps, steep descents and short hikes.

For current departures and a confirmed quotation, contact SoulSteps.