

# **Overview**

Welcome to the world where real life inspires fantasy. Made famous by the worldwide smash hit, Avatar, Zhangjiajie is as otherworldly as the film suggests, but perhaps even more so when travellers get to experience the stunning landscape face to face and together with the fables, tribes, stories and cultures that has germinated in this wondrous world of nature since the beginning of time. Home to the remarkable Wulingyuan Scenic Area with thousands of striking sandstone pillars piercing the clouds, and the ancient people of the Tujia, Bai and Miao, Zhangjiajie is a must-visit for nature lovers and intrepid travellers who still desire to be surprised beyond the usual. Plan a trip to this real and fantasy world of mythical proportions with a customised Zhangjiajie and Hunan tour package from Chan Brothers Travel Private Tours today.

## Knock on heaven's door

Tianmen Mountain is a blockbuster of a mountain in every scene. Unlike many other of its equally precipitous cousins requiring the climber to reach a singular lofty goal of a wondrous panorama, Tianmen has plenty of highlights along the way to satisfy the greediest of expectations. Hop on board the longest aerial tramway in the world up the mountain overlooking the lush valleys and the famous 99 bends, troop along the treacherous cliff-hanging walkway and test your courage by walking on the bottom-transparent sky walkway with the mountains beneath your feet. Last but definitely not least, climb the stairs of heaven to reach the stunner of a view that will knock your socks off - Tianmen Cave, known popularly as heaven's door, is a large 30-metre water-eroded hole in the middle of two peaks resembling a huge doorway framing the sky, and the heavens, beyond it.











## Cave in to the wonder

Yellow Dragon Cave is possibly one of the best caves in the world and that's no exaggeration. It is massive and cavernous consisting over 100,000 square metres of stalagmites and stalactites thousands of years in the making. As you walk deeper into darkness away from the light, you will hear the silencing echoes of drips and drops of water. Now that you are further in its pits, the forms and structures gets more intriguing and wraps you further in an intertwined web. Fans of space and height are in for a surprise when they see the incredibly tall caverns possibly as high as a 30-storey building. Highlights include the 10,000-year-old seasuppressing needle which is a 19 metre-tall toothpick-like formation, King's throne, the largest in the cave, and the Labyrinth where one descends into another vitally different underground world of tight gaps and squeezy mazes.



### **Phoenix town**

In the Chinese world, there are two mythical emblems of the highest regard - the dragon and the phoenix. As such, for a city to be named after one of it speaks volume about its status and importance in the collective mind of the Chinese. Fenghuang (Phoenix) Ancient Town is situated at the western boundary of Hunan, where skies, mountains, green foliage and blue water prevails. Marvel at the unique house on stilts during the early hours of the morning when mist shrouds over the mountains creating a dreamlike painting right in front of your eyes, hang out with the local Miao people and learn about their primitive but contented way of life, sit along the Tuo Jiang River and watch locals going about their business just like how it was hundreds of years ago, and transport yourself back to olden China away from the hustle and bustle of the modern city and all its distractions.





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# Itinerary

#### DAY 1: HOME - CHANGSHA

We'll propose your best flight options to Changsha. Upon arrival, proceed to your hotel for a good night's rest.

#### DAY 2: CHANGSHA - CHANGDE

This morning, transfer to the city of Changde. After lunch, pay a visit to Orange Isle, hailed as one of the 8 grand sights in Hunan. Next, proceed to Hunan Embroidery Museum and gain knowledge about Hunan's embroidery skills as well as the history of the craft.

#### **DAY 3: CHANGDE - FENGHUANG**

This morning, make a photo stop at Changde Poetry Wall, where you can immerse yourself in a variety of poems from ancient China. Next, head to Liuye Lake which is named after its shape which resembles a willow leaf. Thereafter, transfer to Fenghuang, where you will visit Fenghuang Ancient Town, an old town built in the Qing dynasty.









#### **DAY 4: FENGHUANG - JISHOU**

Today, embark on a full-day tour in Fenghuang. Visit some unique houses made of stilt and explore an ancient village and stone street. Thereafter, continue to 6-colour Square, Hong Bridge and Wanming Pagoda. This afternoon, enjoy a leisure boat ride on the Li River. Then, proceed to Dongmen Tower and a Miao minority village. Also, stop by Nanhua Mountain, a picturesque sight with big old trees. Transfer to Jishou for your overnight stay.

#### **DAY 5: JISHOU - ZHANGJIAJIE**

Today, visit Red Stone Forest National Geological Park. After lunch, transfer to Zhangjiajie. Upon arrival, visit Junsheng Sandstone Painting Institute, originally founded by Li Junsheng in 2001.

#### DAY 6: ZHANGJIAJIE

After breakfast, visit Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, where you can enjoy the views of several giant sandstone pinnacles. Next, go on Bailong Elevator, claimed to be the highest and heaviest outdoor elevator in the world. See iconic landmarks such as Yuanjiajie, Mihun Stage, Yubi Peak, Helong Park and the world's 1st natural bridge from the amazing elevator. Thereafter, ascend Tianzi Mountain via a cable car ride, where you can marvel at the landscape of stone forest, sea of clouds, pink clouds and winter snow.

#### DAY 7: ZHANGJIAJIE

This morning, enjoy a leisure cruise on Baofeng Lake, which lies within the mountainous area with green surroundings. Thereafter, visit Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge.









### **DAY 8: ZHANGJIAJIE - CHANGDE**

Today, make a stop by Golden Whip Stream and Golden Whip Rock, which offers captivating scenes of rugged cliffs and undulating hills. Then, explore the Shui Rao Si Men and take a mini train ride through the picturesque Ten Miles Gallery. Thereafter, transfer back to Changde.

#### **DAY 9: CHANGDE - CHANGSHA**

Today, transfer to Changsha and proceed to check in to your hotel. Thereafter, spend your time at leisure.

#### DAY 10: CHANGSHA - HOME

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.



Every itinerary can be fully customised according to needs, special interests, personal preferences and defining style of just about anyone who wants to travel privately and exclusively.

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