

# Lijiang

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# One of the two old towns in world cultural Heritage

Lijiang is a small town of Romance. Differ from other cities and towns; it is a culture mix of Han-Naxi style. Houses & cabins in old styles make people went back to hundreds years ago. In 1990s Lijiang was listed as World Cultural Heritage by UNSECO.



POLICE: 110

MEDICAL CARE: 120

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT: 122

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## Keywords of Destination

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- Climate      Subtropical monsoon climate,  
Average annual temperature 18.3°C
- Tour days    2 ~ 4 days

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## Popular activities noted by visitors

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- 1 . Walk in Zhongyi Market(忠义市场) .....
- 2 . Try tracking in Lijiang .....
- 3 . Enjoy Naxi music .....
- 3 . Sit in bars in Lijiang and hear the bard .....

Write down your own Bucket list:

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Mongolia

Russia

Beijing

North Korea

Seoul

South Korea

Japan

Tokyo

Yellow River

Changjiang (Yangtze) River

Shanghai

Pacific Ocean

India

Lijiang

YUNNAN PROVINCE

Kunming

Guangzhou

Hongkong

Taiwan

Hainan

Philippines

Myanmar (Burma)

Vietnam

Laos

Thailand



## Top1: Lijiang Old Town 丽江古城



It is called Dayan (大研古镇) by locals, but for tourists who are not Chinese, by telling "Lijiang Old Town" is fine. It is a small city built in Song Dynasty, 1285 A.D. the first lord of this town named Mu (Wood), and since in Chinese character that "Wood in Walls" means "Despair" so Lijiang became the only city in China that there were no city walls.

When crossing Wangu Tower, and walking on alleys and streets, those buildings and folks would record stories within this town, try to slow down and listen to it.

Ticket price	80 Yuan for Old Town Maintenances; free in other area
Address	old town, Lijiang City 丽江市古城区
Opening time	All day
Arrving	from the railway station of Lijiang, by taking Bus Route 1/2/3/4 would take you there.

### useful

- 1.Keep the receipt of Old Town Maintenances, since you have to show to ticket counter many times during your travel
- 2.Morning would be the best chance to catch beautiful scenery.

## Top2: Shizishan Park (狮子山公园,Lion Mountain Park)



The Lion Mountain Park's in center of Lijiang City, its name was came from a lion-shape land scale. From the highest building on the park, the "Wangu" Tower ("Wengu" tower in Naxi's language), people would have a full-sight view on Lijiang. Referral Visiting Time: 20 Minutes.

Ticket price	Free for hill climbing, 50 Yuan for Wangu Tower
Address	Shizishan Park, Lijiang Old Town 丽江市古城区
Opening time	All-day

## Top3: Lugu Lake 泸沽湖



Lugu Lake lies 200 kilometers (124 miles) from Lijiang, and Lugu Lake is praised a beautiful pearl shining among the hills of the northwest plateau in Yunnan. The lake is in the shape of a horse's hoof - long, The vista of the lake changes constantly throughout the day. The morning mist mixed with the light of the rising sun gives the lake an orange glow covered by mist. When the light of sun causes the hills to throw their shadows onto the water, the lake has a jade green color. The lake is calm and dark green in the evening when the sun sinks, and is peaceful when night comes. Gentle wind blows and water ripples. Meanwhile, the Mosuos are living there for generations. Chinese government specially approved their tribe's tradition, that one wife with multiple husbands as laws valid only in this nation & area.

For more information please download "HiChina Guide-book: Lugu Lake"

Ticket price	100 Yuan. half price if you have student ID card
Address	Ninglang, Yunnan Province-Liangshan, Sichuan Province 四川省凉山彝族自治州-云南丽江宁蒗自治县
Opening time	All day
Arrving	there are buses from Lijiang to Lugu Lake



#### Top4: Shuhe Ancient Town 束河古镇



The Shuhe Ancient town, or Beam River ancient town in Lijiang four kilometres north-west is Naxi pioneers in Lijiang mark in the first one where there is "Cha Ma Road,"(the Tea-Caravan Road) preserved an important market towns and Naxi from commercial farming civilization to civilization transition live specimens, and the soft chime of bells to the market towns of activities forming the building model.

Ticket price	free for individual tour
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Address	Shuhe Road, Lijiang City
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Opening time	All day
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#### Top5: Mufu Palace 木府大院



Previously this palace was the lord in Lijiang, Mu's palace, and since Ming Empire confiscated local lords' land, Mufu Palace becomes local town hall, fortunately, Mu and his descedents worked as government officer for hundreds of years in Lijiang. Palace in this area was reconstructed in 18th century, within this area there are Gates, Discussion Halls, Library, and viceroy's living area. When walking into the vermilion wooden mansion gate, things become suddenly enlightened in front of the eye. On the capacious land a grand and resplendent palace erects magnificently.

Ticket price	60 Yuan, Free for whoever with a family name of "Mu"
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Address	inside Lijiang Old Town
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Opening time	All day
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#### Top6: The Great Yulong Area 大玉龙景区

The great Yulong area includes the Snow Mountain(玉龙雪山), Yushui Village(玉水寨), Dongba Pantheon (东巴万神园), Dongba Canyon(东巴谷), Dongba Kingdom's Relics(东巴王国) Yu Feng Temple(玉峰寺)Yufeng Stone(玉柱擎天) that a trough ticket (220 Yuan) would makes it convenient to travel. It right at the north of Lijiang old town.

##### Yulong Snow Mountain 玉龙雪山

located 25 kilometers north of Lijiang, Yulong Snow Mountain is the southernmost snow-capped mountain in China, and the ocean glacier nearest to the equator of all the snow mountains in Eurasia. Yulong Snow Mountain has 13 peaks stretching 35 kilometers from north to south. Shanzidou(扇子陡)the main peak is about 5500 meters from sea level, and never been conquered by human beings till today. All year around, snow falls on the peaks and which are frequently lost in the clouds and fog. Looking from a distance, the mountain resembles a Jade Dragon (Yulong), which is how it got its name.



##### useful

For Yulong Snow Mountain only, the ticket was 105 Yuan, including cableway, Impression Lijiang Show, Gan Hai Zi, and electrical van January, February, and April would be the best time to visit Oxygen bags could be lent at the hill root When you are renting a horse to go up the hill, don't forget to bargain before your ride.



### Dongba Canyon 东巴谷

A 9-km canyon with good scenery. In local minorities it is called "Lameyla", means "a grand, beautiful canyon"



### Yufeng Temple 玉峰寺

Built in Qing Dynasty, about 17th century and this temple is one of the famous Lama temples (Buddhism Tibetan Branch) in Yunnan. In this temple there is a "ten-thousand" camellia tree, which was planted in 1485, and the temple was built surround this tree.

### Yushui village 玉水寨

The holy place of Naxi nation, and it was said to be the first village for settlers in ancient times. In this village you'll see people dancing in waterfalls.



### Top7: Hei Long Tan Park (Black Dragon pond, 黑龙潭)



It is also called Yuquan Park, from the river tracing back to the origin, about 1 km from the Lijiang Old Town, there is a big pond which is Black Dragon pond called by the locals.

Ticket price	Free, but you have to show the receipt of Old Town Maintenances to the gatekeeper
Address	Xiang Mountain, Lijiang
Opening time	7:00 - 19:00
Arriving	a taxi would take you there, or ride a bike is also fine.

### Top8: Baisha Town 白沙古镇



Places where Mu family of Naxi lives, and one of the earliest settlements of Naxis. 55 frescos in this village were made in 17th century, with clear Tibetan Buddhism style.

Ticket price	Free, 30 Yuan for frescos
Address	Baisha Town, Yulong Mountain 玉龙雪山 白沙镇
Opening time	All day
Arriving	take a taxi and it takes around 40 Yuan, or ride a bike there

### Top9: Xuesong Village 雪嵩村

It is called "Uruken" in Naxi language, means "Snow Mountain". A small village that full of Han style decorations. And Rock, previous writer of National Geographic, lived in this village in 1922, and his apart is kept till today.



Ticket price	Free, but you have to show the receipt of Old Town Maintenances to the gatekeeper
Address	Xuesong Village, near Baisha Town.
Opening time	All day



## Top10: Shigu (Stone Drum) Town 石鼓镇



The Yangtze River has the first turn here. It is not only a small town with beautiful fields, but also a commercial & military hub in Southwest China. In 3-kingdom's age (4th century), Zhuge Liang ambushed here and beat 80 thousand men by 10 thousand soldiers. From the watchtower people could enjoy great sight views on Yangtze River.

Ticket price	free, 2 Yuan for climbing watchtower
Address	Shigu Town, Lijiang 丽江石鼓镇
Opening time	All day
Arriving	rent a car would be much better for a trip to Shigu Town

## Top11: Shi Tou Town (Stone Town) 石头城



Built in 13th century, when Naxi people were avoid slaughtering from the Mongolians, they gathered tribes and settled here. Every April and May is the best 2 months to go there since all flowers go in blossom. This town is surrounded by 3 cliffs and the only passage is to enter from the west. Every February 8th & 15th there are heaven-worship ceremonies, Naxis would invite local Han (Chinese) people to celebrate together with them.

Ticket price	free
Address	Jinsha River Canyon, Yulong Snow Mountain 玉龙雪山东北, 金沙江峡谷
Opening time	All day

### useful

1. Altitude on the road would be 1720m to 4376m, so there might be high-plateau effects.
2. Buying tickets of Yulong Snow mountain is necessary since you'll pass Yulong Mountain during your drive.
3. There are 5 guesthouses in Stone Town, if it is too late so staying there for one night will be fine.
4. Taking a Jeep there is a better choice since road condition's not so good as you imagined.
5. It takes about 6-7 hours to get there.

## Top12: Hu Tiao Xia (Tiger-Jump Gorges, 虎跳峡)



A great place in fame among the tracking fans in China and abroad. Every April-Jun, and Sep-Oct. would be the best time to track. Upper Hu Tiao attracted most tourists, since scenery's better from their comments. Middle Hu Tiao is said to be the hardest one.

Ticket price	50 Yuan
Address	Longfan Village, Yulong Town 玉龙县龙蟠乡东北
Opening time	9:00-18:00
Arriving	take bus to Qiaotou Town(桥头镇/虎跳峡镇)

### useful

it takes about one day for Upper Hu Tiao, 3 hours for Mid Hu Tiao



### Top13: Lashi Lake 拉市海



Largest High-Plateau lake in Lijiang. Every spring and autumn lots of visitors come to this place for a good sightview.

Ticket price	30 Yuan
Address	Lashi Ba, Yulong County 玉龙县拉市坝
Opening time	8:00 - 17:00
Arriving	a van that takes 10 Yuan for a round trip, from Lijiang to Lashi Lake, or ride on a bike is also fine.

#### useful

It is common to ride a horse during your trip to Lashi Lake  
Seeing sunrise/sunset in Lashi Lake is a great choice

### Top14: Wen Hai (Wen Sea,文海)



Previously this place was where merchants rested. And now people still feed their horses here. When it is late spring, blossoms make this place fascinating.

Ticket price	Free
Address	Wenhai Village, Lijiang 玉龙县白沙乡文海村
Opening time	All day
Arriving	1-2 hour's drive from ShuHe Town

### Eating : Food & beverage

#### Jidou Pea Jelly 鸡豆凉粉



Jidou Pea Jelly had been already the brand of Lijiang. Emperor Aisin Gioro of Qing Dynasty praised this pea jelly "a fantastic snack in summer".

#### Naxi Style Roast Fish 纳西烤鱼



It is a kind of Fish cuisine invented by local Naxis, by keeping the fish salted for a couple of days, and roast in weak fire, then fry in pan.

#### Mi Guan Chang (Mapu, Rice Sausage,米灌肠)

In Naxi's language it is called Mapu, is that filling rice & sticky rice into sausage, then steam for one day.





## Lijiang Cake 丽江粑粑



A kind of snack that is popular among the Naxi's. It is recorded by Xu Xiake, a famous Chinese traveler in 16th century, in his book "Travel Blogs of Xu Xiake".

## Lady of Easy Virtue 水性杨花



Actually "Lady of Easy Virtue" is name of a kind of aquatic plant, and people find it delicious after having it. So nowadays you'll see frying "Lady of Easy Virtue" in every restaurant in Lijiang.

## Restaurants

### AAn Yoghurt 阿安酸奶

Quite popular among the locals, there are lots of comments written on walls. For Chinese travelers, it is a must-do to buy a cup of yoghurt here.

Wanna more details? or more sight / food photos? Contact us and we can give you a hand. Visit [hichinatrip.com](http://hichinatrip.com) for more.

Address: 1-1. Zhenxing Alley, Wuyi Street,五一街振兴巷

Tel:13108880616

Average Cost: 10 Yuan

### Lao Dao Fang Restaurant 唠叨坊私房菜

Lamp Hot Pot (黑山羊火锅) is most famous.

Address: Bu Nong ling Alley, Da Shi Bridge,大石桥布农铃旁

Average Cost: 50 Yuan

### Snack NO.88/ 88号小吃店

A restaurant famous for Naxi snacks, buttered tea(酥油茶),

Noodle(米线), Naxi fried rice(纳西炒饭) are good.

Address: 88, Wuyi Street,五一街兴仁上段88号

Average Cost: 40 Yuan

## Sleeping

In Old Lijiang Town, Shuhe Town, and Lugu Lake, it is not hard to find a fantastic guesthouse to stay; but in Hu Tiao Gorges & Lashi Lake it might be harder, so choosing to camp there would be better, if you could speak Chinese, what about going to ask if locals would accept you as guests?

### useful

"我们可以在你这里住一晚吗? wo men ke yi zai ni zhe zhu yi wan ma?"(could you let us stay in your home for one night?)

- 1.it is quite noisy in Old Lijiang Town since lots, lots of bars gathered here.
- 2.If you prefer quiet places then Shuhe would be your choice.
- 3.In guesthouses there are "Discount cards", when you are going out, don't forget to ask one from your host.

### Mu Guang Qing Cheng (Twilight guest house, 暮光倾城客栈)

Addresses: 37, Wangjiazhuang Alley 五一街王家庄巷37号

Website: [www.ljmgqc.com](http://www.ljmgqc.com)

Tel: 0888 5177366

### Lijiang Gucheng International Youth Hostel 丽江古城国际青年旅社

Center of the Old Town.

Address: 44, Mishi Alley, Xinyi Street 新义街密士巷44号

Tel: 0888 5180124

### Shuhe K2 International Youth Hostel 束河K2国际青年旅社

The earliest International Youth Hostel in Shuhe Town.

Address: 1, Guailiu Alley, Kangpu Road , Shuhe Town

束河古镇康普鲁拐柳巷1号

Tel: 0888 5130110

### In Hu Tiao Gorges area

#### Halfway Hostel 中途客栈

The most famous on in Hu Tiao

Address: Bendiwan, Shangri-la, 香格里拉永胜本地湾乡

Tel:0887 8806522

### Shan Quan Guesthouse 山泉旅馆

Wife of the host is from France, so much convenient for French travelers.

Address: Hetaoyuan Village, Hu Tiao Xia, Shangri-la 香格里拉虎跳峡核桃园村

Website: 0887 8202223

## Entertainment

### Bars

#### One Meter Sunshine 一米阳光酒红酒坊

Address: entrance of bar street 古城水车旁酒吧街入口

Website: [www.ljymyg.com](http://www.ljymyg.com)

Tel: 0888 8888889

#### I'm waiting for you in Lijiang 我在丽江等你

A musical bar opened by local singer.

Address: 79, Wenzhi Alley, Wuyi Street 五一街文治巷79号

Tel: 0888 5127432

### Café

#### 2-cats café 两只猫咖啡

Address: 2nd floor, 50, Xinhua Street

新华街黄山下段50号2楼

Tel: 0888 5129773

#### Book bar

A good place to a daze. The address is 2nd floor, Xian-feng bakery, East Street 东大街先锋烘焙店2楼



## Performance

### *Naxi Music perform* 纳西古乐会

It was from Chinese loyal music performance in Song Dynasty (11st century).

Address: Sifang Street, Music Hall 四方街音乐厅

Ticket: A Class: 160 Yuan, B Class: 140 Yuan, C Class: 120 Yuan

Performing Time: 20:00 everyday

## Festivals

### *Bangbang Festival* 棒棒会

A Buddhism festival but already becomes a wood instrument fair.

Date: Every Jan.15th in Lunar Calendar



### *Sanduo Festival* 三朵节



Like New year's eve for Chinese, and Sanduo festival is the largest carnival in Lijiang

Date: Feb.8th in Lunar Calendar

### *Touch Festival* 火把节

Everywhere Lijiang would be lots of touches

Date: June 25-27 in Lunar Calendar



## Notes

### Language

Chinese in Yunnan dialect is widely used there. Very few of the locals, especially the elder generations, do not speak Chinese.

### Banks

There are lots of ATMs but except for VISA & MasterCard. They are hardly used in Lijiang

### Sanitary

Lijiang People's Hospital 丽江人民医院 is the largest hospital in Lijiang, it is a level 2 hospital, what is to say, on general this hospital could cope with normal illness & injuries.

Address: 526, Fuhui Road福慧路526号

### Safety

- 1.Beware of the unlicensed "guides"
- 2.Do not trust those who are going to take photos with you, since there might be people grab at your handbag & camera
- 3."Romance Stories" exists, but be aware of badger games
- 4.When drinking water from rivers, check if there are leeches.

### Lijiang Sanyi International Airport 丽江三义机场

Airport of Lijiang is about 30 km from Old Town, and most cities in China have direct flights to Lijiang.

Transportation from airport to Lijiang Old Town:

- 1.Bus:20 Yuan (我要去古城) "I am going to the Old Town"
- 2.Taxi: about 80 Yuan



### Lijiang Railway 丽江火车站


From Kunming to Lijiang there are many trains in one day, and it takes about 9 hours from Kunming to Lijiang. When you are traveling to Dali & Kunming, taking a train would be a good choice

Address: Shangji Village, Lijiang





## Basic information of Local

- Time zone : UTC+8
- Area code : +86/0888
- Post code : 674100
- Language : Chinese
- Currency : Yuan
- Symbol : ¥
- Conversion: Decimal system, 10 Jiao/Mao = 1 Yuan/RMB
- Plug base : 
- Voltage : 220V, you might need a adapter before you set out
- Frequency : 50Hz
- Exchange : 1\$ = 6.37RMB, it changes frequently, only for reference

## Daily Speech

Hello	你好	nǐ hǎo
How much?	多少钱	duō shǎo qián
I wanna go to	我想去	wǒ xiǎng qù
Thank you	谢谢	xiè xiè
You are welcome	不客气	bú kè qì
Toilet	厕所	cè suǒ
Help	救命	jiù mìng
Rsestaurant	餐馆	cān guǎn
Yes	是	shì
No	不是	bú shì
Hotel	酒店	jiǔ diàn
Male	先生	xiānshēng
Female	女士	nǚ shì
Attention	注意/禁止	zhùyì/jìnzhǐ

## Note in case of emergency

name 姓名: \_\_\_\_\_ age 年龄: \_\_\_\_\_ blood type 血型: \_\_\_\_\_

email 邮箱: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number 电话: \_\_\_\_\_

hotel address 酒店地址: \_\_\_\_\_

emergency contact 应急联系方式: \_\_\_\_\_

something important 重要事项: \_\_\_\_\_

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