

Yiwu Mountain Tea

Official Yunnan Xishuangbanna Yiwu Tea Travel Tour



Introduction:

31st May to 6th June, 4880RMB

To offer tea enthusiasts the chance to experience Yiwu first hand through a fully guided tour, visiting significant historic locations, hiking through natural rainforest tea gardens, and understanding tea and local culture in famous tea villages.

This tour plan is optimized for 10-12 people, covering all local costs for 7 days, including 6 nights of accommodation, 3 meals a day, all transport costs, scenic attractions, tea tastings, tea making, local guide and translator.

Key Information:

Participants are responsible to book their own return flights to and from Jinghong (Xishuangbanna Gasa Airport or Jinghong High-speed Railway Station), and obtain appropriate visa documents.

Important dates:

- 2026 Summer Travel Dates: Sunday 31st May to Saturday 6th June
- Payment Confirmation Cut-off Date: 1st May
- Arrivals and check-in: Sunday 31st May
- Monday to Friday Scheduled Itinerary
- Saturday 6th June departures (or Optional Extensions)

Costs

- 4880RMB/person. If unable to pay directly in CNY, the equivalent cost based on the exchange rate decided by the available payment portals will be charged.
- The price is an all-inclusive tour price so that you don't have to worry about preparing extra currency.
- Includes individual rooms at hotels/guest houses for 6 nights, prepared meals breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacks, transport, guide, translator, and tea hosting
- Additional costs will only be charged for optional extras, such as souvenirs, tour extensions, tea purchases, services not named in the itinerary, etc.
- Payment options: Wechat, Alipay, Unionpay, Bank Transfer (China, EU, US, UK)
- To ensure the best possible experience, this tour will be limited to a maximum of 12 spaces, first come, first served. Reservation priority is based on payment received date.

Cuisine and Food

- The tour includes a wide variety of cuisine, with mainstream Chinese cuisine and local ethnic cuisine both well-represented, focused on local ingredients.
- For vegans or other restrictive diets, there will be some options available. However, note that the pre-set group meals that focus on local cuisine do not focus on dietary restricted dishes. This is due to nature of localized round-table cuisine and their usage of available local ingredients.

Health and Safety:

- Allergies: support for allergies and intolerances will be minimal and you should bring your own allergy medicines.
- Fitness: for safety reasons, the hiking routes chosen for the tour are manageable for all generally fit adults. Strong, fit young children and elderly may also join, but others are recommended to use the time to enjoy extra tea tasting or hanging out and get to know the village hosts.
- Tropical Biodiversity: The tea forest hike and other tourist treks in the region will follow pathways through the forest that will expose you to risk of bug bites, stings, and other potential risks. It is important that you follow the path that the guides take and take appropriate precautions to avoid any potential issues for you and the traveling group.
- Based on your local region, check with your local doctor to see if you need any potential vaccines or precautionary medicine based on your individual situation. It is vital that you inform us of any known medical condition(s) that you have to make sure we can best ensure your safety throughout.

Itinerary Notes:

- The base itinerary is detailed in Appendix A
- The organiser may need to adapt the schedule due to the road and weather conditions during the time of the trip
- Optional travel plans before or after this planned period may be made available but is outside the scope of this document and budgeted plan, so please actively contact the organiser for information related to your potential schedule.

Interested participants can pre-register their interest using the official communication channels listed. Once the cut-off date is reached, participants will confirm their booking via payment in full. If there are less than 10 people confirmed, the organizer may choose to cancel the tour with full refund.

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Email: sifulee28@gmail.com

WechatID: sifulee / 18221450624

Discord: <https://discord.gg/GZRnKxUhd> (#group-travel-tour or PM Phil)

Instagram: [@yiwumountaintea](https://www.instagram.com/yiwumountaintea)

To make and complete your booking:

- Send your passport details
- Complete full payment (pre-registration is complete after this stage)
- Send visa details or specify if using visa-free status
- Send flight details, including return flights where applicable (or trains if applicable)
- Receive confirmation that you're fully booked and ready to travel.

Special Note: Local currency is mostly paid through electronic payments (WeChat, and Alipay although this is not as widely accepted). For cash, change is generally not as convenient or always available, especially at the village level so the expectation is to buy in quantities of 100RMB denotations or get change electronically via WeChat or Alipay.

Appendix A - Base Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival In Jinghong

- Arrival and pickup from Xishuangbanna Airport to hotel check-in
- Earlier arrivals can have arranged meals, chat over tea, and flexible time for resting or meet/greet the local host and other guests
- Hotel rest and overnight stay in Jinghong

Day 2 – Historic Yiwu

Jinghong to Yiwu (~3hrs)

- Yiwu Tea Museum,
- Ancient Tea Horse Road,
- Visit old tea factories and respected elders,
- Overnight stay in Yiwu Hotel

Day 3 – Forest Tea Trees and Tea Production (*optional items)

Gaoshan Village

- walk through ancient tea gardens and tropical rainforest
- experience local Xiangtang minority culture
- experience tea making and tea tasting
- *option of personal batch (more details below)

Day 4 – Famous Yiwu Villages

Depending on the time and weather, we will visit a subset of the following famous Yiwu villages and tea gardens:

- Luoshuidong, Mahei, Guafengzhai, Dingjiazhai, Paxihe, Yangjiazhai, Gaoshan

Day 5 – Tourist Route to Jinghong (*or Six Famous Tea Mountains)

Travel from Yiwu to Jinghong (3hrs)

- Menglun Botanical Gardens
- Visit Manyuan Village (Top 10 Most beautiful village in China)

Day 6 – Flexi-day / Tourist Time (**optional extra cost)

Each of the following is a full-day option:

- Jinghong City
 - o Visit Dai Village
 - o Walk Through Manting Dai Royal Park
 - o Buddhist Temple
 - o Jinghong agricultural market
 - o Xishuangbanna Local Specialities
 - o Gaozhuang Scenic Area
 - o Riverside Night Market and Local Specialities
 - o *Free time
- *Rainforest Valley Tour
- *Wild Elephant Valley Tour
- **Tea Tasting and Appreciation Master Class

Day 7

- Free time / Check Out
- Transport to Airport and departure from Xishuangbanna

Optional Extras:

Day 3 – Offers a tea making experience and if weather allows for tea to dry by evening of day 4, everyone will receive samples of the group's tea. If enough fresh leaves are available, individuals may opt to process their own personalized batch (one full wok of tea) at extra cost, with the cost dependent on the material from available flushing gardens.

*Day 6 – Our tour bus will go on a standard route within Jinghong. If you prefer to go on a standard day trip tour to one of the major sites surrounding Jinghong, this can be booked in advance and you may join a different local tour group for the day at extra cost.

**Day 6 – Yiwu Tea Master Class, for groups of 4 or more, extra 1000RMB/person

A series of tea related classes, hosted in a specially selected function room in Jinghong.

- Home Tea Brewing Techniques, incl. Cuppings, Gongfu and Pot brewing
- Side-by-side cuppings to explore aspects of quality within a terroir
- Understanding Processing
- Fresh vs. Aged Teas and brewing technique
- Selection of Unique and Collectors Teas