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Chengdu

Songpan Horse Trekking

Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Songpan in the highlands of norther Sichuan. Experience the life of the local Tibetan people as you ride into the woods. This unique horse riding experience adds to any Sichuan trip.

Type

Private

Duration

5 days

Theme

Trekking & Biking

Trip code

WS-208

Price

From £ 341 per person

Itinerary

Have a memorable horse riding trip in the highlands of Northern Sichuan. Explore the unique Tibetan culture along with the spectacular scenery in Songpan. Virgin forests, breathtaking lakes and more await to be discovered during the trip. All your food, cooking utensils, camping equipment and local guide are provided to make this journey pleasant and comfortable. We are glad to customize your trip and add this unique horse riding experience to any Sichuan tour.

Day 01 :

Chengdu / Songpan by bus



Take a public bus from Chengdu to Songpan (included), about 7 hours. Your local tour guide will pick you up when you arrive at Songpan and will give you an introduction to horse riding, trips itinerary and more. Overnight at Songpan local hotel.

B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner

Day 02 :

Songpan County -Mounigou Erdaohai horse riding (L+D)

Today you will have a totally new experience, you will start your horseback riding journey after the food supplies and cooking utensils are loaded on the packhorses by the guides. You will ride for 4-5hours to ErDaoHai Lake (36 km from Songpan town). The region is famous for having many lakes; you will see Toudao Lake, Swan Lake and Feicui Lake, and many others. The guide will choose good places to break for lunch and dinner. You will camp overnight near ErDaoHai Lake.

Day 03 :

Munigou Er'daohai - Kuangquanshui horse riding (B+L+D)

After breakfast, you will leave ErDaoHai Lake and head for Jadeite Spring (KuangQuanShui). On the way, you will pass Rensen (Ginseng) Lake, Flower Lake, Stone Forests, Moon Lake and many other scenic spots. The guide will choose suitable places to break for lunch and dinner. You will camp near Jadeite Spring.

Day 04 :

Mounigou Valley-Songpan county (B)

After breakfast, you will return to Songpan. On the way, you will see Mallard Lake and pass through SanLian and MuNi towns. Upon arrival at Songpan, you can wait till next day to come back to Chengdu or head to Jiuzhaigou.

Day 05 :

Sonpan / Chengdu (or Jiuzhaigou /Huanglong)

Say goodbye to Shunjiang horse trekking and come back to Chengdu or you can choose to take public bus to Jiuzhaigou or Huanglong. End the trip.

Notice that there are some tips you need to know during the trip:

1. Horse trekking in the forests and mountainous can be strenuous and there is a risk of high altitude sickness given the elevation. We advise you to be in good physical health, check with your doctor if any concerns and inform your guide immediately if feel uncomfortable.
2. There can be a large difference in day and night time temperatures. Please pack warm clothes.
3. Kindly treat the horses as you would a person. Please don't chase or run after them or make any sudden movements that may frighten them to avoid accidents.
4. Please do NOT use a flash when you take photos with horses.
5. Please respect the local custom and work to get along with local residents. Enjoy and explore their different lifestyle. Share and be fair so everyone is treated equally.
6. Please pay attention to the enviroment and collect all your trash. Pack it in - Pack it out.
7. If any accidents occurs because you did not follow the guide's instructions, you are accountable.
8. Please be responsible for your actions..
9. The program may change depending on road conditions, weather.
10. Each member will have his or her own guide, who will assist and train you on proper riding technique, no experience is required. Just a good attitude.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

All required government taxes and fees.

If you have any questions please inquire with one of our Travel Advisors.

Where possible 3 star hotels will always be provided, if the city or town does not have then the local guest house or monastery guest house will be provided (i.e. tent / dormitory bed, no private bathroom etc.)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

All necessary animals for portage of luggage. with their caretakers (i.e. Camels, Horses or Yaks).

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Meals that are not specified in the tour itinerary.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

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