



CHENGDU SHORT STAY

Extension | 4 Days | Physical Level 1

Chengdu

See pandas play, visit Dujiangyan Irrigation Project, marvel at the Grand Buddha and savour spicy Sichuan cuisine.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Private transfers
- Transportation as stated
- English speaking guide



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Day 1: Arrive Chengdu

Meals: None

Make your way to Chengdu airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide, who will transfer you to your Beijing Hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.



Destination Information

Chengdu - China's symbolic western capital and the residence of the country's most lovable black and white bear, Chengdu has an abundance to offer. With a fast-paced economy that is dragging China's west into the 21st century, it is no wonder that Chengdu's appeal is growing year on year. As the gateway into Sichuan Province's large collection of sights, as well as Chengdu being its own trove of historical and cultural treasures.

Day 2: Chengdu Panda Reserve

Meals: B, L

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can meet China's most celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme.



Later, marvel at the ancient Chinese engineering ingenuity of the Dujiangyan Irrigation project.

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Panda Conservation Centre - With over 80 pandas holding residence, the Chengdu Panda Research Base is equipped with the latest technology and research materials to gain a further understanding in how we can protect the panda and maintain, if not increase, its numbers. The park is set up to resemble the mountain and forest regions in north Sichuan, the original home of the Giant Panda, with extensive bamboo trees and large green spaces. Red Pandas, the Giant Panda's lovable cousin, and flamboyant peacocks roam the park, making for an interesting mix.

Dujiangyan Panda Base - Offering one of the most authentic, spacious and natural settings in the country, Dujiangyan is home to around 20 Giant Pandas.

Day 3: Leshan Grand Buddha

Meals: B, L

Travel to Leshan to see the 71-metre-high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from below on a short boat trip.

Later, return to Chengdu.

**Destination Information**

Leshan Grand Buddha – The Leshan Buddha was built in the 9th century under the direction of Haitong, a monk who felt the presence of Buddha would help calm the waters below so that shipping vessels could make their journey safely. Amazingly, once the structure was completed, the waters below did calm, some say due to the Buddha's presence, others to the large amount of rock removed in order to carve the Buddha, which resulted in a current change in the waters. The Buddha remains watching over the waters below; no position gives a better view of this structure than from a boat ride along the river.

Day 4: Depart Chengdu

Meals: B

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey.



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