MOMENTS on the road

In-depth Exploration of the Minorities Living in Yunnan -
A Private Journey for The Friends of the Hong Kong Museum of Art (8 Days)
We love road journeys. They are by far our favourite way of traveling. We think the world of western China and the countries that border on this region – think Vietnam, Lao, Thailand, Myanmar, for example.

On the Road Experiences is all about sharing with like-minded travelers just how beautiful a road journey in these varied lands can be. Now turn the page to find out what we’ve come to love so much...
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Day 1 (Tuesday)  
Fly from Hong Kong to Shangri-La – Up and up to the edge of Tibet

Day 2 (Wednesday)  
Shangri-La to Meili – Drive at the edge of Tibet where the Meili Snow Mountain range soars to almost 7,000m...

Day 3 (Thursday)  
From Meili to Cizhong – Across the Baima National Reserve

Day 4 (Friday)  
Cizhong to Tacheng – Drive along the Mekong towards Tacheng

Day 5 (Saturday)  
In & around Tacheng – Walking with the monkeys and a day off the road

Day 6 (Sunday)  
Tacheng to Dali – On country roads along the Yangtse to Dali, an idyllic village between the Mekong and Yangtse rivers...

Day 7 (Monday)  
In & around Dali – Torch Festival

Day 8 (Tuesday)  
Departure – Fly from Dali to Hong Kong via Kunming
Yes, it is possible...

A driving holiday in this part of the world is indeed possible. We take care of everything. All you need to do is come, drive and enjoy a rare adventure!

This route is a breathtakingly beautiful itinerary that will take you north from Dali to some of Yunnan’s less well-known treasures – Xizhou, Tacheng, Cizhong, Deqin, Benzilan and Shangri-la. This route will also allow you to become acquainted with the traditions, cuisines and loves of some of Yunnan’s colourful minorities such as the Bai, Yi, Lisu, Zhang, Naxi, and Tibetan.

All along this exciting route you will enjoy the best accommodation available – staying in some of Asia’s loveliest hotels – and travel through an area steeped in the cultures of many different ethnic minorities and through some of the region’s most stunning countryside.

On the Road Experiences has paved the way for you to cross borders in your own properly insured SUV, so that you can enjoy the romance of a classic overland journey without any of the logistical headaches that typically accompany such journeys...
Along the way, one of the LARGEST MONASTERIES in SOUTH-WEST China..."
At the Ganden Sumtseling Monastery

“RED-ROBED MONKS in Shangri-La”
A chance to **PURIFY YOUR MIND?**
A colourful WELCOME as you APPROACH TIBET...
Kawagebo peak in the Meili Snow Mountain range

“What a SUNRISE at the EDGE of TIBET...”
In the foot hills of Meili Snow Mountain

“Wonderful HIKING, if you like, as a WAY TO RELAX...”
Your JOURNEY in the THREE PARALLEL RIVERS region...
“Visiting the CUTEST MONKEYS in the world...”
The view from a unique hotel in the middle of nowhere
Boutique Hotels in Deqin, 3 Parallel River Villages
Awaking in China’s RURAL COUNTRYSIDE...
Take a lake shore DRIVE and enjoy the BEAUTIFUL sunset reflections...
Boutique hotel in Xizhou
Colorful Minorities along this Journey

Bai Minority (白族)
Naxi Minority (納西族)
Tibetan Minority (藏族)
Lisu Minority (傈僳族)
Yi Minority (彝族)
Bonfire Festival in Yunnan
While this itinerary is not one of our ‘Foodie’-themed journeys, we do believe that each one of our journeys should introduce you not only to hidden gems of cultural and scenic beauty, but that sampling local cuisines is also a must.

Wherever you travel with us, we will order, with very few exceptions, dishes fresh and on location with an emphasis on local produce. It is not uncommon for our guides to venture into the kitchen to pick this, that or the other vegetable and to ask the cook to prepare them in the finest possible way. (On occasion we do pre-order a meal: this will normally be the case only for special occasions!)

Wine and beer is always included in our meals for you to enjoy. (When we travel into high-altitude, we suggest moderation!)

Finally, if you have special dietary requirements or are particularly interested in the culinary aspect of one of our journeys, please let us know.
Adventures and Discoveries in Local Cuisines - Mushrooms
Generally speaking, our journey packages and prices are all-inclusive. Once you’ve paid and you arrive at the starting point, you really won’t have to take out your wallet again.

- Cars – a modern SUV or 7-Seat car is provided for all driving days, expertly maintained and serviced by Avis, Hertz, or other reputable car rental companies, and covered by the best insurance available, and hire car return from Shangri-La back to Kunming is also included.

- Guide and Support Vehicle – you will be accompanied by a registered Chinese tour guide, an On the Road Experiences host and a fully equipped lead car with a local support driver.

- Routes – we provide an extensively researched and carefully designed itinerary and state-of-the-art satellite navigation system with a pre-programmed route for the journey. You will also receive a detailed pre-departure pack and route book for the journey.

- Driving License – You will need a temporary Chinese driving license for which all arrangements and fees are included.

- Fuel & Tolls – we provide petrol for the car throughout the journey and pay all tolls.

- Flight – Your flight from Kunming to Shangri-La and from Dali, Xizhou back to Kunming.

- Airport Transfers – all airport transfers are included.

- Hotels – the best available or five-star accommodation is included in each overnight stop.

- Meals – breakfast (a choice of Western and Asian) local is provided), and lunch and dinner are included on all driving days, as are drinks. Meals on non-driving days as specified above. Prepare for a culinary adventure!

- Goodies – you will enjoy an On the Road Home-Away-from-Home Kit containing wet towels, anti-bacterial gel and basic toiletries, and a daily picnic basket containing fresh fruit, fruit juice, water, and a mixture of sweets and nibbles.

- Other Essentials – we provide each car with walky-talkies.

- Laundry – your laundry cleaning along the itinerary (where practical).

- Travel Insurance – 24-hour medical assistance, evacuation and repatriation emergency service provided by International SOS is included, as is cancellation insurance.

- Tips & Entrance Fees – basic tips and entrance fees for jointly attended activities are included.

- Activities, Meals, Transport during ‘free times’ as indicated in this Journey Dossier.

What’s Not Included

The only items not included are your flights to and from Kunming, your China visa, and personal purchases (e.g., gifts, souvenirs).
A picture is worth a thousand words. True, but when it comes to a road journey, moving images are priceless. Please visit:

http://www.ontheroadexperiences.com/experience/videos/
“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson