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THE CONTRASTS OF SOUTH-WESTERN CHINA. PHOTO TOUR TO CHONGQING AND CHENGDU

Duration: **10 days / 9 nights** · Physical effort: **Moderate**

Up-to-date dates, prices and included services: moai.ch/chongqing-cina

Discover Chongqing, the city of the future: a photo tour through futuristic skyscrapers, breathtaking landscapes, ancient traditions, and a vibrant urban culture. A unique experience blending modernity and history. During this trip, we will also visit Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan and home to the renowned Giant Panda Research Centre.

Chongqing, one of the world's largest megacities, is a fascinating blend of modernity and tradition. With its futuristic skyscrapers, historic alleys, and stunning views of the Yangtze River, this metropolis offers endless photographic opportunities. Explore the urban heart of Jiefangbei, the authenticity of Ciqikou Ancient Town, and the natural landscapes of the Wulong Karst. Perfect for those who want to capture the contrast between the innovation of a growing city and a millennia-old culture, Chongqing is an extraordinary destination for every photographer and traveller.

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The route



Itinerary

Day 1 – Departure

Friday

Direct or connecting flight from Milano Malpensa on Friday, arriving Saturday morning (Day 2) in Chongqing.

Overnight **flight**.

Days 2–9 – Exploring Chongqing city and its surroundings

From Saturday to Saturday

This one-week photo tour in **Chongqing** will take you to discover one of China's most dynamic metropolises, where modernity and tradition coexist perfectly.

We'll explore the **city centre**, with its landmarks like **Hongya Cave** and the **People's Liberation Monument**, as well as the viral social media "square" on top of a building and the subway running through a building. You'll also have the chance to immerse yourself in local culture by visiting **Ciqikou Ancient Town**. Beyond the most famous attractions, we'll take you to hidden corners of the city where you can **capture unique photographs**.

We'll also embark on an unforgettable day trip to **Wulong Karst**, renowned for its extraordinary karst formations, waterfalls, and breathtaking landscapes. This geological park is a UNESCO World Heritage site and has been the filming location for movies such as *The Forbidden Kingdom* (2008) and *Transformers: Age of Extinction* (2014).

During this journey, we'll also spend two nights in **Chengdu**, where the main highlights include the giant panda

breeding and research centre and the **Sichuan Opera**, a UNESCO-listed traditional performance featuring dances, acrobatics, and the mesmerising *bian lian* (face-changing magic).

No trip to this region would be complete without indulging in the delicious **street food** and the famous **hot pot** in a unique restaurant. While spiciness is a local favourite, we'll also ensure you can enjoy equally flavourful non-spicy options. To top it off, we'll visit a **spa on the 40th floor** with views over the central square, where you can relax with a **traditional Chinese massage**. For an even more authentic experience, you can try the soothing ritual of **ear cleaning**, an ancient practice that will make you feel part of the vibrant local culture.

Overnight: **hotel** (superior room with 2 beds)

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Days 10–11 – Return

Sunday and Monday

Return to Italy overnight, arriving in the morning of Day 11.

Good to know

Entry requirements: visa requirements vary depending on nationality. Please check and, if necessary, apply for your visa in advance.

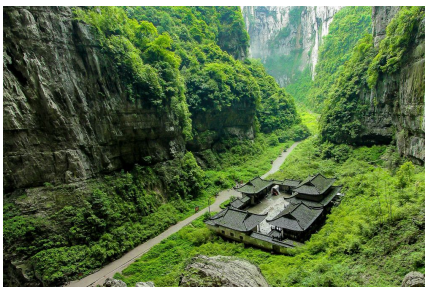
Several countries in Europe, including Switzerland, Italy, France, Germany, and others, currently enjoy visa exemption for short-term stays in China. However, visa policies may change: we recommend consulting the official website for up-to-date information.

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