



# Guǎngxī

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## Why Go?

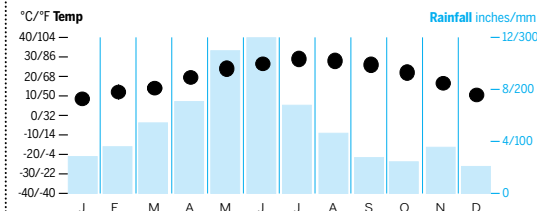
Tell someone you're heading to Guǎngxī (广西) and they'll seethe with envy, imagining you cycling and bamboo-rafting under the famous karst peaks of Yángshuò, or hiking between ethnic villages in the lofty Lóngjǐ Rice Terraces. You'll also be taking selfies in front of the dramatic Dānxiá landscape (a type of landform) at Tiānmén Mountain and Bǎijǎozhài National Geopark, and getting sprayed by the waterfall of Dětian or splashed by live seafood in Běihǎi's Vietnamese quarter.

What's more, you'll be contemplating the 2000-year-old Huāshān Cliff Murals from a boat, getting your feet massaged by the cobblestones of Dàxū Ancient Town, and comparing the poetry of the Dòng villages at Chéngyáng to the beauty of Kyoto in Japan.

After you've had your fill of wonders above ground, you'll be plunging into the subterranean forests of Lèyè and soaking your feet in the underground streams of Tónglíng Grand Canyon. Tell them all that and they're bound to hop on the next flight to Guilín or Nánning.

## When to Go

### Guilín



**Apr & May** Karst peaks in Guilín and Yángshuò don emerald robes.

**Jun–Sep** Rains turn rice terraces into mirrors and fatten waterfalls.

**Sep & Oct** The gulf breeze caresses your face as you stroll on Wéizhōu Island.



## Guǎngxī Highlights

- ① Cycle past scenery straight out of a painting alongside the **Yúlóng River** (p608)
- ② Trek among stilt houses and fields at **Lóngjǐ Rice Terraces** (p611)
- ③ Visit the Chéngyáng Wind & Rain Bridge and drum towers of the artistic Dōng people in **Sǎnjiāng** (p614)
- ④ Let underground rivers, ancient caves and primeval forests whisper you their secrets at **Tónglíng Grand Canyon** (p628)
- ⑤ Watch the drama of Dǎnxīa geology unfold as you explore **Bǎijiǎozhài National Geopark** (p611)
- ⑥ Be awestruck by massive sinkholes and their caverns at **Lèyè Geopark** (p629)
- ⑦ Enjoy the rustic pleasures of 1000-year-old **Dàxū Ancient Town** (p610)
- ⑧ Revisit the charms of Yángshuò as it would have been 15 years ago in **Xíngpíng** (p618)