



Jiāngxī

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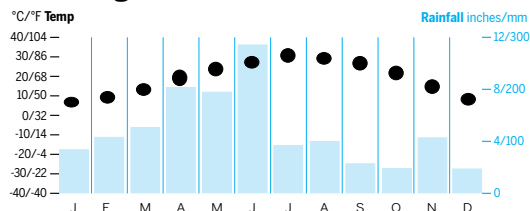
Why Go?

An interconnected web of rivers, lakes and shimmering rice paddies, Jiāngxī (江西) is defined by its water. Farmers in ponchos and heavy boots till the fields in drizzling rain as snow-white herons whirl overhead, and off at the edges of the province, low-lying hills of tea plantations and pencil-thin pines give way to more substantial mountain ranges, seemingly shrouded in perpetual mist.

While not as remote as it used to be, Jiāngxī is still rarely visited by foreign tourists and can be just the spot if you're after something off the beaten track. Jǐngdézhèn will have porcelain enthusiasts going potty, while hikers will adore the hilltop trails around the northeastern mountains, but it's the irresistible countryside villages, their traditional architecture and their altogether slower pace of life which are the real highlight of a visit to this charming pocket of southeast China.

When to Go

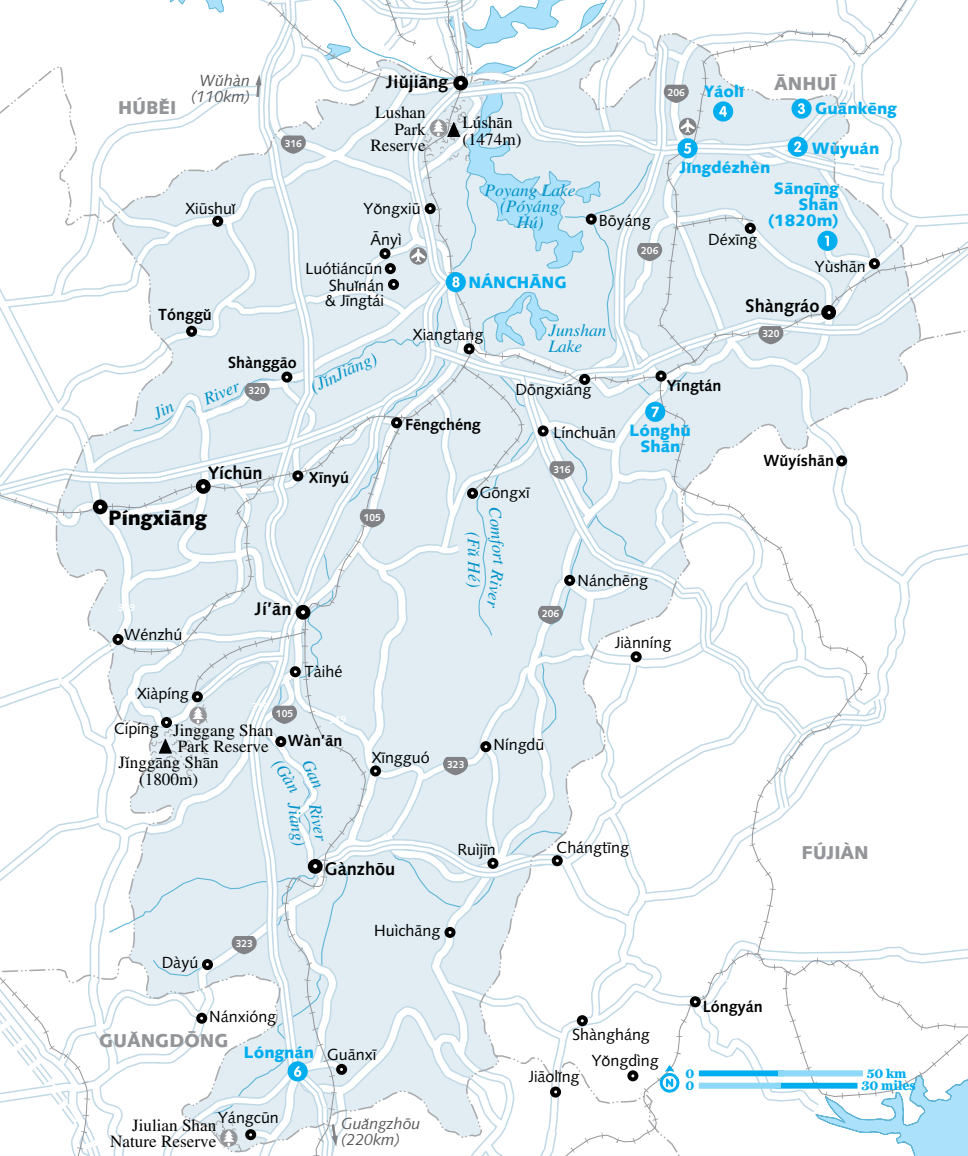
Nánchāng



Mid-Mar Terraced rapeseed fields bloom in Wùyuan, drawing amateur photographers from across China.

Late May–early Jun Rhododendrons add splashes of pink to the Sānqīng Mountain canopy.

Sep–Nov Less rainfall and moderate temperatures; best time to visit Jiāngxī.



Jiāngxī Highlights

- ① Look out over a forest of granite spires in **Sāngqīng Mountain** (p453)
- ② Rent a mountain bike and village-hop your way around the countryside of **Wúyuán** (p454)
- ③ Hike the ancient postal trail from the remote village of **Guānkēng** (p452)
- ④ Visit the ancient riverside village of **Yǎoli** (p450)
- ⑤ Browse for tea sets in **Jīngdézhèn** (p448), the porcelain capital of the world.
- ⑥ Explore Hakka country around **Lóngnán** (p456), where fortified villages and subtropical forest await
- ⑦ Discover a forgotten Taoist cultural centre at family-friendly **Lóngshū Mountain** (p455)
- ⑧ Sample Jiāngxī's best restaurants (and treat yourself to some proper coffee) in the busy provincial capital, **Nánchāng** (p445)