



Guǎngxī

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Why Go?

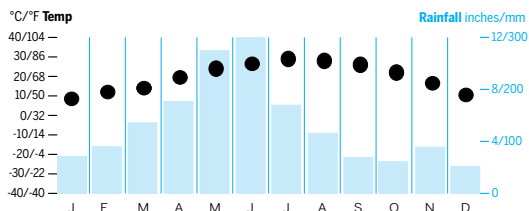
Guǎngxī (广西) conjures up visions of cycling and bamboo-rafting upon shimmering river waters beneath the sublime karst peaks of Yángshuò and hiking between ethnic villages in the lofty Lóngjǐ Rice Terraces. That's not all though: you can take selfies in front of the dramatic Dānxiá landscape (a type of landform) at Tiānmén Mountain and Bǎjiāozhài National Geopark, and get sprayed by the mighty waterfall of Dētiān 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 and comparing the poetry of the Dòng villages at Chéngyáng to the beauty of Japan's Kyoto.

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. Doing it all in reverse also makes sense, for Yángshuò is the perfect conclusion to any expedition.

When to Go

Guilín



Mar The flowering rapeseed adds splashes of bright yellow to the fields around Yángshuò's stunning peaks.

Jun–Sep Rain turns rice terraces into mirrors and fatten waterfalls.

Sep & Oct The gulf breeze keeps things cool as you stroll around Wéizhōu Island.



Guǎngxī Highlights

1 Yángshuò (p621) Cycling past scenery straight out of a painting alongside the Yúlóng River.

2 Lóngjǐ Rice Terraces (p617) Trekking among stilt houses and fields that cascade down the slopes like stairs.

3 Sǎnjiāng (p619) Stopping by the Chéngyáng Wind and Rain Bridge, drum towers and cedar-wood homes of the artistic Dòng people.

4 Tónglíng Grand Canyon (p636) Letting underground rivers, ancient caves and primeval forests whisper you their secrets.

5 Bǎijiǎozhài National Geopark (p617) Watching the Dānxiá geology unfold.

6 Lèyè Geopark (p637) Being awestruck by massive sinkholes and their caverns.

7 Běihǎi (p631) Exploring the delightful old seaside quarter and taking a trip to the volcanic island of Wéizhōu.