



Jiāngxī

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Why Go?

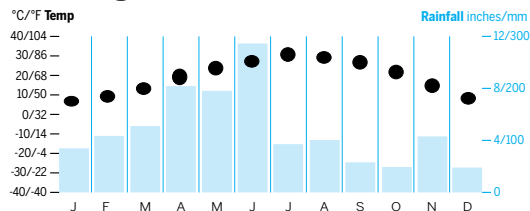
The underrated province of Jiāngxī (江西) offers a bucolic entrée into semirural Chinese life. It's a succulent, green place, connected by waterways of natural and human design, rice paddies teeming with bird life and fields draped in wildflowers. Tea seemingly grows out of every patch of land until dramatic mountain ranges, swirling with mist, rise up at its edges.

Jiāngxī has joined the high-speed rail circuit and now there's a new breed of local, prosperous traveller. They come here for the story-book villages around Wùyúan, the remote mountain parks of great spiritual significance and matching hiking trails in the northeast, and the surprisingly pleasant provincial capital, Nánchāng.

The altogether slower pace of life is the real highlight of a visit to this charming pocket of southeast China.

When to Go

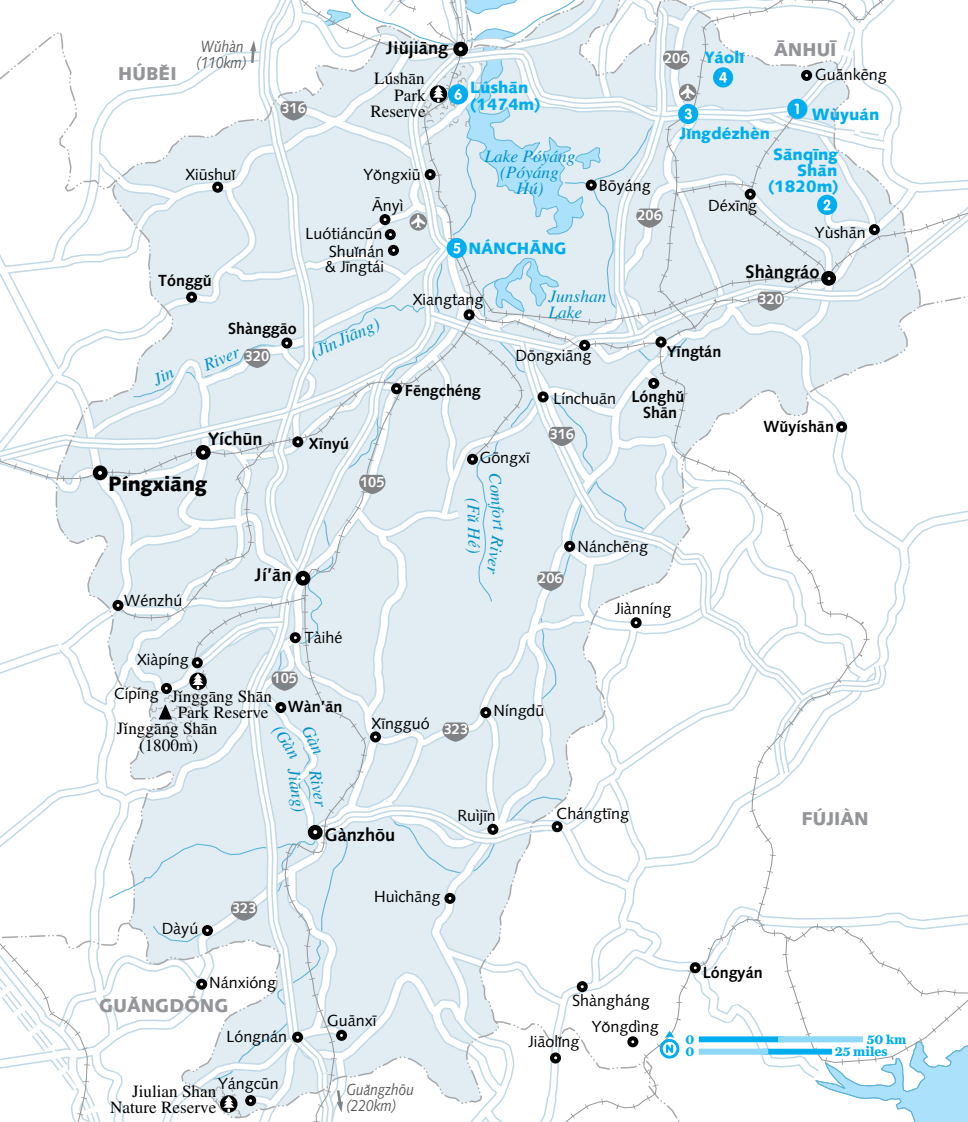
Nánchāng



Mar Rapeseed fields burst into yellow around Wùyúan's intact Song and Qing villages.

Late May–early Jun Pink rhododendrons bloom across the Sāngīng Shān and Lúshān canopies.

Sep–Nov The ideal climate for visiting Jiāngxī; dry and relatively mild.



Jiāngxī Highlights

1 Wūyuán & Around (p464) Hiking the ancient postal trail between villages before sipping rice wine and chrysanthemum tea.

2 Sāngqīng Shān (p467) Looking out over a forest of granite spires in one of eastern China's most underrated national parks.

3 Jīngdézhèn (p460) Shopping for porcelain pieces in this world-renowned and revitalised arts district.

4 Yáolí (p462) Visiting this ancient riverside village with its moss-hewn residences and traditional pottery kilns.

5 Bāyī Square (p456) Starting your long morning

walk where the Long March was inspired, in Nánchāng, the energetic, riverside capital with surprisingly decent nightlife.

6 Lúshān (p459) Seeking respite from the heat in this former Communist Party summer playground atop a misty national park dotted with European-style villas.