

A vertical banner featuring a scenic view of Zhangjiajie's unique sandstone pillars. The pillars are covered in lush green vegetation and are set against a backdrop of misty, blue-toned mountains. A semi-transparent green rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, serving as a background for the text.

ZHANGJIAJIE

Travel Guide

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USEFUL *Tips*

CURRENCY & PAYMENTS

- China's currency is the Yuan (CNY)
- Card payments are rare – use Alipay or WeChat Pay
- Cash is accepted, but less common
- Tipping is not expected

APPS YOU'LL NEED

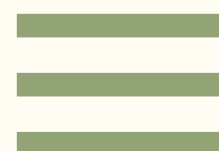
- Alipay (make sure to complete full ID verification for bike rentals, hotels & payments)
- WeChat (for messaging, payments & reservations)
- Didi (China's version of Uber – essential for rides)
- VPN (needed to access Instagram, Google, WhatsApp, etc.)
- Translate App (Google Translate with offline Chinese downloaded, or Pleco)
- Map App (Apple Maps or Baidu Maps – Google Maps is limited)

CONNECTIVITY

- Buy an eSIM with Chinese data before arrival – cheaper and reliable
Airalo eSim: <https://airalo.tpo.lu/gkJyA2KS>
- Note: Public Wi-Fi is often limited or slow

POWERBANKS

- Only powerbanks with CCC certification are allowed on trains and domestic flights
- These are mostly only sold in China



USEFUL *Tips*

ID & DOCUMENTS

- Always carry your passport (needed for hotels, tickets, police checks)
- Keep a digital backup and paper copy in your bag

EXTRA TIPS

- Many attractions require real-name reservations – book early
- Use WeChat mini programs for bookings, tickets & translations
- Learn a few basic phrases – English is not widely spoken outside tourist areas
- Public toilets may have squat seats only
- Bring your own toilet paper and hand sanitizer – not always available

BASIC PHRASES

ENGLISH	CHINESE	PRONUNCIATION
Hello	你好 (Nǐ hǎo)	Nee haow
Goodbye	再见 (Zàijiàn)	Dzai-jyenl
Yes	是 (Shì)	Shrr
No	不是 (Bù shì)	Boo shrr
Please	请 (Qǐng)	Cheeng
Thank you	谢谢 (Xièxie)	Shieh-shieh



GETTING *There*

GETTING TO ZHANGJIAJIE

BY AIR

Fly into Zhangjiajie Hehua International Airport (DYG). It's well connected to major Chinese hubs like Shanghai, Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu and Changsha. From the airport it's a short ride into Zhangjiajie City, or about 40 minutes to Wulingyuan (the park base).

BY HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

Zhangjiajie is on China's high-speed rail network (Zhangjiajie West Station). A great option if you're already travelling by train through China – comfortable, fast and scenic.

GETTING AROUND

- Didi (China's Uber) is the easiest way to get around – have the app ready and set up before you arrive.
- Taxis are available but drivers rarely speak English – use your translate app or show the address in Chinese characters.

GOOD TO KNOW

The National Forest Park is NOT in Zhangjiajie City – it's about 40 minutes away in Wulingyuan. Book your park nights in Wulingyuan so you can be first at the gate in the morning. For Tianmen Mountain, stay in Zhangjiajie City (the cable car starts right in town).



TRIP Overview

ZHANGJIAJIE AT A GLANCE

Location: Hunan Province, Southern China
Ideal duration: 2–3 days
Best time: April–June & September–October
Known for: The "Avatar" sandstone pillars, glass bridges & misty peaks

Base 1 (park): Wulingyuan (for the National Forest Park)
Base 2(Tianmen): Zhangjiajie City (for Tianmen Mountain)

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Spring (April–June) and Autumn (September–October) are ideal:

mild temperatures, clear mountain views and that famous mist drifting between the peaks.

Tip: Don't be disappointed by fog! Rock spires rising out of the mist are exactly what made this place world-famous – it's the real "Avatar" look. We visited in early September and it was still wonderfully quiet.

PRICES

TICKET PRICES (approx.)

National Forest Park (multi-day): ~65 € pp

Tianmen Mountain (Route A): ~35–40 € pp



ACCOMMODATION

Booking



ZHANGJIAJIE - WULINGYUAN 2 NIGHTS

Budget: Mountain View Guesthouse

Mid-range: Zhangjiajie Yujie Hotel

Premium: Zhangjiajie Yunqi·V Resort Hotel



ZHANGJIAJIE -TOWN 1 NIGHT

Budget: Jinyuanshan Meisu Hotel

Mid-range: Hampton by Hilton

Premium: WYNDHAM GARDEN
ZHANGJIAJIE TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

A full-page background image of the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in China. The image shows towering sandstone pillars (Houyue) rising from a dense forest. The sky is blue with some light clouds. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing the title and descriptive text.

ZHANGJIAJIE

Famous for its towering sandstone pillars and misty mountain landscapes, Zhangjiajie feels like stepping into another world. This stunning region inspired the floating mountains in *Avatar* and offers a mix of breathtaking nature, glass bridges, and peaceful hikes. It's a dream for nature lovers, photographers, and adventure seekers alike.



THINGS TO DO IN *Zhangjiajie*



ZHANGJIAJIE NATIONAL FOREST PARK

Ticket: [booking here](#)

Best time: early morning (from ~8:00)
for empty trails & mist



GOLDEN WHIP STREAM

Ticket: included in National Forest Park

Best time: all day



TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

Ticket: [booking here](#)

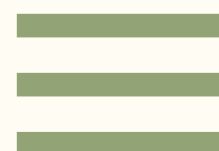
Best time: morning / late afternoon



ZHANGJIAJIE GLASS BRIDGE

Ticket: Booking on site

Best time: late afternoon



PACKING *List*

CLOTHES

- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Bras
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Pullover
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Jeans
- ☐ Pants
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Dresses/skirts
- ☐ Swimsuits
- ☐ Hats
- ☐ Sandals, Shoes

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste
- ☐ Razor
- ☐ Deodorant/Perfume
- ☐ Shampoo, Conditioner
- ☐ Hair Brush
- ☐ Facial Cleanser
- ☐ Face Lotion, Moisturizer
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Makeup
- ☐ Makeup Remover
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Tissue
- ☐ Medication
- ☐ Nail set
- ☐ Tampon / Contraceptive

MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Keys
- ☐ Travel Documents
- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Wallet
- ☐ Cash, Credit Cards
- ☐ Pen
- ☐ Book or Magazine
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Visum
- ☐ Tickets

ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Smartphone
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Adapter
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Charger
- ☐ Tripod