

# ZUNYI (遵义)



Located in the north of Guizhou Province, Zunyi is a small city with an interesting historical background that is famous throughout China. As the location of one of the most important meetings in Chinese history, Zunyi attracts tourists from all over China, but is little known to foreigners. Its interesting historical background, off-the-beaten-track location and cultural heritage make for an enriching placement option for anyone looking to experience Chinese culture and play a role in the education of students from less advantaged backgrounds.



## ATTRACTIONS

**Zunyi Conference and Revolutionary Historical Sites:** Zunyi, the place where the meeting that changed the course of Chinese history was held, is a city known by people all over China. During the Zunyi Conference, Mao Zedong negotiated his way to the head of the Communist Part of China. This historic site is made up of four residences used by Party leaders, the former Chinese Soviet Republic State Bank, the old Catholic Church (headquarters of the Red Army's Political Department), and a museum. The main site is located in the heart of Zunyi's old town and Mao Zedong's residence is a 15-minute walk from the main cluster of buildings.



**Site of the Zunyi Conference:** The Zunyi conference of 1935, was held in a former merchant's home, which has since become one of the city's most noteworthy attractions.

**Zunyi Meeting Memorial Museum:** Located just across from the Zunyi Conference site, the museum gives visitors a better understanding of the city's history through excellent exhibits on the Zunyi Conference, the Long March, and the Chinese Civil War (1927-1937 and 1946-1949) in Guizhou. Unfortunately, the Museum offers limited English translations, but it's worth visiting for the impressive pictures and statues.

**Old Town:** Surrounding the Zunyi Conference Site are several blocks of restored Zunyi buildings. The Old Town is home to the best shopping and eating establishments in town, as well as several blocks of traditional-style architecture.

**Xiangshan Temple:** This temple dates back to the 1920s and is the largest in Zunyi. It is located in the middle of the Old Town on a steep slope. It's a tough climb to the top, but the panoramic views of the city are worth it. Though a popular tourist attraction, it is still used by worshipers.



**Fenghuang Shan Park:** Zunyi is shaped roughly like a doughnut, with Fenghuang Mountain at the centre. Fenghuang Mountain Park consists of tea gardens, hiking trails, temples, and the tomb of the Red Army Martyrs.

**Zunyi Park:** Once the private garden of a local merchant, the park opened to the public after the revolution. It's located along the river opposite Fenghuang Shan Park and contains typical Chinese park features, such as tea gardens, rock sculptures and a large fish pond.

## FOOD

Zunyi has many specialty foods that are well known throughout Guizhou Province. In fact, the people of Guizhou say, "eat in Zunyi". Below are some of the city's best-known dishes:

**Fried Dragon Claw with Shredded Meat:** The "dragon claw" in this dish is a wild vegetable grown in the mountains which is combined with spicy shredded pork to form one of the region's most popular dishes.

**Fried Houttuynia with Smoked Pork:** Another wild vegetable dish, combined with smoked pork.

**Zunyi egg cake**

**Lamb Rice Noodles:** Noodles in a red coloured soup which is flavoured with sweet and sour pickled radishes.

**Zunyi Maofeng Tea:** One of Guizhou Province's four famous teas.

These dishes can be found all around the city, but one of the best places to try some local food is along "Snack Street", located in the Honghua Gang District or the Dingzi Kou Night Market.

## ACCOMMODATION

**7 Days Inn Zunyi Beijing Road:** This hotel chain can be found all over China and is a good bet for standard, cheap accommodation. This branch is located close to the train station and city centre, has English speaking staff and a good range of affordable rooms. The hotel is a couple of miles from the Zunyi Conference Centre, making it a good choice for anyone looking to sightsee.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Though a small city, Zunyi has a selection of bars, nightclubs and cinemas. Below are some of the most popular nightlife spots of the city:

Feixia Dancing Hall

Opposite the Phoenix Hill, 3 minutes from Zunyi Conference Site

Huangdu Dancing Hall

Location: Beside Honghuagang District Power Supply Building

Zunyi Silver Sky Nightclub

Location: South Zhonghua Road Honghuagang District

### **Cinema**

Zunyi Cinema

Location: Xiangshan Road, Honghuagang District

Qunli Cinema

Location: No.231 South Zhonghua Road, Honghuagang District

### **GETTING AROUND ZUNYI**

**Taxi:** this is a very convenient and affordable way to get around Zunyi. During the daytime, the starting fare for taxis in Zunyi is 5 RMB for three kilometres and 10 RMB at night. Motorized tricycles are popular in the counties and towns of Zunyi. A journey on one of these costs around 1 to 2 RMB.

**Bus:** Zunyi has a developed bus network although buses can get crowded at rush hour and during national holidays, when crowds of tourists make their way to the city.

### **TRAVEL**

**Air:** The closest airport to Zunyi is Guiyang Longdongbao Airport, about 160 kilometers from Zunyi. You can reach the airport by taking a bus or train to Guiyang city and then the airport shuttle. Chongqing Jiangbei Airport is a little further, about 215 kilometres and there is an express bus running from Zunyi to Chongqing.

**Rail:** Zunyi is an important city in northern Guizhou and is one of the area's transportation hubs. The Sichuan-Guizhou railway runs through it, so travel there is convenient. Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, Beihai, Kunming, Chengdu and Chongqing can be easily reached by rail from Zunyi.

Zunyi – Guiyang: 3.5 hours

Zunyi – Chongqing: 6 hours

Zunyi – Chengdu: 8 hours

Zunyi – Guangzhou: 24 hours (slow train)

Zunyi – Beijing: 37 hours (slow train)

**Bus:** Buses run from Zunyi to many surrounding cities. The Guiyang - Zunyi Freeway connects Guiyang and Zunyi and the journey takes about 2 hours by direct bus and costs a maximum of 50 RMB. The Zunyi – Chongqing Freeway is still under construction and will eventually connect the two cities.