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China’s Yunnan province is a place of natural beauty with a rich cultural heritage. It stands apart from the rest of the country, high on the south western frontier and is the most geographically diverse province in the country and home to a third of China’s ethnic minorities, a wide variety of plant and animal species, dramatic landscapes and a rich Buddhist heritage. Spring is the best time to visit this part of the world and on this unique journey you’ll be introduced to both Yunnan and neighbouring Tibet.

Journey Highlights
- An intimate group size of no more than 24 guests
- One-on-one interaction with your host and local A&K guides
- Breathtaking alpine scenery and spring blooms in remote Yunnan
- Stark landscapes, prayer wheels and yaks on the ‘Roof of the World’
- World Heritage sites in Lijiang and Lhasa
- A rich array of ethnic groups and cultures
- Buddhist temples, forts, monasteries and convents

Your Host:
Considered one of A&K’s leading guides in China, Nancy Huo brings a wealth of experience to her work. Her outgoing and caring personality, superior language skills and strong educational and professional background put her at the top of her game. With a degree from the prestigious Beijing International Studies University, where she majored in English, Nancy went on to earn an MA in Education and Psychology but chose a career in the travel industry starting as an English speaking guide in the Beijing area in 1999.

Nancy has worked exclusively for Abercrombie & Kent Beijing since 2008 and in that time has escorted some of the company’s most high-profile clients from business and academia. Her depth of historic, cultural and general knowledge about China and her congeniality will make her an inspiring companion on this fascinating journey.
Your Itinerary

**Day 1: 16 April 2016: Arrive Lijiang (2,400m).**

Arrive into China’s Yunnan province where you are met and transferred to your hotel in Lijiang, capital for the ethnic Naxi people. This evening join the rest of the group for welcome cocktails, dinner and a trip briefing with your escort, Nancy Huo (D). InterContinental Lijiang Ancient Town Resort (Deluxe Room)

**Day 2: 17 April 2016: Lijiang.** This morning is a walking tour of Lijiang’s charming UNESCO listed Old Town. Stroll through the cobbled streets, crossing ancient timber footbridges over the network of spring-fed canals and climb up to the Wanggulou Pagoda where 360 degree views are incredible. This afternoon is a visit to the famous Black Dragon pool in the scenic Jade Spring Park at the foot of Elephant Hill. Afterwards visit the Dongba Museum which houses displays of Naxi dress and culture before a ceremonial dance performance (B,L). InterContinental Lijiang Ancient Town Resort (Deluxe Room)

**Day 3: 18 April 2016: Lijiang.** This morning you are driven north out of town to the icebound massif of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain which comprises 13 high peaks. Take a cable car ride up to the spruce meadow at the foot of the mountain for breathtaking views and to watch a production of ‘Impression Lijiang’ performed by 400 farmers from 10 local ethnic groups against the backdrop of spectacular mountains. Next stop is for lunch at Baisha Village one of the earliest Naxi settlements in the area. After lunch you’ll be seeing the early Ming dynasty religious frescoes there and visit the herbal medical clinic of Dr. Ho, who achieved international acclaim after Bruce Chatwin’s visit in the 1980s. Afterwards visit nearby Longquan village, an early Naxi settlement and one of the most well-preserved markets along the Ancient Tea Horse Road. Wander through the village and visit the Dragon Spring Ancestral Temple. Return to Lijiang with the evening at leisure (B,L). InterContinental Lijiang Ancient Town Resort (Deluxe Room)

**Day 4: 19 April 2016: Lijiang – Shangri-La (3,000m).** Today you journey overland to Shangri-La (formally Zhongdian) on the Yunnan-Tibet Highway with a stop at the ‘First Bend’ in the Yangzi River, a major landmark for all Chinese. Visit Shigu Village with its large 16th century stone drum memorial which commemorates a joint Naxi/Han army victory over an invading force from Tibet. The bell is believed to have magical powers. Continue on to the dramatic Tiger Leaping Gorge where a short hike reveals the Yangzi River roaring 4,000m below on the gorge floor. Arrive into Shangri-La late this afternoon and admire its stunning location within a landscape of tranquil lakes framed by snow-capped mountains and valleys dotted with wildflowers and horses (B,L). MGallery Songtsam Retreat (Junior Suite)

**Day 5: 20 April 2016: Shangri-La.** Spend the morning visiting the Songzanlin Monastery, followed by a stroll through the city market. This afternoon continue on to the 800 year old working monastery, Ringha, which though small is historically significant and situated on top of a sacred hill. A highlight this afternoon is tea with a traditional Tibetan family, your chance to experience Yunnan culture first hand (B,L). MGallery Songtsam Retreat (Junior Suite)

**Day 6: 21 April 2016: Shangri-La – Tse dang (3,100m).** This morning you are transferred to the airport for the flight to Lhasa, one of the highest cities in the world. On arrival into the Tibetan capital you are met and driven southwest to Tse dang, the starting point for exploring the Yarlung Valley region. This afternoon visit Trundrak Monastery, famous as the first Buddhist chapel ever built in Tibet (B,L,D). Tse dang Hotel (Deluxe Room)

**Day 7: 22 April 2016: Tse dang.** This morning your sightseeing begins with a visit to Samyze, the oldest of all Tibet’s monasteries. It is approached via a beautiful river crossing. Afterwards continue on to Yumbulhakhang Fort, one of the oldest buildings in Tibet, perched precariously on a hilltop south of Tse dang overlooking the Yarlung Valley (B,L,D). Tse dang Hotel (Deluxe Room)

**Day 8: 23 April 2016: Tse dang – Lhasa (3,490m).** The journey today is by road overland back to the capital stopping en route at Yamdrok Lake, one of the three largest sacred lakes in Tibet and an area of incredible scenic beauty. This afternoon visit the Ani Tsangkung nunnery built in the 15th century in the back streets of the old part of town. The resident nuns support themselves through alms and making items such as clothing and printed texts. Continue on foot through the old alleyways of Barkhor to visit Jokhang Temple, one of the oldest and most revered religious structures in Tibet, dating back to the 7th century. Pilgrims from all over Tibet come to worship here and prostrate themselves in front of the main doors of the temple. Afterwards there is time to explore the Barkhor Bazaar, both the spiritual heart of the holy city and the main commercial district (B,L). Shangri-La Hotel (Deluxe Room)

**Day 9: 24 April 2016: Lhasa.** This morning’s sightseeing commences with the hundreds of Buddha statues carved into the Sanggye Dhungu cliff before moving on to the imposing Potala Palace which sits 300m above the valley and was formerly the Dalai Lama’s winter residence and seat of Tibetan government. This afternoon you are escorted to Norbulinka, the summer palace of the Dalai Lama, and the incorporated Tibetan Museum. A Tibetan cultural performance is scheduled this evening (B,L). Shangri-La Hotel (Deluxe Room)

**Day 10: 25 April 2016: Lhasa.** This morning visit Drepung Monastery, built in 1416, one of the world’s largest monasteries and once home to over 10,000 monks. Suffering only minor damage during the Cultural Revolution, Drepung has plenty of historical relics, Buddhist scriptures and art. While there visit the Nyechung temple, the former seat of the State Oracle until 1959. After lunch continue on to Sera Monastery, one of the prettiest. In its heyday, Sera hosted a huge monastic population and five colleges. Today there are less than 500 monks in residence. Enjoy observing the monks’ daily debate and discussion before returning to your hotel. Tonight farewell cocktails and dinner are included at the hotel (B,L,D). Shangri-La Hotel (Deluxe Room)

**Day 11: 26 April 2016: Depart Lhasa.** Today you are transferred to Lhasa Airport for your departure flight (B).

B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | D = Dinner
Price

Twin share per person: $8,995
Single supplement: $2,395

Tour inclusions

All accommodation as detailed on a double/twin share basis with private facilities; meals as specified; bottled water during transfers and touring; airport welcome; assistance with luggage and transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle; domestic economy flight Zhongdian - Lhasa, services of special tour host; all entrance fees, planning, handling, operational and communication charges; tipping to local guides and drivers.

Tour Exclusions

International flights; any meals not specified; visa fees; insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip; items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax, or phone charges and transfers/sightseeing or meals not specified; excess baggage charges; tipping to A&K host.

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1. Definitions

“A&K” means Abercrombie & Kent (Australia) Pty Ltd ACN 005 422 999.

“ACL” means the Australian Consumer Law Schedule to the Competition and Consumer Act.

“Conditions” means these Terms and Conditions.

“Contract” means any agreement for the provision of Travel Arrangements or Services by A&K to the Customer.

“Customer” means a person, jointly or severally if more than one, acquiring Travel Arrangements and Services from A&K.

“Departure Date” means the date scheduled for the Customer to depart at the start of the Travel Arrangements.

“GST” has the definition given in A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (“Act”) or any amending legislation, and includes any similar value-added or consumption tax.

“Material Alteration” means a material change to the Travel Arrangements as determined at A&K’s sole discretion.

“Products” means individual components of Travel Arrangements, such as accommodation, meals, transport, cruises and tours.

“Services” means the booking and payment services provided by A&K in relation to Travel Arrangements.

“Suppliers” means the third parties that are responsible for providing the individual Products.

“Tax Invoice” means a tax invoice which complies with the definition contained in section 29 – 70 of the Act or any amending legislation.

“Travel Arrangements” means the travel arrangements made by A&K including all Products.

2. Basis of Contract

2.1 The Conditions apply exclusively to every contract for Services by A&K to the Customer and cannot be varied or supplanted by any other condition unless expressly accepted in writing by A&K.

2.2 Acceptance: Payment of a deposit indicates the Customer’s acceptance of the Conditions.

3. Booking Your Holiday

3.1 Quotes – will be provided in relation to a price for the Travel Arrangements. The quote is valid for a period of 7 days.

3.2 Deposit – a deposit of 25% of the total booking cost (or other amount as advised) is required to secure a booking.

3.3 Booking requests within 120 days before the Departure Date (received after 15 December 2015) must be accompanied by full payment and may be subject to an urgent processing fee.

4. Price Policy

4.1 Prices for the 2016 Yunnan & Tibet Hosted Journey are valid for the period 16 to 26 April 2016. All prices are per person in Australian Dollars unless otherwise specified. Prices are subject to the quote provided.

4.2 Travel Arrangement prices are quoted for the entire package and itemised component costs cannot be given.

4.3 Travel Arrangements – prices may be based on Products being booked in groups, and accordingly Customers must travel together throughout the Travel Arrangements.

4.4 Surcharges – the price of the Travel Arrangements is subject to the possibility of surcharges. Surcharges may be incurred (without limitation) in connection with: currency exchange rates, increases in Product prices, fuel levies, scheduled airfares, hotel and ground transportation charges, game park entrance fees and any other increases in connection with the Travel Arrangement.

4.5 Where there is any change in the costs incurred by A&K in providing the Services, A&K may vary its price to account for such change by notifying the Customer, whether or not the Customer has made full payment.

4.6 Changes in the Australian Dollar – the financial commitments A&K undertakes in order to offer the prices mean that prices cannot be reduced or refunded if the Australian dollar strengthens.

4.7 Products not Utilised – no refunds are made in respect of Products not utilised, for example, accommodation, meals and sightseeing excursions.

4.8 Tour Inclusions – the following are included from the Travel Arrangements price: All accommodation as detailed on a double/twin share basis with private facilities; meals as specified; bottled water during transfers and touring; airport welcome; assistance with luggage and transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle; domestic economy flight Zhongdian - Lhasa, services of your tour guide; all entrance fees; planning, handling, operational and communication charges; tipping to local guides and drivers.

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4.10 Prices quoted include GST. Prices for the supply of the Travel Arrangements and the Services exclude any other taxes, duties or imposts imposed on or in relation to the Travel Arrangements and the Services in Australia or overseas. The Customer is liable to pay any amount of GST imposed on any Product.

5. Payment

5.1 Final Payment – unless otherwise agreed in writing the final payment must be received by A&K no later than 15 December 2015, which is 120 days prior to the Departure Date.

5.2 Where bookings are made within 120 days before the Departure Date (received after 15 December 2015), full payment must be made at the time of booking.

6. Amendments

6.1 A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K’s control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

6.2 A&K will endeavour to assist if the Customer requests an amendment to the Travel Arrangement booking up to 120 days prior to the Departure Date subject to the following:

a) Amendment Charge – fees apply to any Customer requesting a change to a confirmed booking.

b) Additional Charges – all other expenses incurred by A&K may also be payable by the Customer at A&K’s discretion.

c) Any charges arising from a request for an amendment are payable by the Customer whether or not A&K is successful in confirming the requested amendment.

d) Late Amendments – amendments made by the Customer within 120 days of the Departure Date are treated as cancellations and re-bookings. Cancellation charges apply as detailed below.

7. Cancellations By The Customer

7.1 The Customer must give A&K notice if it intends to cancel any Travel Arrangements.

7.2 Charges – the following charges are payable by the Customer in accordance with the number of days prior to the Departure Date following notice being received by A&K of cancellation:

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7.3 Additional Charges – the Customer may incur further cancellation charges from some Suppliers and local agents.

8. Cancellations and Material Alteration by A&K

8.1 A&K may treat a booking as cancelled and levy cancellation charges if the Customer does not pay the balance of the Travel Arrangements price at 120 days prior to the Departure Date.

8.2 Force Majeure – A&K may, at its sole option, where circumstances outside of its control affect the provision of Travel Arrangements (such as flood, fire, act of God, war or threat of war, physical unrest, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activities (threatened or actual), strikes, port or airport closure, technical problems with transport, alteration or cancellation of scheduled travel services) cancel scheduled Travel Arrangements at any time and may at A&K’s sole and absolute discretion:

a) offer the Customer alternative Travel Arrangements or Products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or

b) if alternative Travel Arrangements or Products are not offered by A&K, A&K will make a prompt proportional (taking into account the extent of the Travel Arrangements that have been provided or arranged) refund of monies paid by the Customer.
8.3 A&K may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administration costs associated with providing alternative Travel Arrangements or Products.

8.4 Material Alteration – if a Material Alteration becomes necessary within 120 days of the Departure Date for any reason other than the circumstances described in clause 8.2 A&K will endeavour to offer comparable Products or a full refund of all monies paid by the Customer.

8.5 This tour requires a minimum of ten (10) paying passengers in order to depart.

9. Obligations and Liability

9.1 Booking Agent - A&K acts as a booking agent for the Suppliers of Products and accepts no liability for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or irregularity that may arise to any Customer or third party resulting from the Customer's or third party's use of the Products, unless recoverable from A&K on the failure of a statutory guarantee under the ACL. A&K makes reasonable enquiries to determine that Suppliers provide appropriate Products, but A&K is not responsible for the Products or their standard.

9.2 Except as the Conditions specifically state, the Agreement does not include by implication any other term, condition or warranty in respect of the quality, merchantability, acceptability, fitness for purpose, condition, description, specification or performance of the Travel Arrangements or Services or any contractual remedy for their failure.

9.3 Nothing in these Terms restricts, limits or modifies the Customer's rights or remedies as a consumer against A&K for failure of a statutory guarantee under the ACL.

9.4 Loss – A&K is not liable for and accepts no responsibility for any direct or indirect loss, financial loss, consequential loss, loss of enjoyment, pain and suffering, damage, injury, accident delay or irregularity occasioned to the Customer, other than if the Customer is a consumer, then to the extent the loss was reasonably foreseeable.

9.5 Nothing in the Conditions is to be interpreted as excluding, restricting or modifying the application of any relevant State or Federal legislation which cannot be excluded, restricted or modified.

9.6 Visa Requirements – it is the Customer’s responsibility to ensure that it has valid passports, visas and permits which meet the immigration and governmental requirements of the country of travel.

9.7 Medical Conditions – the Customer must notify A&K of any pre-existing medical conditions that might reasonably be expected to affect the Travel Arrangements.

9.8 Health Issues – it is the Customer’s responsibility to obtain any vaccinations or health precautions applicable to the country of travel. A&K strongly recommends that the Customer ensure themselves against loss of deposit, cancellation charges, medical expenses and loss of personal possessions, and any other foreseeable loss or expense.

9.9 The Customer acknowledges and accepts that different places, countries, facilities and tour operators may have lower standards of safety, labeling, warnings and precautions. The Customer is responsible for maintaining personal diligence and safety notwithstanding the level of standards. A&K is not liable for any loss, damage, injury or death that could be avoided if the Australian standards were to apply.

9.10 Conduct – A&K reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant’s own expense, anyone whose physical condition or conduct negatively impacts the enjoyment of the other guests or disrupts the tour.

10. Notice

10.1 A notice by the Customer must be in writing, and may be delivered by hand, sent by prepaid mail, sent by facsimile or sent by electronic means such as e-mail to the address or number specified. A notice is treated as given to A&K, when: a) if hand delivered, when delivered; b) if sent by prepaid mail, when received; c) if sent by email or facsimile, on confirmation of successful transmission.

11. Governing Law

11.1 These Conditions are governed by and are to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria and Australia.

12.1 Any personal information that A&K obtains from the Customer, or about the Customer from its representative, is necessary for A&K’s business purposes or providing the Customer with A&K’s Travel Arrangements, Products and Services, and may be used in answering any queries the Customer may have, considering the Customer’s application for credit or to become a Customer, performing internal administration and operations, developing, improving and marketing A&K’s products and services, and related purposes.

12.2 A&K’s Privacy Policy details why A&K collects this personal information, who A&K may disclose it to (including whether A&K is likely to disclose it to overseas recipients), and the main consequences (if any): if A&K does not collect the personal information of the Customer. A&K’s Privacy Policy also contains information about how the Customer may seek access to, or correction of, the personal information held about the Customer, and A&K’s complaint resolution procedures.

12.3 A&K will not disclose any personal information to any other party without the consent of the Customer except to the Suppliers, a related entity or adviser of A&K or where A&K is otherwise required by law to do so.

12.4 A&K’s Privacy Policy is available at www.abercrombiekent.com.au/legal or by request to A&K by phoning +61 3 9536 1800 or via email at privacy@abercrombiekent.com.au.

13. Consent for cross-border disclosures

13.1 By making a booking, the Customer acknowledges and consents that A&K will not, as would otherwise be required, be obliged to take steps to ensure that an overseas recipient of Customer Information complies with the APPs.

14. Miscellaneous

14.1 A&K’s failure to enforce any of these Conditions shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the A&K’s rights.

14.2 If any Condition is unenforceable it shall be read down to be enforceable or, if it cannot be read down, the condition shall be severed from the Conditions without affecting the enforceability of the remaining conditions.

Note: Specific programmes may have different Terms & Conditions which will be advised at the time of booking.