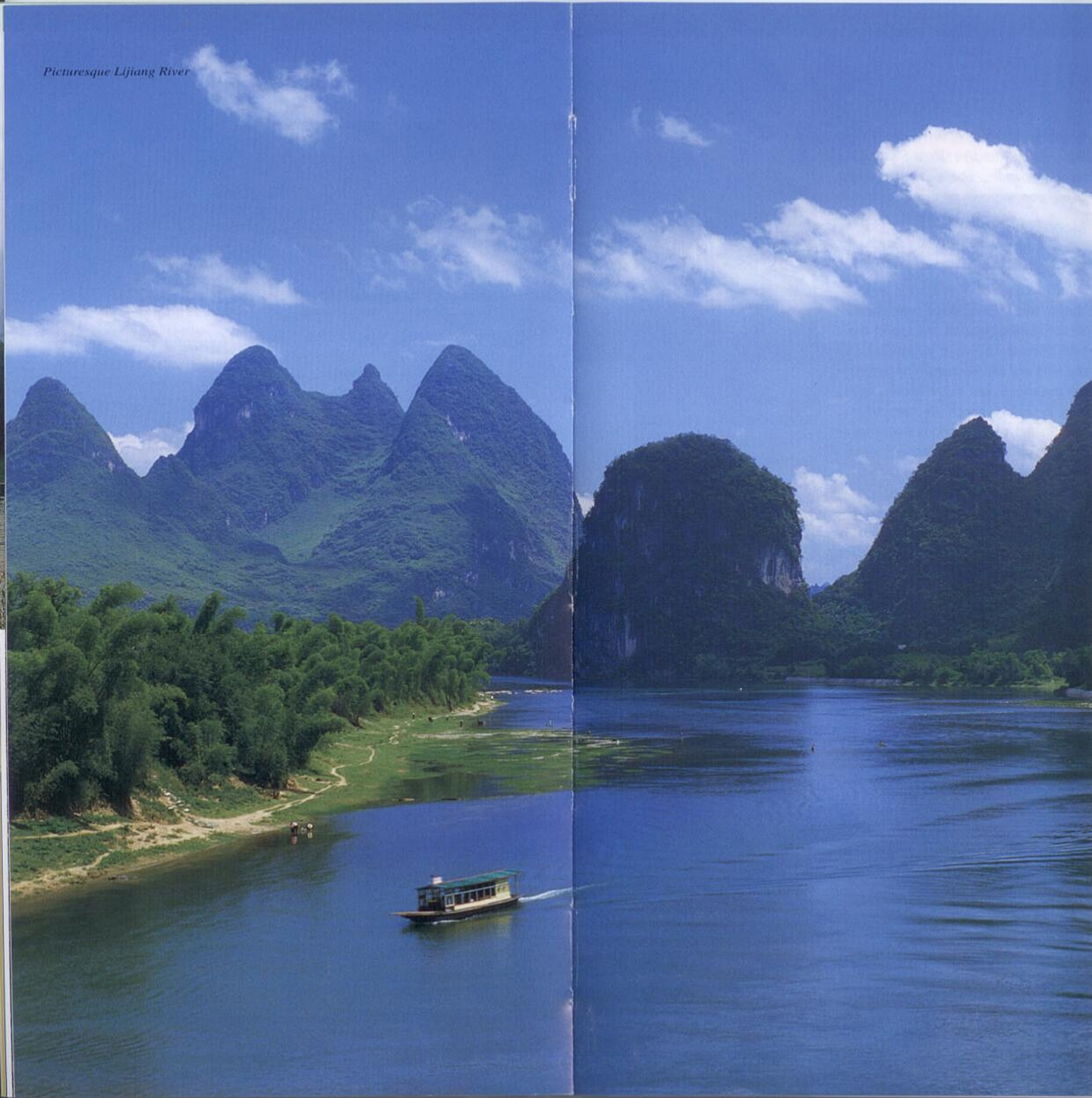


*Picturesque Lijiang River*



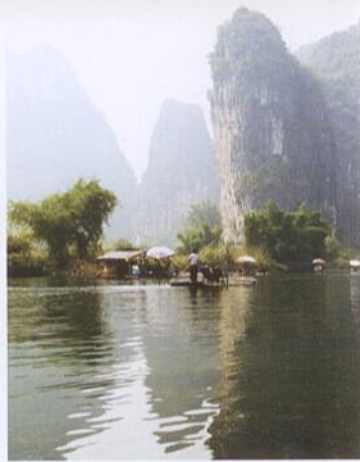
branches. Elder Brother Ah Niu and Third Sister Liu in the film *Third Sister Liu* threw embroidered balls to each other to make an engagement under the tree.

### Moon Hill

Moon Hill is not far away from the big banyan tree. It takes only about 10 minutes to go from Moon Hill to the banyan tree by bike. A tall peak stands by the highway, and at the top of the peak, there is a big cave, through which the blue sky can be seen. The cave is tall and round, just like a bright moon hung in the sky, hence the name Moon Hill. The most interesting is that if one walks along Moon Appreciating Road in Licun Village, one will find the changes of the moon from a full moon, to a half moon and then to a crescent, a sight which will surely evoke tourists' interest.

"Moon Palace" in Moon Hill is a classical international rock-climbing route. In Moon Palace, there are lots of stalactites, some like Chang'e, some like jade rabbits, and the others like osmanthus flower trees, which tally with the scenes in the

Moon Hill



Yulong River

fairy tale about the Moon Palace. What a work of nature!

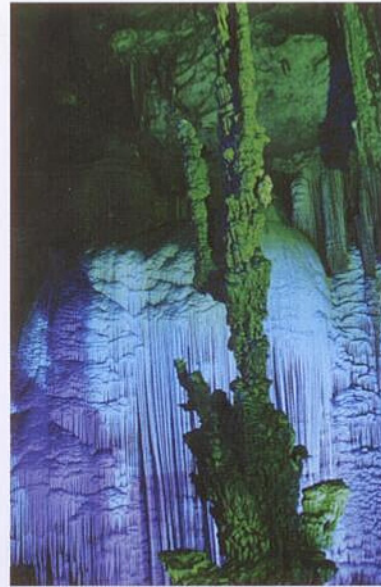
Licun Village at the foot of the Moon Hill is an ideal place for tourists to take a mud bath.

### Yulong River

As a branch of the Lijiang River, the Yulong River empties into the Lijiang River via Baisha and Gaotian townships. The riverbed of the Yulong River is not wide, but the water is so limpid that the stones at the bottom can be seen. Lined by

green peaks, the Yulong River has fertile fields on both banks, and some exquisite and ancient stone bridges, so the river presents more natural and unadorned scenery as compared with the picturesque Lijiang River.

### Lipu Scenic Area



Yinzi Cave

Lipu County, which is bordered by Yangshuo County in the north, is known for its green mountains, weird caves and simple and unsophisticated lifestyle. The main tourist attractions in the Scenic Area include Yinzi Cave and Fengyu Cave.

### Fengyu Cave

It is about 16 kilometers from the county seat to Fengyu Cave. On the way, tourists will pass some famous scenic spots, such as the Green Mountains in

Afterglow, Wolong Hill, A Beauty Watching a Lion, The Peacock Spreads Its Tail, A Golden Rooster Heralds the Break of a Day, A Camel Crossing the River, etc.

Fengyu Cave is 7.1 kilometers long, and goes through nine peaks, hence an old saying: "A cave runs through nine hills, presenting unique scenery on earth."

Fengyu Cave has four characteristics as follows:

1. The land-water-air tourist route: Firstly, tourists will travel on the land for about two kilometers, then get on a boat for a 3.3-kilometer trip, and finally take a 1.8-kilometer trip by overhead train to have a nice view of the rural areas. Many kinds of travel ways are available.

2. The underground river is wide and deep. The width of the river varies from 2 to 12 meters, and the average depth is larger than 0.6 meter. In the underground river there is an underground lake, with an area of 3,000 square meters. In the dim light, the dim stone landscape on both side of the river will make tourists believe that they were in a fairyland.

3. Fengyu Cave has several dozens of natural halls in various sizes. The largest one covers an area of 25,500 square meters, and is 46

meters high in the center. It is one of the most spacious halls featuring a large number of stalactites in the world.

4. In the hall stands a stone bamboo shoot, 9.8 meters high, with a diameter of only 14 cm from top to bottom, known as the "Divine Needle to Subdue the Sea." It is a rarely seen stone bamboo shoot in the cave dripstones in the world.

Tel: 0773-7128528

Admission: 70 yuan

Opening hours: 08:00-17:00

### Yinzi Cave

It is on the eastern side of Lipu-Guilin Highway in Maling Town, Lipu County, 20 kilometers from Yangshuo.

Yinzi Cave is a multi-story karst cave, with a sightseeing route of about

two kilometers. It includes three major parts: Lower Cave, Big Hall and Upper Cave. Yinzi Cave gathers a wide variety of fascinating stalactites that grew up at different geological ages, of which Three Wonders such as Music Stone Screen, Moon Palace and Hanging Waterfalls in Snow-covered Mountains, and Three Treasures including Buddha Giving a Lecture on Buddhist Sutras, Single Pillar Supporting Heaven and Hunyuan Pearl Umbrellas, are the representatives. They are all vivid, lifelike, magnificent, weird, serene and beautiful.

A deep, mysterious and undulating underground river runs through Yinzi Cave. The water in the river is so limpid that tourists can see fish swimming in it. The river is flanked by many picturesque scenic spots, and a boat excursion can take tourists to Green Lake outside of Yinzi Cave.

Tel: 0773-7132526

Admission: 50 yuan

Opening hours: 08:00-17:30

It needs about 120 minutes to take a tour of Yinzi Cave.

Yinzi Cave

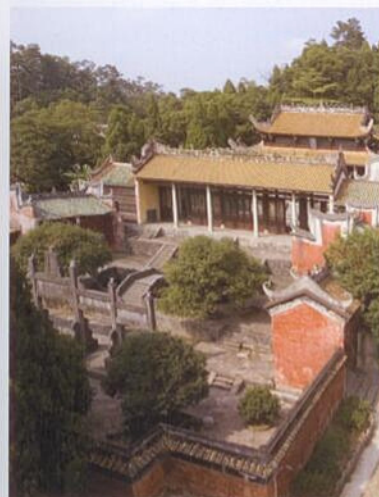


## Gongcheng Scenic Area

The Gongcheng Yao Autonomous County is to the south of the Five Ridges, and is borders Hunan Province in the east, 108 kilometers from Guilin. Three branches of Dupang Ridge undulate in the northeast of the county; and the branches of Ocean Mountain are spread in the west of the county. The county is surrounded by towering mountains, and run through by the Gongcheng River (Chajiang River).

Gongcheng boasts a long history, beautiful scenery, a large number of places of scenic and historic interest and a time-honored culture, and features a combination of the Central Plain culture of the Han people and the local Yao culture. The county has many ancient architectural structures, such as Confucian Temple, Temple of Martial Valor, Zhou Wei Shrine and Hunan Guild Hall. Each of them is a magnificent whole, with profound cultural contents.

### Confucian Temple



### Confucian Temple

Constructed to commemorate Confucius (551-479 B.C.), Confucian Temple is located in Wenwu Road, Gongchen Street at the foot of Yinshan Hill. This temple was first constructed in 1410, the eighth year of the Yongle reign period of the Ming Dynasty, with a history of nearly 600 years. It is a famed Confucian temple in south China and a historical monument under the protection of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

This temple faces the south, and backs onto Yinshan Hill, with an area of over 3,600 square meters, and a floor space of 1,300 square meters. Standing at the temple, tourists can overlook the Chajiang River. This magnificent and solemn temple is the largest, oldest and best-preserved temple in Guangxi.

Tel: 0773-8221188

Admission: 15 yuan

Opening hours: 08:00-17:30

It takes about 60 minutes to take a tour of the temple.

Transport: Tourists can go to the seat of Gongcheng County by shuttle bus or tourist bus, and then walk about 10 minutes to the temple.

### Temple of Martial Valor

Also known as Martial Valor Guan Temple or Guandi Temple, the Temple of Martial Valor was constructed to