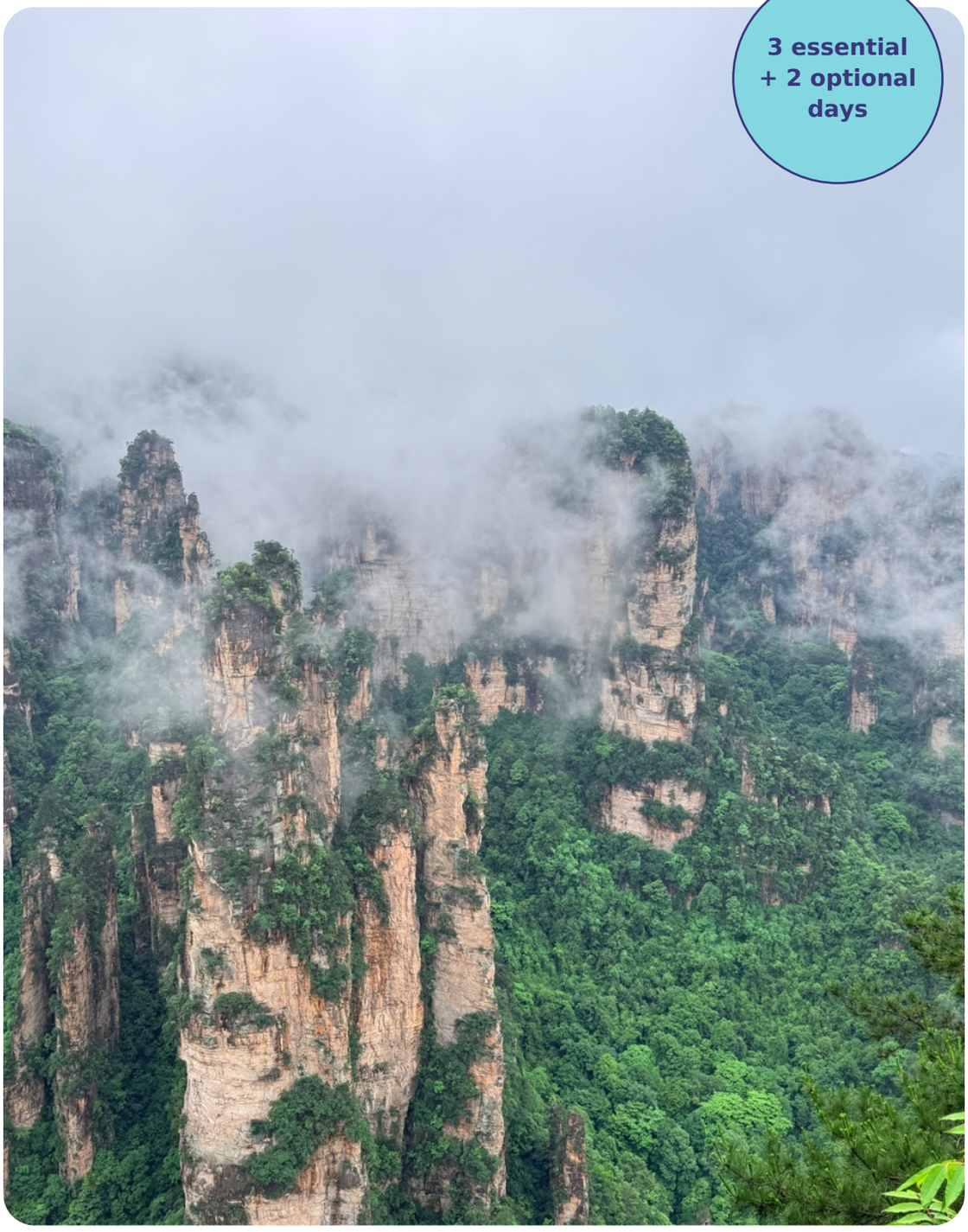
EVA TRAVELS

ZHANGJIAJIE

Your first 3-5 days. Already planned.



Mountains in the mist. Evenings worth staying for.

Two park days / Tianmen Mountain / Furong after dark
routes + travel times / Eva’s photos + five TikToks

What am I doing today?

01

Avatar mountains / first look ›

Tianzi Mountain, Yuanjiajie and Bailong. Guide recommended.

ESSENTIAL

02

Avatar mountains / slow down ›

Golden Whip Stream and Ten-Mile Gallery. Your own pace.

ESSENTIAL

03

Tianmen Mountain + city lights ›

999 steps, summit paths and 72 Wonder Towers in the evening.

ESSENTIAL

04

Lake + cave / optional ›

Baofeng Lake and Huanglong Cave. Insert before changing bases.

OPTIONAL

05

Furong Ancient Town / optional ›

Waterfall views, dinner and the town after dark.

OPTIONAL

Arrival and departure are extra days. For four sightseeing days, choose the lake + cave OR Furong. Keep the three mountain days flexible around weather and ticket availability.

Where to stay ›

Understand the tickets ›

Arrive by train ›

Before you go ›



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DAY 01

First look. Unreal mountains.

A suggested guided loop: cableway up, plateau views, Bailong down. Confirm the day's operations.

07:15 — **Breakfast + day bag** — Map ›

Eat first, fill your water and take your passport.

Hotel to East Gate: roughly 10-15 min by car.

08:00 — **East Gate + guide briefing** — Map ›

Confirm the exit, last rides and today's sequence.

Allow 30-45 min for entry and first shuttle.

08:45 — **Tianzi Mountain cableway** — Map ›

Suggested ascent; use your booked access lane.

Shuttle + cableway: allow 40-60 min, plus queues.

10:00 — **Tianzi Mountain viewpoints** — Map ›

Choose the signed viewpoints around Helong Park.

Allow 60-90 min walking and photo stops.

11:30 — **Transfer towards Yuanjiajie** — Map ›

Ask staff/guide for the correct plateau shuttle.

Allow 40-60 min including any change and wait.

12:30 — **Lunch + a proper sit-down** — Map ›

Use an open food court or your packed lunch.

Allow 40-50 min; food outlets vary.

13:20 — **Yuanjiajie viewpoint loop** — Map ›

The pillar views, First Bridge and signed paths.

Allow 90-120 min; steps and crowds slow progress.

15:30 — **Bailong descent + return** — Map ›

Use your ticketed elevator access, then East Gate bus.

Allow 60-90 min to exit, plus queues; hotel after.

PLAN NOTE: Route is a proposal, not a reconstruction of Eva's exact circuit. Reverse it if your booking or guide recommends. Dinner in Wulingyuan around 18:00.

TIANMEN / HEAVEN’S GATE



WATCH EVA’S VIDEO

Tianmen / Heaven’s Gate / tap to open TikTok

Photography: Eva Kydd / Eva Travels

The steps are only part of it.

Tianmen works well without a guide. Take the steep stairs at your own pace, or ask staff about the escalator bypass and its separate fee. Reaching the arch is not the end - we continued through seven more escalators towards the summit.

EVA’S TIP

Cloud hiding the 999 steps? Photographers offered to place your photo onto a clear-weather backdrop. Ask for a hard copy or delivery to your WeChat, and agree the price first. Availability may vary.