

Chengdu

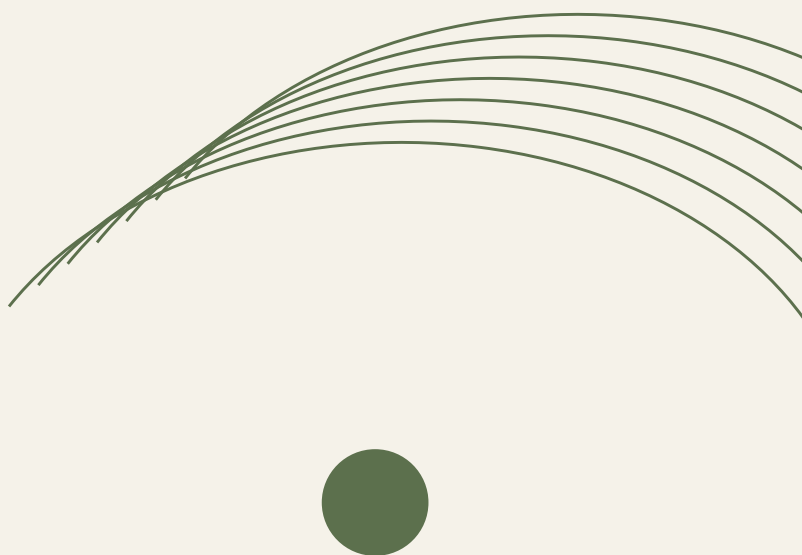
Chengdu, take a seat

Three days of tea, city life and a carefully planned panda visit

Independent routes. Practical decisions. Space to explore.

Inside: a usable plan, transport decisions, budget worksheet, Chinese search names and official source links.

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CHINA SIDEWAYS / 01 / ORIENTATION

Choose your base, then your days

This guide fits

Travellers who want one major animal attraction and two easier days of parks, food and urban culture.

The route logic

The itinerary alternates an excursion-like morning with compact city areas. Tea is a pause rather than another thing to complete. Food is a reason to stay in a neighbourhood, not to spend the day crossing the city between individual restaurants.

Chunxi Road / Taikoo Li surroundings

A central urban base with restaurants and shopping nearby. Choose a quiet side street and check your walking route to transport.

Tianfu Square / central area

A useful compromise for several city directions. Compare actual hotel access rather than choosing only by the landmark name.

Near People's Park

Good if you prefer a slower park-and-tea focus. Ask about evening noise and whether the hotel is close to the station entrance.

Three full sightseeing days are assumed. If arrival/departure uses one of them, remove a day or extend your stay.

CHINA SIDEWAYS / 02 / DAY 1

Park time and tea

MORNING / People's Park

Begin with a gentle park walk and look for a place to sit. Use the morning to notice public life rather than photograph strangers at close range. If you choose tea, ask the per-person charge and any extra seat or service costs before settling in.

AFTERNOON / A short central route

After lunch, choose one nearby cultural or street stop. If a museum is your priority, confirm entry and use it instead of several street destinations. Leave time in the afternoon to adapt to climate and recover from arrival; a park day does not need to be filled to capacity.

EVENING / A considered Sichuan meal

Choose a restaurant near the day's area or your accommodation. Start with a modest selection of dishes and agree the spice level. For a solo meal, noodles or a rice dish can be easier than a large shared hotpot. Check whether quoted prices are per dish, set or person.

Decision before you go

Rainy version: shorten the park and add one indoor cultural venue with checked access. Tea and food charges vary; this guide does not endorse a particular vendor.

Pacing rule: one main activity per half-day. Add lunch, rest and the actual transfer between areas. The order is a suggestion, not a timed booking.