

## LEYE - FENGSHAN

CHINA

### GEOLOGY

Leye-Fengshan Geopark, lying between the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and Guangxi Basin, has a remarkable tapestry of natural wonders within its expansive borders. Its pinnacle, *Gaodaping Mount* stands at 1982 m, while the Liangwanhe River meanders through its lowest point at an elevation of 412m. Karst formations reign in various captivating forms such as dolines, karst canyons, poljes, and underground rivers but also karst springs which invite exploration. Countless caves, adorned with magnificent chambers, beckon adventurous souls. The Geopark's geological heritage dates back over 500 million years and, among many spectacles, the *Dashiwei tiankeng* cluster, lying along the Bailang underground river, astounds with its 35 collapsed dolines, the most spectacular spanning 600 m and plunging 613 m.

### HIGHLIGHTS

1) The *Dashiwei tiankeng* cluster with its 35 collapsed dolines. 2) The *Sanmenhai karst windows* in the Poxin resurgence area. 3) With 39 scenic routes intertwining within the geopark including bicycle trails, hiking paths, and boat rides, explorers are rewarded with a firsthand look at the geological marvels. 4) The *Luomeidong cave* has a captivating display of lotus rimstone formations in an array of shapes and sizes, among them the 'king of lotus rimstones' at 9.3 m in diameter.

### ABOUT THE PARK

Area: 930 km<sup>2</sup>

When to visit: Apr.–June

Geopark since: 2010

(RIGHT) THE SANMENHAI KARST WINDOW IS PART OF A SCENIC ZONE KNOWN AS 'THE KARST GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM' BY INTERNATIONALLY ACTIVE GEOLOGISTS AND EXPERTS IN CAVE EXPLORATION.

