



(ABOVE) TEA PICKING. HUBEI IS ONE OF THE NATION'S MAJOR TEA PRODUCING AREAS.
(BELOW) THE GOLDEN SNUB-NOSED MONKEY.



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and shrublands, part of the Shennongjia UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the Geopark features the tallest mountains of the Hubei region, with thirty-two peaks above 2,500 m and six above 3,000 m that pierce through the clouds like stone towers.

A network of roads crosses the Geopark's territory, divided in five subareas, each with its own landforms, ecosystems and scenery. In the East, the lowlands of Daijihu are the only well-preserved subalpine sphagnum marsh wetlands of central China, an area of natural lakes and alpine meadows where spotted deer, antelopes and white storks can be seen. From there, the road climbs to the Shennongding region peaks, the 3,000 m tall Roof of Central China that feeds the mighty Yangtze River. Further east lie the gentle slopes of the Laojunshan area. The best place in China to see golden snub-nosed monkeys and giant salamanders, this ancient

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