



Lugu Lake

The quiet and limpid Lugu Lake, the second deepest in Yunnan, lies farther north in the prefecture. Around the 48.45-square-kilometers body of water are more than 20 villages, inhabited by the Mosuo people, a branch of the Naxis, who live in log cabins and a matriarchal tribe where property and children belong to the women who run the market and control the purse strings. They refer to their canoes as "mangers for raising pigs". Legend has it that when the flood came their ancestors, busy feeding the pigs, leaped into the manger and escaped by an ark of their own.

Lugu Lake is 5.2 kilometers wide from east to west with an average depth of 40 metres. With trough-shaped canoes, crystal-clear waters confined by verdant mountains, the lake has three islands in the middle which are known as the "Fabled Abode of Immortals". On the lake-side, there are peninsulas, cape, smooth beaches and the old-fashioned Mosuo log cabins. The matriarchal customs of Mosuo people and their friendliness are indeed enchanting.

Trough - shaped Canoes





Boatting in the Lake



Log Cabins



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