

If at all possible, try to avoid having to spend a night in Chongqing - it's difficult to find cheap accommodation there that will accept foreigners. If you're arriving at the airport late at night, you probably might as well stay at the airport hotel, which will be a couple of hundred yuan per person.

From the airport, there's a shuttle bus into the city. Then you'll need to get a cab to Chao Tian Men bus station (朝天门汽车站) where there are frequent buses to Wulong (武隆) and Jiang Kou (江口), which take around 3½ to 4 hours. The taxi driver in Chongqing will probably assume that you want the docks at Chao Tian Men, as that's where most tourists go (for Yangtze cruises) If you end up at the docks it's not a disaster, but it's up a lot of steps to get to the bus station. Make sure the driver uses the meter.

Buses from Chao Tian Men head out of Chongqing on the motorway to Fuling, which is about an hour away, where a cable-stayed bridge crosses the Yangtze. After passing through Fuling, the bus follows the turbulent Wu Jiang river upstream through some impressive limestone gorges to Wulong, which should be reached a couple of hours after Fuling. After stopping in Wulong, buses continue for about 20-30 minutes to Jiang Kou, where the Furong Jiang is a major tributary to the Wu Jiang. A large dam on the Furong Jiang towers above the town.

You should get a bus to Jiang Kou, which will cost around 70 yuan. The last bus leaves at around 8pm. From Jiang Kou it's possible to get a ride on a motorbike up to Tian Xing (天星). A motorbike should cost 50 yuan and will take about an hour and a half. There's a public bus service to Tian Xing which leaves at around 2pm and costs 10 yuan.

If you can't get transport out of Jiang Kou, you ought to be able to get accommodation for 10 yuan per night in one of the small hotels in town (NOT the big Jiang Kou hotel, which is more expensive).

Chao Tian Men bus station  
Jiang Kou  
Tian Xing

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天星