





Xiang Zhi Valley, a "precious green gem and air-purifying center, is located in Xinpu Village, 35 KM northeast away from Guiyang. Its altitude averages from 960 to 1563 meters above sea level, and it has a yearly precipitation of more than 1200mm, an average temperature of 15C.

There are abundant rivers and underground water, which alternate and mutual influence each other, forming deep valley, steep cliff and plank road on it, mountain range, small and big waterfalls, etc.

The clear river flows at the feet of the green mountain. In the early morning, the XiangZhi Valley was gradually wakened up by the birds singing and the rooster crowing in the foggy canyon.

The river and mountain is still as beautiful as long time ago.



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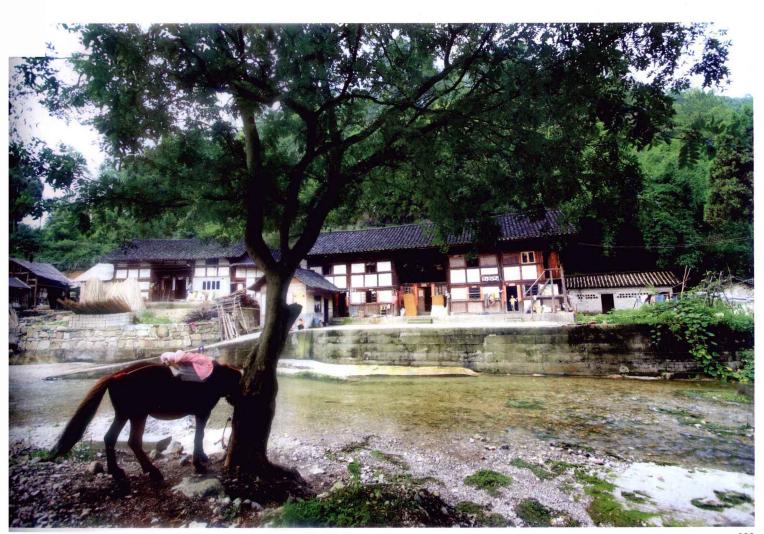
Winding path and arching bridge and Buyi family

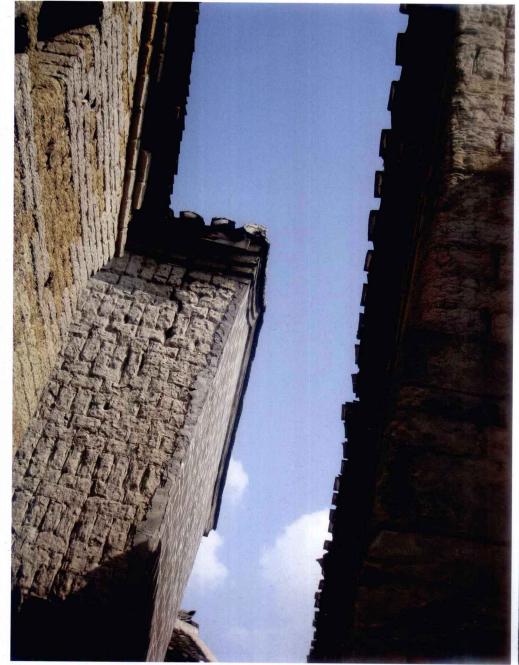


历史上布依族常被称为"夷"、"苗"、"仲苗"、"仲 家"、"仲蛮"等。1953年根据本民族意愿,统一叫布 依族。

布依族语言属汉藏语系壮侗语族壮傣语支,过去没有文字, 一直使用汉文,1956年创造了以拉丁字母为基础的文字 方案。 Through history, Buyi people was called "Yi", "Miao", "Chongmiao", "Chongjia", "Chongman" and so on, and they were named as Buyi in 1953 according to their own request.

Buyi language belongs to Zhuang and Dai branch of Han and Zhang family, and the use Han Chinese character because they didn't have written character. Buyi written system was created in 1956 based on Latin letters,









"干栏"型吊脚楼和"上栋下宇"型相结合的住宅建筑,融民俗、历史、艺术于一体,属多种民族文化形态,一般上层住人,下层饲养牲畜。

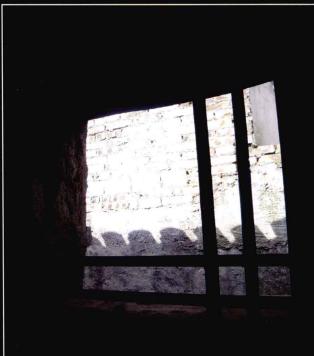
"干栏"型吊脚楼高朗、宽敞、坚实、美观,宇内明堂暗室,冬暖夏凉,以吊脚为其特征,无论三开间、五开间都排列成"一"字型格局,前檐配有栏杆,檐深廊宽,前后开门,高台阶,从外到内给人一种古朴古香之感。

"上栋下宇"型是近代发展形成的,屋顶两面流水,竖木为柱,排列由木坊串连,柱上架梁,顺梁搭檩,依檩搭檐,上盖瓦片或茅草,两侧山墙用土或砖砌成,也有用木或芭(夷)折围隔而成,配以吊脚楼,形成一种独有的民族风格。

The stilted house and the pillar structure is the typical structure of Buyi architecture, with folk culture, history, art in one structure. And this belongs to a multi-race form. People reside on the upper floor while the animals are kept in the bottom floor.

The house on stilt is very elevated, spacious, solid and beautiful. It has bight and dark rooms, it is cool in summer and warm in winter, and it is characterized by the stilt. It can be 3 or five rooms which spread in a row with the wooden rail in the front. Buyi houses have wider eaves and spacious corridor, big steps and doors in the front or back of the house. And it leaves people a simple but classic impression.

The Pillar structure is a modern form, with water draining down from either side of the sloped roof. The big logs can be elected as pillars which are connected by wooden bars and used to support the beams. And the beams were formed to support the eaves and then the eaves will be covered by the tiles or hays. The gables on two sides of the house are made of mud or brick, or sometimes bamboo or twigs, forming a unique minority style together with the stilts.







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