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内容概要

Yunnan does, in fact, enjoy better weather than its neighbours. Its position astride the Tropic of Capricorn, along with its elevation and mountain chains, give it a temperate climate, free from extremes of heat or cold. Much of the province lies on hill-studded high plateaux averaging 2000 metres altitude. The snow peaks are in the west and northwest, while two major ranges, the Ailao and Wuliang Mountains, run northwest to southeast right through the heart of the province. South of these ranges the landscape is tropical, in cultural and physical terms the northern rim of Southeast Asia. Yunnan is subject to the annual monsoons from May through October. In other seasons days are often sunny, temperatures mild, with winters cold only in the highlands of the northwest and northeast.

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插图：Of all the borderland provinces, indeed one could even say of all the provinces of China, none can boast of as much diversity and attractions——physical, cultural and ethnic——as the southwestern province of Yunnan. With 394,000 sq km it is the nation's sixth largest. For 4,061 km its western and southern boundaries are international borders——with Myanmar west and southwest, with Laos and Vietnam south. On its southeast side lies the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, while to its northeast is the province of Guizhou. The extreme northwest touches Tibet, but the rest of the northern boundary is with Sichuan. In the latter province rain and clouds dominate the weather and supposedly when one of the Nanzhao princes of Dali visited the Tang court he told the emperor his land was south of the rainy weather. The Chinese Emperor then dubbed that territory Yunnan——South of the Clouds. Yunnan does, in fact, enjoy better weather than its neighbours. Its position astride the Tropic of Capricorn, along with its elevation and mountain chains, give it a temperate climate, free from extremes of heat or cold. Much of the province lies on hill-studded high plateaux averaging 2000 metres altitude. The snow peaks are in the west and northwest, while two major ranges, the Ailao and Wuliang Mountains, run northwest to southeast right through the heart of the province, south of these ranges the landscape is tropical, in cultural and physical terms the northern rim of Southeast Asia. Yunnan is subject to the annual monsoons from May through October. In other seasons days are often sunny, temperatures mild, with winters cold only in the highlands of the northwest and northeast.

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