



A GUIDE TO THE SHUI PEOPLE

The Shui have historically dwelled beside rivers and streams. Today, they live in a mountainous region in Southwest China. Unlike some other minorities groups in China, the majority of the Shui live in a compact, concentrated area. The Shui are farmers. However, due to the poor living conditions in the Shui villages, most working aged people today go to bigger cities to work in factories and send money back home to their families.



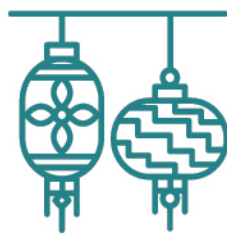
The Shui have a very long history, dating back to the Ming dynasty or even earlier.



Sui is a Tai-Kadai language. The Sui language has only 3 dialects, with minor differences.



Shui Population - 400,000 - 500,000.



The Shui New Year, called the Duan Festival is the longest holiday in the world, lasting 49 days.



Ancestor worship, animism. The live in much fear, constantly appeasing evil spirits and ancestors.



Less than 1% Christian.



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Shui (means “water” people). Also known as Sui. One of the 56 recognized people groups in China. The Shui are located in Southwest China.