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**Anantara Emei Resort & Spa,  
Sichuan, China**

Words by Nandini Balakrishnan

From a distance, so much that we hear about China tends to revolve around crowds, haze and materialistic excess. But steer clear of the big cities and you'll get fresh mountain air, some solitude and a bit of adventure. Mount Emei, the highest of China's four sacred Buddhist Mountains and a UNESCO World Heritage site—which lays claim to the world's highest golden Buddha statue—is one such place. At the foot of its majestic hulk is the Anantara Emei, which affords views across a tranquil lake and the soothing sounds of waterfalls and streams, and, come autumn,

undergoes a stunning transformation in preparation for winter. Emei is a must-visit for adventure junkies, as they can hike, fish, and explore the surrounding mountains and ancient temples, or snack their way through the culinary temptations of downtown Emei. And the deal clincher? China's iconic giant pandas can be found in the Chengdu Plain, which is a short drive away. If you thought the montages in Zhang Yimou's movies were just clever cinematography, a trip to the Anantara Emei might change your mind. [emei.anantara.com](http://emei.anantara.com)

