

Shopping in Yunnan

You would think that with all the things we buy that are made in China (Walmart! Cosco! Target!), that being in-country would be a shopping paradise. It isn't so! Maybe this is a good thing for most of us have too much stuff anyway!

You never know what you'll find wandering around the province of Yunnan in southern China. Some of the most unique items I ran across are:



This lovely woman hand-makes silk flowers in her shop



There are baskets galore in every market



All sorts of miraculous bracelets to cure anything and everything (yes -- I bought one!)

Women sell their hand-made clothes on the street.
Unfortunately no western sizes!



Often vendors follow you around, the price going down the closer you get to the bus.
They always make the sale!

And maybe we'll find a treasure
(probably made last week!)



And some things you wish they wouldn't sell:



Shepherds coat made from a bear pelt

Leopard, tiger and bear rugs



Fox pelt purse

(Thanks to biologist Bill B. for ID'ing these for me)



My buy of the trip is a set of teeth from a sidewalk dentist (\$5.00)!

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