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Yay! I found out that I will have more money to be here until October 16. That does not mean I'm coming back immediately afterwards. Far from it, in fact. I technically have a one way back to the States to use before September 16... but I will likely not use it. Pretty sad, but time is passing by quickly, right? I hope to get a lot of stuff done.



By way of celebrating, let me play Food Host and introduce you to some yummy things.

*Upper left:* Crab "hot pot"—mmmmmmmmmm. Spicy and delicious.

*Above:* Dai barbecue. We went to Xishuanbanna for the Dai New Year. The Chinese Dai minority have many similarities to Thais, and they celebrate their new year with the Watersplashing festival. My friend has a Dai aunt who lives in Jinghong and was sweet enough to take us to lunch.



*Above:* Dumplings... the handsome couple who run this stand near my office has a child about to test for college. Their business is always excellent during lunch.

*Right:* Dim sum. That's all visitors want when they come to China, isn't it? Well I'm sorry to say that in Kunming I've only had it twice - it's a Guangdong province thing! And compared to what we had in this picture, well, it's better in the States.





*Left:* I'm a noodle girl myself! Migan is a sort of rice noodle. Yen pointed out that it looks a little like pho, so like true Vietnamese, we dug in.

*Below:* Korean BBQ meat! I'm only just now realizing how popular Korean food is here. I myself am starting to enjoy it a lot. This restaurant was really enjoyable, as you can tell by my ridiculous grin.

*Below:* My favorite, roast duck!



*Below right:* Street meat! One of my favorite parts of this city is being able to grab some munchies throughout the day and most of the night.



*Left:* Grabbing a simple meal while at the migrant center! Since we don't close till 7:30 or 8, sometimes we get food delivered while in the office. This is my co-worker, who is famous for her previous work with many orphanages.

Don't you wish your food was hot like mine? !!!

