

NZCFS EXPLORE CHINA: The South-East 10 - 30 October 2019, 21 days in China

This itinerary offers a range of experiences in a compact tour, designed to better explore one region and reduce the requirement for long distance travel. It includes cities modern and old, sites of historical and cultural significance, ethnic minority groups, breathtaking scenic wonderlands.

It will be a tour of local experiences, enjoying the tea culture, tasting the cuisine typical of the area. A reasonable level of walking fitness is required to participate in all the activities. The tour plans to visit the following locations and sites (subject to minor adjustments). See over for detail.



Shanghai, modern and old

Zhejiang Province

- Hangzhou, Grand Canal, west lake
- Wuzhen water village

Jiangxi Province

- Nanchang: Tengwang Tower, Martyrs' Museum
- Lushan National Park: scenic, cultural and historical wonderland
- Jingdezhen: Chinese blue pottery
- Jiangxi water villages

Fujian Province

- Xiamen, Gulang Yu Island
- Hakka traditional roundhouses
- Changting, Rewi Alley's old site
- Wuyi shan, tea plantations

Guangzhou City: Ancient history, the opium war intrusions, the beginning of the Republic period with Sun Yatsen

Fully escorted, 4 star twin share accommodation. All inclusive price \$8250 (estimated, subject to currency exchange), includes domestic flights in NZ, all meals, etc, (excludes Chinese visa and insurances).



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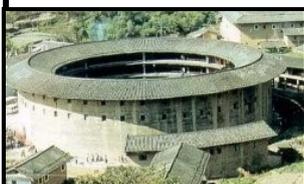
October 9 Depart NZ 11:15 pm

Day 1 Arrive Guangzhou, 7:00am. Relax. Visit Shamian Island, the European enclave during opium war, and Han dynasty museum. Evening - Pearl River cruise.

Stay in **Guangzhou**.

Day 2 Qing dynasty Chen Clan Ancestral Hall, Sun Yatsen Memorial Hall, Traditional Chinese Medicine market. Late afternoon fly to **Xiamen**.

Day 3 A leisurely day on Gulangyu island. Visit Nan Putuo temple, if time stroll the coastal promenade. **Xiamen**



Day 4 Bus to Yongding county (3 hours) to see the Hakka roundhouses. Visit the Gaobei Tulou Cluster, Hongkeng, and

Hakka Cultural Village. Stay in **Yongding**.

Day 5 Visit Nanxi Hakka Roundhouses. Afternoon drive (3 hours) to **Changting**.

Day 6 Visit the very picturesque village of Dingwuling, where an old Gungho cooperative is still making woven articles for daily use. Back in Changting, visit Rewi Alley's old lodgings and office (still a Gung Ho office) and stroll the old town for night views. Stay in **Changting**.

Day 7 Bus to Wuyishan (6 hours). A light walk in the very picturesque Dahongpao valley of tea plantations. Evening view Zhang Yimou's "Impressions of Dahongpao" show.

Stay in **Wuyishan**.



Day 8 Enjoy walking in the Wuyishan scenic area, up Tianyou Peak if able. Drift down the river on a bamboo raft.

Wuyishan

Day 9 Morning take bullet train to Nanchang. Afternoon a leisurely tour of some central city sites. Stay in **Nanchang**.

Day 10 Tengwang Pavilion, Wuyi monument, Haihunhou exhibiton of Han dynasty artefacts and more. **Nanchang**.

Day 11 Bus up to Lushan National Park (2.5 hours). Mount Lushan combines strikingly beautiful landscapes that have inspired countless artists with historic and cultural sites. This afternoon walk flower brocade path. Stay in **Lushan**.

Day 12 A further day exploring the scenic paths and historic sites. **Lushan**

Day 13 Bus to Jingdezhen (2.5 hours). Afternoon visit an old kiln to see the pottery being made, stroll Porcelain Street. Stay in **Jingdezhen**.



Day 14 Visit Fuliang Ancient Government, then by bus (2.5 hours) to Wuyuan town, visit 800 year old Rainbow Bridge - 'the most beautiful covered bridge in China'. Stay in **Wuyuan**.

Day 15 Spend a relaxing day exploring some of the villages in this area. **Wuyuan**



Day 16 Visit Huangling area of Wuyuan then a bullet train to Hangzhou (2 hours 40 minutes). Stay in **Hangzhou**.

Day 17 Enjoy the famous West Lake environs, cross the southern end of the Grand Canal, visit Grand Canal and adjacent Silk Museums. **Hangzhou**

Day 18 Bus to Wuzhen water village (1.5 hours), glide the canals on a punt, walk the extensive canal-side paths and bridges on the Western side. Stay in **Wuzhen**.

Day 19 Explore the East side, afternoon bus (2 hours) to **Shanghai**. In the evening, enjoy an acrobatic performance..

Day 20 Shanghai, to be arranged (may include Fuxing Park, People's Square and museum, city planning museum, up the Shanghai tower in Pudong, Yu gardens), or enjoy a free day shopping. The Bund at night. **Shanghai**

Day 21 depart for airport, arrive NZ. **October 31**

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