

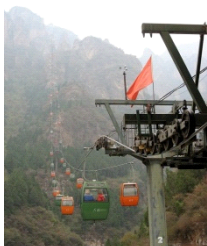
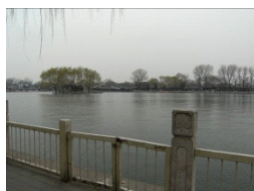
NZCFS PROJECTS and RURAL COMMUNITIES TOUR

22 days in China, October 2010

October 9, 10.50pm Depart New Zealand

Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing early morning; Visit Song Qingling museum, Houhai Lake and Hutongs, the Bell and Drum towers.



Day 2 Baoding Travel to Baoding. On way, visit Wolf Tooth Mountain, a scenic site of great commemorative significance to the people of Hebei. Meet up NZCFS friend Ma Baoru of NZCFS, Ma Baoru,

Day 3 Jinzhou

A day trip to Kathleen Hall's village of **Songjiashuang**, meet the KH clinic and school staff. On the way visit the new Dr Norman Bethune, mausoleum /museum, travel to Jinzhou



Day 4 Shexian

Visit coop in Jinzhou, travel south dine with HMQ scholar Shen Qianqian if available

Day 5 Shexian

Visit rural communities,coop, historic sites



Day 6 Kaifeng

Visit Shexian sites, travel to Kaifeng

Day 7 Chengdu

Go back in time to Song Dynasty in Kaifeng, fly Zhengzhou to Chengdu, Sichuan Opera at night.



Day 8 Pengzhou

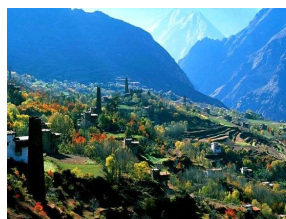
Visit NZCFS EQ project sites of Huang village and Danjingshan tea coop.

Day 9 Dujiangyan

Travel to Dujiangyan, visit Qin dynasty irrigation site, temples.

Day 10 Danba

Travel west, past Wolong Panda Reserve, through deep valleys, high mountains, to Tibetan township of Danba, famed for its watchtowers.



Day 11 Kanding

Travel South, visit Tibetan village of Jiaju, cross Tagong grasslands with Tibetan herder/nomads, arrive Tibetan/ Han frontier town of Kanding. Hopefully view 7550m Mt Gongga.

Day 12 Chengdu

Return to Chengdu, passing by Luding Bridge, site of heroic crossing during Long March.



Day 13 Kaili

Fly Chengdu to Guiyang, travel to Kaili, the minorities capital in eastern Guizhou Province.

Day 14 Kaili Day trip to Miao village

Day 15 Kaili

Relax day, visit Sunday market.

Day 16 Hechi

By bus down into Guangxi, in the middle of karst country; dine with HMQ scholar Wei Yunjie if available.



Day 17 Duan

Drive through dramatic backblock karst country, visit villages, lunch with Sanzhiyang township government, travel on to Duan County for the night.

Day 18 Guilin

Drive to Guilin, enjoy night market.

Day 19 Yangshuo

Li River cruise to Yangshuo, relax in West Street



Day 20 Yangshuo

Relax, hire bicycles, travel the countryside in this idyllic area. In the evening attend a performance of "Impressions of Liu Sanjie", the spectacular creation on water of Zhang Yimou

Day 21 Hong Kong

Fly Guilin to HK, overnight in HK

Day 22 A morning in Kowloon, catch evening plane home, arrive NZ Nov 1, 10.00am.

Purpose

- visit three NZCFS project sites, meet NZCFS friends, project partners and participants
- extend understanding of NZCFS project work in branches/membership
- inform about rural society, visit rural communities
- travel in outback areas, sightseeing

Time: October 9 to November 1 (24 days for travel insurance cover.)

Estimated cost: \$6000 all up - home town return, excluding insurances and visa application fee. This is based on minimum group of 12 people, and current exchange rate calculation: minor adjustment up or down may occur.

Itinerary. The itinerary shown is a draft. While the tour is planned to deliver as written, some minor changes to details of the programme may be required.

Sightseeing will be typical of the area, and promote understanding of China's culture and history, or magnificent sites rarely visited by Western tour groups. For example, recent history (Wolf Tooth mountain in Baoding, heroism in Japanese war; Luding Bridge on Long March) ethnic minorities, culture (visit Tibetan communities in West Sichuan, Dong and Miao minorities in West Guizhou, Sichuan opera -face change). Fantastic scenery- mountains of Western Sichuan on the edge of the Tibetan Plateau up to 7550 metres , karst mountains of Guizhou and Guangxi.

Food. Experience of local cuisines. Good food, no major banquets.

Accommodation. Twin share, 3 star accommodation. Do not expect luxury accommodation, but of very reasonable standard. Single rooms available for extra cost.

Internal travel: Private bus, with three air connections.

Group

Ideal 12-14. Encouragement for all branches to find a representative(s) to develop broad awareness of NZCFS projects work.

Reasonable level of fitness preferred, one or two activities could be optional.

Guides

Fully escorted by Dave Bromwich and English speaking Chinese guide; wherever available we will use our NZCFS contacts and partners as our local escorts.

