

NZCFS HANDCRAFTS TOUR OF CHINA

April 9 - 28, 2018, 20 Days in China

The visit of three women's handcraft cooperative leaders from NW China to Christchurch, Nelson, Palmerston North, Rotorua and Auckland in November, 2015, sparked a lot of interest among those who met them. The tour was a huge success, and those involved quickly realised the potential there was for a craft tour group from here to China.

This flyer is to introduce an NZCFS educational tour to China, with a focus on handcrafts, but including visits to some key attractions in China.

Handcraft cooperatives and workshops visited throughout the journey will include embroidery, weaving, clay figurines, farmers' painting (folk art), cloisonné, tie-dyeing, Dongba characters (ancient 'hieroglyphic' writing), paper cutting, straw pictures ... **and the chance to do some hands-on craft work.**

Meet the craft workers themselves and look at various aspects of their industry from traditional styles to new product development, from training and production through to marketing.



Travel Highlights will include:

Beijing

- Great Wall
- Forbidden City

Xi'an

- Terracotta Warriors
- Old city wall, Muslim Market

Gansu

- Lanzhou
- Shandan, Rewi Alley (sixty years in China, highly significant in NZ-China relationship) history.

Sichuan, Chengdu

- Pandas

Yunnan

- Dali, Lijiang old towns

Shanghai - Suzhou

- Silk industry
- Gardens, canals

Fully escorted, 3 to 4-star, twin-share accommodation. All inclusive price \$7,950 (estimated, subject to currency exchange), includes domestic flights in NZ, all meals, etc, (excludes Chinese visa and insurances).



For expression of interest and enquiry, contact tours@nzcfs.org.nz

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Sunday 8 April Depart New Zealand.

Day 1 Arrive Shanghai, connect to Chengdu, relax, light activities, stay in **Chengdu**.

Day 2 Visit Panda Breeding Base, Qingyang Taoist Temple, evening Sichuan face-changing show.



Chengdu

Day 3 Fly to Dali, arriving mid-afternoon, explore the craft shops in the ancient town, stay in **Dali**.

Day 4 More free time in the ancient town. Bus to Lijiang – on the way learn traditional tie-dye for a table cloth or scarf. Stay in **Lijiang**.



Day 5 Lijiang Ancient Town, wander the cobbled streets, visit handcraft workshops. Learn Dongba character embroidery, stay in **Lijiang**.

Day 6 Fly to Lanzhou, arriving late afternoon. Check into the hotel in **Lanzhou**.

Day 7 Lanzhou City University, visit Rewi Alley memorial museum, student art studios. Take the bullet train to **Zhangye**.

Day 8 Bus to Minle County, SE of Zhangye (2.5hrs). Visit an NZCFS-supported embroidery cooperative, world famous Danxia Geological Park, stay in **Zhangye**.

Day 9 Drive to Shandan Bailie School and Rewi Alley activity. Stay in **Shandan**.

Day 10 Visit Rewi Alley museum, handcraft workshops. Later take the **overnight train to**



Xi'an K680 (17:17-10:46). *Train schedule may change in late 2017.*

Day 11 In Xi'an visit Shaanxi Provincial Museum, Mosque and market for free shopping in Muslim area. Stay in **Xi'an**.

Day 12 Xi'an city wall, cycling on the wall a good option. By bus to Weinan city, visiting Terracotta Soldiers on the way. Stay in **Weinan**.

Day 13 Weinan offers a range of handcrafts to see and try your hand at. Stay in **Weinan**.



Day 14 Bullet train to Beijing (5 hours). Free evening wandering in the nearby hutongs near the hotel in **Beijing**.

Day 15 Tourism day - visit the Great Wall and Forbidden City, **Beijing**.

Day 16 Visit a cloisonne factory, have lunch in a local's house and learn drawing facial masks, stay in **Beijing**.

Day 17 Fly to Shanghai, and take the bus to Suzhou (1.5hrs). Stay in **Suzhou**.



Day 18 Visit Linger Garden and the Silk

Museum that demonstrates silk production from the silk worm. Return to **Shanghai**.

Day 19 China Art Palace, Yuyuan Bazaar or free afternoon, **Shanghai**.

Day 20 Depart Shanghai (14.15) for New Zealand, arrive Auckland early on Sunday 29 April.



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