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Trip Details:

- 11 days
- From US\$ 5798
- Internal Air: US \$460
- 2009/2010

China Biking: Beijing, Xian and the Southern Provinces

The history, culture and scenic riches of China have long intrigued the Western world, enticing travelers with its grand monuments, serene countryside and centuries-old traditions. On this biking adventure, you'll see many different faces of this vast and fascinating country. A visit to southern China reveals a compelling –and often contradictory–tableau as you ride past the rice paddies, pagodas and bustling villages that exist in the midst of dynamic modern development. Then head to regal and contemporary Xian and marvel at the 2,000-year-old terra-cotta warriors. And, in newly cosmopolitan Beijing, explore the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

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Price per person (\$US) & Dates:

2009 DATES CLASSIC TRIPS

- * 4/14-24 Price: \$5798 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$460
- * 9/29-10/9 Price: \$5798 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$460
- * 10/27-11/6 Price: \$5798 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$460

SINGLES+SOLOS TRIPS

- * 10/13-23 Price: \$5798 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$460

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- * 4/19-29 Price: \$6098 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$510
- * 5/17-27 Price: \$6098 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$510
- * 9/15-25 Price: \$6098 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$510
- * 10/26-11/5 Price: \$6098 pp dbl. occ., (+ \$1160 for sgl. occ.), Internal Air: \$510

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Package itinerary

Day 1 Guangzhou

Meet in Hong Kong ✦ Travel by train to Guangzhou (Canton) ✦ Explore a local market for a glimpse into daily life ✦ Gather for a private tea ceremony.

Day 2 Zhaoqing

Ferry across the West River an authentic sampans ✦ Bike to the ancient city of Zhaoqing ✦ Experience the allure of rural China as you spin past expansive fields of rice and sugarcane.

Day 3 Deqing

Pedal on peaceful country lanes, passing both small farming hamlets and vibrant new towns.

Day 4 Wuzhou

Traffic-free roads and remote terrain make for a memorable day of biking ✦ Enter bustling Wuzhou, known as the snake capital of the World.

Days 5-6 Yangshuo

Travel to Yangshuo by bus, following the course of the West River before heading through a landscape of green hills and lush rice fields ✦ Pedal past lakes, towering karst formations (limestone pinnacles) and traditional villages ✦ Relax during a private boat cruise on the Li River ✦ Visit the night markets to people-watch and find beautiful souvenirs.

Days 7-8 Xian

Fly to Xian and bike along the old city walls ✦ Take a walking tour of the city's small Muslim quarter ✦ Ride over rolling hills and tour the awe-inspiring World Heritage site of Qin Shi Huang's mausoleum, home to more than 6,000 life-sized terra-cotta warriors ✦ Enjoy a performance of traditional Chang'an music and dance.

Days 9-11 Beijing

Fly to Beijing ✦ Pedal through the city on Chinese-style bikes ✦ Explore sprawling Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City ✦ Indulge in Peking duck and other Chinese specialties ✦ Spend the day hiking at the Great Wall.

TOWN & COUNTRY COMFORT : Premiere Inns

White Swan Hotel (1 night): Surrounded by banyan gardens on the edge of historic Shamian Island, this modern hotel offers a swimming pool, hot tub, tennis courts and views of the city and Pearl River.

Dynasty Hotel (1 night): Simple spacious guest rooms and modern amenities make this casual hotel a comfortable place to stay.

Cui Ran Ju Hotel (1 night):

This newly renovated hotel, though casual, is currently the most charming and comfortable lodging that quiet Deqing has to offer.

Wuzhou Riverside International Hotel (1 night): A casual hotel centrally located in lively Wuzhou, close to restaurants, shops and other attractions.

Paradise Yangshuo Resort (2 nights): A small comfortable hotel in the center of town with a beautiful swimming pool and great shopping nearby.

Hyatt Regency Xian (2 nights): A sleek modern hotel ideally situated within the ancient walls of historic Xian.

Peninsula Beijing (2 nights): The choice of foreign dignitaries, this luxurious five-star hotel has scores of amenities and a great location in central Beijing.

Daily Mileage Options & Cumulative Elevation Gain

Day 1

- Train ride from Hong Kong to Guangzhou 2 hours

Day 2

- Level 2 ✦1 Route Option Available
- Biking 27 miles
- 0 - 500 feet elevation gain

Day 3

- Levels 3 to 5 ✦2 Route Options Available
- Biking 33, 56 miles
- 1000 - 1500 feet elevation gain

Day 4

- Levels 2 to 5 ✦2 Route Options Available
- Biking 30, 58 miles
- 500 - 1000 feet elevation gain

Day 5

- Level 1 ✦1 Route Option Available
- Biking 18 miles
- 0 - 500 feet elevation gain
- Bus ride to Yangshou 7 hours

Day 6

- Levels 2 to 3 ✦2 Route Options Available
- Biking 26, 30 miles
- 500 - 1000 feet elevation gain

Day 7

- Level 1 ✦2 Route Options Available
- Bike along Xian Wall 2 hours
- Walking Tour of Muslim Quarter 2 hours

Day 8

- Levels 1 to 2 ✦1 Route Option Available
- Biking 28 miles
- 0 - 500 feet elevation gain
- Xian Old Wall Ride 10 miles

Day 9

- Level 1 ✦ 1 Route Option Available
- 12 miles

Day 10

- Level 1 ✦ 1 Route Option Available
- Walking 2-4 miles
- 1000 - 2000 feet elevation gain

Day 11

- Level 1 ✦ 1 Route Option Available
- Biking 8 miles

Trips For All Abilities

Every trip is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and fitness levels. They know your pace may vary from one day to the next- and your traveling companion's may differ somewhat from yours. So they present a range of mileage options, and each day you decide exactly what and how much you want to do.

| Activity Level | Average Time | Average Distance | |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Biking | Walking & Hiking |
| Level 1 | 2-3 hours | 10-20 mile | 2-5 miles |
| Level 2 | 2-4 hours | 21-30 miles | 5-7 miles |
| Level 3 | 3-5 hours | 31-40 miles | 7-9 miles |
| Level 4 | 4-6 hours | 41-55 miles | 9-11 miles |
| Level 5 | 5-7+ hours | 56-75+ miles | 11-13+ miles |

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