



# China Photography Tour

**13 day tour to Guangzhou, Zhaoxing, Longsheng, Guilin, Xianggon Hill & Xingping**

The Australia China Friendship Society invites you to join Susan Moss on a photographic tour to the beautiful Guilin area of China in September 2018.

Enjoy the Chinese Autumn with scenes of golden rice terraces and the very scenic Li River.

## **Tour leader: Ms. Susan Moss**

Susan is passionate about her photography. She is both a photographer and a watercolour artist.

Initially taking photos as reference for her art work, her artistic eye comes into play when composing images in the camera. Inspiration for her photography comes from her love of colour.

Susan has enjoyed photographic tours to Vietnam 2014, India 2016 & 2017.

Since 1978, Susan has visited China many times and looks forward to accompanying the group to Guilin.

2017 - Finalist Fremantle International Portrait Award – Mobile Phone Section.

Participant in the GuruShots - Kodak Moments - Photo Exhibition - Usagi Gallery NY, Dumbo, Brooklyn 14-24th September 2017.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: 18 Sep Australia ✈️ Guangzhou

Today you will take China Southern Airlines flight from Australia to Guangzhou, upon arrival, please collect your luggage and meet your tour guide and drive back to the hotel for 1 night.

**Sydney** flight: **CZ326 1045/1830** to Guangzhou

**Melbourne** flight: **CZ344 1030/1745** to Guangzhou

**Brisbane** flight: **CZ382 0955/1655** to Guangzhou

**Adelaide** flight: **CZ664 1000/1735** to Guangzhou

**Perth** flight: **CZ320 0830/1630** to Guangzhou

**Accommodation:** Ocean Hotel Guangzhou (1 night) <http://oceanhotel.coscohotels.com/en-us/about.html>

### Day 2: 19 Sep Guangzhou 📍Zhaoxing

**Meal: B/L/D**

Drive to visit **Shamian Island** for street photography. The territory was divided into two concessions given to France and the United Kingdom by the Qing government in the 19th century. The island is a gazetted historical area that serves as a tranquil reminder of the colonial European period, with quiet pedestrian avenues flanked by trees and lined by historical buildings in various states of upkeep. You can take the pictures of the local people's life as many Chinese people do morning exercises here. After **dim sum lunch**, transfer to the train station to take high speed train to Congjiang of Guizhou Province **D2832 1510/1852**. Transfer to the hotel at **Zhaoxing Dong Village** and have welcome dinner.

**Accommodation:** The Post Office Hotel (2 nights)



### Day 3: 20 Sep Zhaoxing

**Meal: B/L/D**



In the morning, drive up to **Tang'an Dong Village** on the mountain (6km), which was made an ecological museum by the co-efforts of the ecologists from China and Norway in late 1990's. Take the photos of Dong village, their architecture and their costumes. We are going to give some tips of taking pictures here. Most of the day the clients can wander around Zhaoxing, which is the largest Dong village in China. There are so many different themes for you to shoot at this well-preserved traditional village.

Then have lunch. In the afternoon, proceed to **Jinkeng**, take the cable car up to the No. 3 Platform at Jinfoding. Wait for the sunset and shoot the fantastic view of rice terraces here (tripod needed). Then walk about 45 mins to your hotel, your bags will be dispatched to the hotel. Comparatively the beds in Chinese hotels are harder. Overnight at Jinkeng Rice Terraces. (B, L, D)

**Accommodation:** Panorama House Hotel (2 nights) <http://www.quanjinglou.com/>

### Day 5: 22 Sep Long Sheng

**Meal: B/L/D**

Early in the morning, walk to No 1 spot to take photos of sunrise. Then have breakfast. Visit the local farmer's house, and watch the **Yao ladies hair combing show**. After lunch, have a rest, and walk to No 2 spot for more picture taking at sunset. Overnight at Jinkeng Rice Terraces.

### Day 6: 23 Sep Long Sheng 📍Guilin

**Meal: B/L/D**

After breakfast, walk down the mountain, take the bus to Guilin. After lunch, have a rest and take the photos in the city like Pagoda Hill at sunset and Two Pagodas at downtown in the early evening. Overnight in Guilin.

**Accommodation:** Bravo Hotel (1 night) <http://www.glbravohotel.com/>

### Day 7: 24 Sep Guilin 📍Xianggong Hill

**Meal: B/D**

Free morning, or you can have a stroll around the downtown lakes to take photos of the local people's life. In the afternoon, drive to **Huixian Wetland**, where you will see a perfect combination of Karst limestone hill, water surface and rice fields. Transfer to the hotel at the foot of **Xianggong Hill**. Overnight at a local hotel.

**Accommodation:** Xianggongshan Jujinlou Inn (1 night)

### Day 8: 25 Sep Xianggong Hill ☞ Xingping Meal: B/L/D

Early morning walk up to the top of **Xianggong Hill** to have a panoramic view of Li River at sunrise, a wonderful spot for photo-taking. After a quick breakfast, drive 1 hour to Yangdi to board the **bamboo raft** (4 persons share one raft) to cruise down Li River before 10 am. Disembark at Xingping. After lunch, have a rest. In the afternoon, a free stroll at the 1700-year-old town and ancient street to take photos. At the sunset, take the photos of the local fisherman and cormorants with the stunning landscape of Xingping. Overnight at the hotel in Xingping.

Accommodation: [Jingranju Boutique Resort \(1 night\)](#)



### Day 9: 26 Sep Xingping ☞ Yangshuo Meal: B/D

Get up early in the morning, and take a **local boat on Li River** to a certain spot and shoot the great view of stunning scenery, fisherman and cormorant. After breakfast, drive to Yangshuo. Check into the hotel and rest. At around 3pm, go out to **Yulong River area** for more photo taking. Overnight at Yangshuo.

Accommodation: [New West Street Hotel \(2 nights\)](http://www.nwshotel.com/newwest_zh-cn.php)

### Day 10: 27 Sep Yangshuo Meal: B

Get up early in the morning, and drive to **Jinbao River** and take the photos of the sunrise. Free afternoon. You can stroll at Yangshuo town for more picture opportunities. Reward yourself a great light show at night, which is directed by the most famous movie director in China - Zhang Yimou. He was also the director of the opening ceremony of Olympic Games 2008. Overnight at Yangshuo. (B)

### Day 11: 28 Sep Yangshuo ☞ Guilin Meal: B/L/D

Drive back to Guilin city. And in the afternoon visit **Daxu old town** for some more photos. Or we can arrange some other options for photography opportunities. Farewell dinner. Overnight in Guilin.

Accommodation: [Bravo Hotel \(1 night\)](http://www.glbravohotel.com/)

### Day 12: 29 Sep Guilin ☞ Guangzhou ✈ Australia Meal: B

Transfer to the train station and board the high speed train to Guangzhou (2.5 hours), then transfer to the airport by a private coach and connect your flight to Australia.

Return to Sydney flight: **CZ325 2110/0825+1**

Return Melbourne flight: **CZ321 2055/0840+1**

Return Brisbane flight: **CZ381 2120/0825+1**

Return Adelaide flight: **CZ663 2215/0830+1**

Return Perth flight: **CZ319 2220/0600+1**

### Day 13: 30 Sep Australia

Arrive in Australia in the morning.

**ACFS member price: \$4280.00 per person, Non member price: \$4380.00 per person**

**Single supplement: \$650.00**

**Land only: \$3450.00**

\*\*\*Minimum group number: 10 people\*\*\*

#### Inclusions:

1. Twin share at the hotels as mentioned in the itinerary or similar.
2. Fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, entrance fees, meals as per itinerary
3. China Southern Airlines airfare departing from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth to Guangzhou and back from Guiyang via Guangzhou on economy class including taxes and fuel surcharges.
4. First class train tickets Guangzhou-Congjiang-Sanjiang, Guilin-Guangzhou
5. Travel by luxury, air-conditioned coaches whilst in China.
6. Chinese tea and one glass of soft drink included in all lunches and dinners.
7. All tipping.
8. Local Photographer from day 4 to day 11.
9. CBT travel wallet and travel bag.

#### Exclusions:

1. China Visa application fees.
2. Personal expenses.
3. Travel insurance (Strongly recommended).