



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: 19 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 **CZ7856 0630/0830** to Melbourne, then connect the flight **CZ344 1030/1745** 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

Day 4: 21 Sep Zhaoxing 🏞️ Sanjiang 🏞️ Long Sheng

Meal: B/L/D

Take a morning train to Sanjiang (20 mins). Transfer to Longsheng (1.5 hrs), visit the local market, where you will see all kinds of produce and mountain products trading here among the local people. Then have lunch. In the afternoon, drive up to Ping'an Village, walk 25 minutes to your hotel. After a rest, walk 35 minutes to the View Point 1 to take the photos of sunset. Overnight at Ping'an Village

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

Day 5: 22 Sep Long Sheng

Meal: B/L/D

Early in the morning, take photos of sunrise at View Point 2. Later we see how the Yao ladies prepare their unique hairdo. Then have breakfast. Explore Ping'an Village on your own to find out more photo chance. At 3pm, walk 1 hour on the relatively flat country path to old Zhuang village for picture-taking at sunset (for those who don't want to walk far, they can go to View Point 1 or 2 to have more photos). Pay a visit to a local farmer's house, and see their lifestyle. Overnight at Ping'an Village.

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.qibravohotel.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 Five Finger Hill at Cuiping, where you will see a perfect combination of Karst limestone hill, farm houses 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 - Zhan 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

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 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).