

Long-distance tour

11th-18th, September

Day 1 (11th Sept.): Fly from Taiyuan to Xiamen, visit South Putuo Temple and other sights in Xiamen, stay in Xiamen



South Putuo Temple

Xiamen is a sub-provincial city in southeastern Fujian. The city is known for its mild climate, Hokkien culture and international trade. South Putuo Temple, initially built in Tang Dynasty, was damaged and reconstructed several times. Now it is renowned for its collection of Buddhist cultural relics. The 3 main buildings of the temple are built down the hillside and closed on East and West by cloisters which unite them as a whole, create a majestic atmosphere.

Day 2 (12th Sept.): Visit World Heritage Kulangsu Island, stay in Xiamen



Kulangsu Island

Kulangsu is an island located on the estuary of the Chiu-lung River, facing the city of Xiamen. It was designated an international foreign settlement in 1903. Kulangsu is an exceptional example of the cultural fusion, exhibits in its architectural features and styles the interchange of Chinese, South East Asian and European architectural and cultural values and traditions. It is also the origin and best representation of the Amoy Deco Style. In 2017, it was listed as a world heritage site.

Day 3 (13th Sept.): Visit Quanzhou Ancient City, Wudianshi historic district in Jinjiang, stay in Xiamen



Quanzhou Ancient City

Quanzhou was an important hub of the navigation and trade routes through Indian Ocean and western Pacific from the 10th to the 14th century. The ancient city has many monuments and sites related to the significant events of maritime, such as Kaiyuan temples, one of China's largest and most important Buddhist temple, and East & West Pagoda, 2 well preserved stone pagodas in China. Traditional red adobe houses "Huanggongqi" is a unique vernacular architecture in Minnan.

Day 4 (14th Sept.): From Xiamen to Pinghe County, visit Huanxi Tulou, Nanxun Tulou and Shengwu Tulou in Pinghe County, stay in Nanjing

Day 5 (15th Sept.): From Nanjing County to Yongding County, visit World Heritage Tianluokeng Tulou Cluster, Yuchang Tulou, Chuxi Tulou Cluster and Taxia ancient village, stay in Yongding

Day 6 (16th Sept.): From Yongding County to Raoping County, visit Nanyang Tulou, Donghua Tulou, Xinhai Tulou and Daoyun Tulou, stay in Chaozhou



Shengwu Tulou
 Famous for its wood carving art



Tianluokeng Tulou Cluster
 A quintet symphony



Chuxi Tulou Cluster
 One of the most original Tulou cluster



Daoyun Tulou
 The biggest octagonal Tulou in the world

Fujian Tulou is a property of 46 buildings constructed between the 15th and 20th centuries over 120 km in south-west of Fujian province. Set amongst rice, tea and tobacco fields the Tulou are earthen houses. Several storeys high, they are built along an inward-looking, circular or square floor plan as housing for up to 800 people each. They were built for defence purposes around a central open courtyard with only one entrance and windows to the outside only above the first floor. Housing a whole clan, the houses functioned as village units and were known as “a little kingdom for the family” or “bustling small city.” The tulou bear an exceptional testimony to a long-standing cultural tradition of defensive buildings for communal living that reflect sophisticated building traditions and ideas of harmony and collaboration, well documented over time. They are exceptional in terms of size, building traditions and function, and reflect society’s response to various stages in economic and social history within the wider region. As the most representative and best preserved examples of vernacular buildings in the mountainous regions of south-eastern China, Fujian Tulou is an outstanding example of human settlement.

Day 7 (17th Sept.): Visit Chouzhou ancient city and Longhu ancient village, stay in Chaozhou



Longhu ancient village

Chaozhou, a national historical and cultural city, is located in the east of Guangdong Province. It is well known as a prosperous and civilized seashore city of the maritime trade in the past. Now lots of ancient walls bridges and villages remain. Longhu Ancient Village, mainly composed of three streets and six lanes, still has an orderly urban layout as ancient Chaozhou. It is a living museum of Teochow vernacular architecture and big original clans.

Day 8 (18th Sept.): Fly from Chaozhou to Guangzhou, dismiss

Price

1800-2200 USD or 12000-15000 RMB/person

The Early Bird Price will be announced as soon as possible.

Include:

- Taiyuan to Xiamen air ticket
- Chaozhou to Guangzhou air ticket
- Accommodation for 7 nights (above 4-star hotels, including breakfast, 2 persons in a room, if need 1 person in a room, should pay 1200RMB/ 180USD more)
- Lunch and dinner for 6 days (100 RMB/ person)
- Sight tickets
- English speaking tour guide
- Tour bus
- Insurance

Note: The last stop of Long-distance Tour is Guangzhou (International Metropolitan). You could directly book the international flight at Guangzhou Airport. If you want to go back to Beijing, Shanghai or other city to continue your journey, you can book tickets by your own or pay the expense of extra air ticket to ask the tourist agency to help.