



2012 CHINA PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

*A photographic feast of iconic scenery and cultures with those who know
China the best*

NEWSLETTER # 3

Here is our latest update on our photography tour group, which at this stage has around 10 to 12 people, both singles and couples with an even balance of males and females. Members of the group come from Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch and include a couple of non-photography partners.

This sized group will enable us to better cater for your individual needs and will still be a very nice size if a few more join. Judy would like to know your preferences for different types of photographic shots to enable detailed planning for each location.

- Atmospheric shots
- Early morning sunrises
- Sunsets
- People, culture, food
- Scenic
- Other (please add)

WEATHER: We have been asked about the weather we can expect.

In Guilin, Zhangjiajie, and Fenghuang the temperatures range from 16 degrees overnight to 27 degrees during the day and with an average of 10cm of rain for the month.

Closer to Shanghai the temperatures are more likely to be 10 – 23, with some heavier rain, nearer 24cms, for the month.

We do spend a couple of days and night in the mountains at Huangshan where the temperatures could be as low as 5 to 11 degrees and the rainfall also around 24 cms per month. So a light raincoat is recommended with a warm jersey and/or jacket for the cooler nights, and an umbrella could be useful to hold over your camera so you can still continue to take photos in any rain.

Do make contact if you have any questions and yes, if you have a friend or 2 who would like to join us, we still have room.

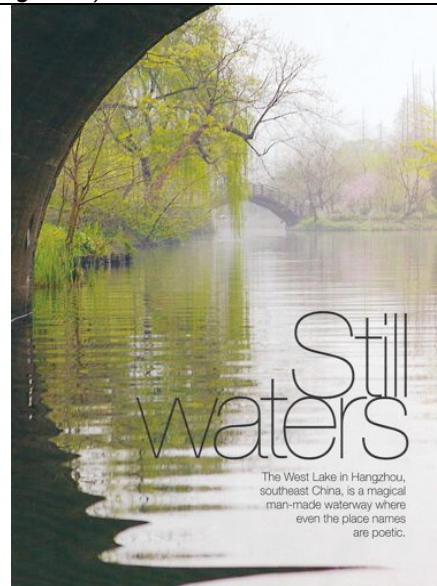
P.S. You may like to contact Judy direct (judy.livingstonebc@xtra.co.nz or Phone 03 3385574)

One fantastic area we will visit is

HANGZHOU 280kms from Shanghai - a day's drive or 45 minute train ride

(Information from the Air New Zealand November KiaOra Magazine)

In the heart of **Hangzhou** is a man-made lake regarded as one of the wonders of China. Originally, a small inlet in the Qiantong river, but in the 8th century it was damned, dredged and then over several thousands of years expanded. Today it has well kept gardens and willows draping the edges and a scattering of man-made islands together with 2 causeways lined with trees across the centre.



Hangzhou's history goes back thousands of years and it has been a commercial centre since 21 BC, but really flourished after 61 AD when it was linked to the Shanghai by the Grand Canal. The city grew rich on tea, which grows well in the humid hills, as well as silk and rice. As it prospered, the lake was expanded - most notably by a poet-mayor

named Dongbo, who had a delicious slow-cooked pork belly dish named in his honour. By the time Marco Polo visited in the 13th century, it had a circumference of 100 miles, crossed by thousands of bridges. Marco Polo was astonished by its size and beauty being overcome on seeing it.

The Bird Market



Hangzhou today is a big city. It was largely destroyed during World War II and during China's subsequent upheavals, so it is every inch now the modern Chinese city. These days, the city has long streets, tower blocks and some excellent food in its narrow side streets that are lined with plane trees. And at its heart it has this great, peaceful expanse of water.

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