

My Journey to Sichuan China



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Chinese say : 'You would not want to see any other mountains once you have been to the Huang Shan ; and you would not want to see any other water scenes once you have come to Jiu Zhai Gou.
'黃山歸來不看山；九寨歸來不看水'

Very lucky, I just came back from Huang Shan on September 05 and Jiu Zhai Gou on April 06, and I truly agree what these old saying means to everyone who has been visiting those two famous scenic places.

Sichuan Province 四川省 is located in Southwest China. Huang Long 黃龍 and Jiu

Zhai Gou 九寨溝, which located in Sichuan Province were admitted by the UNESCO to be part of "the International Reserve Net of Man and Biosphere." I spent total of 6 days for this trip and I highly recommend to anyone who like natural scenes.

Day 1 : Hong Kong International Airport to Chenghu 成都, (Capital of Sichuan) Flight time 2 ½ hours

Day 2 : Chengdu to Huang Long and Jiu Zhai Gou Airport 黃龍九寨機場 which just opened from 2003, and saves approximately 12 hours driving time from Chengdu to destination. Flight time : 40 minutes. Huang Long scenic area 黃龍風景區 is a state first-class scenic zone, reputed as " Jasper Lake on Earth." Colorful lakes reflecting azalea flowers : they are groups of colorful lakes surrounded by azalea shrubs.

Day 3 : Jiu Zhai Gou 九寨溝 : Jiuzhaigou Valley is situated in Nanping county, Sichuan Province, and encompasses an area of 720 square kilometers. It abounds in virgin forests and rare flowers and grasses. A place named "Haizi" is dotted with lakes and pools of various sizes filled with crystal clear waters. The valley, a fairy land gifted by nature, is the haunt of golden monkeys, white geese, pandas and other rare and precious animals.

Day 4 : Back to Chengdu - Leshan City of Sichuan Province, the Grand Buddha of Leshan 樂山大佛 the biggest carved stone Buddha in China. The Grand Buddha, bare-footed and with drooping ears, has his hair arranged in a spiral knot on top, his chest exposed and his hands rested upon the knees. The Buddha carved into the whole face of a cliff, has its head at the same level as the cliff top, and the feet

touching the river bellow. "The mountain is a Buddha, the Buddha is a mountain" is how the people are impressed. The Buddha is 71 meters tall, with 28-meters wide shoulders, 14.7-meters high head and 1.6-meters long toenails. It is taller by 17 meters than the standing Buddha in Afghanistan, the "so-called" tallest Buddha in the world.

Day 5 : Emeishan 峨眉山 (Emei Mountain) lies 7 km. to the southwest of Emei county, Sichuan Province, and is one of the four famous Buddhist Mountains in China. Situated in the southwest of the Sichuan Basin, and with a temperate climate, Emeishan is luxuriantly green all the year round, and abounds in rainfalls, and rare and precious animals and plants. From the foot of the mountain to its summit, the Peak of Ten Thousand Buddhas, 3133 metres above sea level, the trail totals some 60 kilometres in length. It is endowed with unique changeable weather and marvelous natural beauty. Scenic spots and historic sites are found all over the places.

Day 6 : Sichuan - Panda Museum which is also a must see! 四川熊貓館

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