



Hong Kong Gardening Society

“Harvesting Time” amid the Guangdong Rice Terraces **15 – 18 September 2018** **(To be finalized)**

Itinerary

Saturday	15 Sept 18	0900	Depart Hong Kong (Sheung Wan Macau Ferry Terminal) by public air-conditioned coach
		1330	Complete immigration procedures at Lok Ma Chau en route Arrive Qingyuan
		afternoon	Met on arrival and proceed to a local restaurant for lunch. A scenic boat ride through the Huangchuan Three Gorges
		evening	Check in at Longtan Eco-tourism Resort (http://www.ltdiq.com/) Dinner at Longtan Restaurant After dinner, enjoy a regional song and dance performance
Sunday	16 Sept 18	morning	Depart Longtan for Hei Shan Rice Terraces . Approximately 1 hour. Lunch at Hei Shan Restaurant
		afternoon	After a tour of the rice terraces, continue to Queen’s Mountain Tea Plantation for overnight. Approximately 1.5 hours.
		evening	Checking in at Queens’s Mountain Tea Resort Free time The evening is at leisure with the option of enjoying the resort’s Tea-Water Hot Spring .
Monday	17 Sept 18	early morning	Those who are energetic might like to wake up early for the sunrise. It is a beautiful sight as the morning mist rolls in over the plantation. Depart for the Nangang Yao Minority Village . Approximately 2 hours Lunch at Yao Village Restaurant
			Continue to Lian Nan for overnight, stopping en route at the scenic highlight “Wan Shan Chao Wang” (Ten Thousand Mountains worship the Yao King). Approximately 1.5 hours. Check in at Guangdong Yao Cultural Hotel After supper, attend an impressive outdoor Yao cultural show .
Tuesday	18 Sept 18	morning	Depart for Shen Feng Shan (God Mountain) to see the Stone Forest, the Cliff Walk and Waterfall, and an especially beautiful limestone cave. Approximately 2 hours After lunch at Shen Feng Shan Restaurant, continue to Qingyuan. Approximately 2 hours.
		1640	Depart Qingyuan by Public air conditioned coach
		2110	Complete immigration procedures at Lok Ma Chau en route. Arrive Hong Kong (Sheung Wan Macau Ferry Terminal)



Terraced fields, particularly rice of course, play an important part in Chinese agriculture and the life of the common man for millennia. With fantastic and fairyland like scenery, they have become a favourite destination for both photographers and visitors, sometimes at the bemusement of the local inhabitants.

The view and beauty of the fields change with each crop and each season. What would it be like to see a fast forward view of each planting to each harvesting? Would we be amazed at the beauty unfolding before our eyes? You might see the terraces glistening in the sunlight with the sky being reflected from the lush waters bringing to life the seeds beneath them, but soon to be dimmed by the rice growing up through the waters to reach the sunlight. But let's not do any fast forwarding, we can argue, life here in Hong Kong is fast enough, so let's take the chance to slow right down and be amazed at the beauty 'in just a moment of time'.

Come, you are invited to take a journey, to have an adventure and to see some natural beauties that will stay as rich memories in the treasures of your mind. Not only of rice terraces, you will also see, but... read on.....

We will visit Qingyuan, Longtan and the site of the Huangchuan Three Gorges, Hei Shan Rice Terraces, Queen's Mountain Tea Plantation, a Tea-Water Hot Spring, an optional sunrise, the ancient and captivating and forever beautiful Yao Minority Village, to the "Wan Shan Chao Wang" where you will learn its meaning and hear a little of its mysticism, not to mention the God Mountain of Shen Feng Shan or the Stone Forrest, the Cliff Walk and Waterfall, and limestone caves with colours that spread like the rainbow. The journey covers 4 days and 3 nights and at the end, you will give out a sad sigh at having to return again to the hustle and bustle of life in Hong Kong. But you will treasure up visions that will last a life time.



Huangchuan is an ancient name for Lianjiang River. The river rises in Hongyan Mountain of Xingzi Town. It flows through Lianzhou, Yangshan, Yingde and finally merges with the Beijiang River at the mouth of Liangjiang River. The crystal clear and unpolluted water flows very swiftly. From the Hongyan Mountain to the mouth of Lianjiang River, the river meanders over 180 kilometres. The most impressive section of the river is the three Lianjiang River gorges: the sheep jump gorge, Yangtiao Gorge, Lengjia Gorge and Zhennü Gorge, collectively known as ***Huangchuan Three Gorges***. Huangchuan Three Gorges are 25 kilometres in length, and they resemble the difficulty of access of the Three Gorges on the Yangtze River as well as the grace of Lijiang in Guilin.

Huangchuan Three Gorges Longtan Cultural Eco- tourism Holiday Resort is located in ***Lianzhou*** and an ancient culture city of northern Guangdong. Most rooms have balconies overlooking the river.

Heishan Rice Terraces is at the back of the Great Smoky Mountains. Most visitors go there for the Oujia Terraced Rice Fields.

Onwards to ***Nangang Yao Minority Village*** which is built on limestone hills, some 800 m above sea level. Nangang's origins date back to the Song Dynasty – well over a thousand years. At its peak, the village consisted of 1000 households and 7000 people. Nowadays, the town is inhabited by only 100 people; most of the young having left to find greater opportunities elsewhere.

Enjoy looking at the map and the itinerary and let your imagination flow.

Longtan Eco-tourism Resort



Queen's Mountain Tea Resort



Guangdong Yao Cultural Hotel



Sign-up.

The cost will be HK\$_____ per person (twin sharing) for members. Single Room Supplement is HK\$_____

Please note that this cost is based upon a minimum of _____ people signing up. Non-members/guests pay HK\$_____ (plus single supplement @ HK\$_____, if applicable) but this includes membership of the HKGS for the current year (2018).

A final quotation will be provided (should the number not reach _____) on the _____ May for your consideration.

The tour price covers:

1. Round trip public coach transportation Sheung Wan/ Qingyuan/ Sheung Wan
2. Local transportation
3. 3 nights accommodation with daily breakfast and 7 meals including soft drinks
4. Entrance tickets to local sightseeing as per the itinerary
5. English speaking guide
6. Daily bottled water
7. All tipping

The tour price does not include:

- a. Transportation to and from the coach boarding point or bus terminal prior to the commencement or after the completion of the tour program.
- b. Transportation / Accommodation /Sightseeing /Meals not as listed in the itinerary.
- c. Visa Fees: Please make sure that you have got your valid passport and visa before your entry to China.
- d. Personal expenses such as room service, internet charge, laundry, alcoholic drinks or beverages for personal consumption, fax, telephone call, optional activities, etc.
- e. Excess Handling and Insurance Charges.
- f. Insurance. Please kindly note that the full coverage travel insurance from your country of origin should be purchased in advance on your own.
- g. 4% surcharge if you pay by credit card

If you would like to sign up in this tour, please complete the required information in this email - click doris.leung@jebsenholidays.com. This email link will also go automatically to Jessica, Ash, Doris and Graham

The Closing Date is _____

Let me know if you have any questions or if we can assist in any way.

Many thanks,

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Chair

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Places we will visit...

