

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Valley and Ridge goes to China

May 21-June 12, 2014

May 21 -

- Early Afternoon Arrival in Kunming, Yunnan Province
- Dinner with Yunnan Vice-President Xiao

May 22 -

- Walking Tour of Yunnan University neighborhood (Green Lake area; Farmer's market; Bird and Flower Market; center city Kunming)



May 23 -

- Fieldtrip to Chengjiang early Cambrian geological site and museum with Dr. Yujing and Prof. Hao (faculty at Yunnan U, Key laboratory in Paleobiology are the discoverers and chief research group for this world famous early life fossil locality)



May 24 -

- Fieldtrip to Shilin Stone Forest World Heritage Site (Permian Karst limestone weathering)



- Visit Farmer/Entrepreneur Mr. Wu Yunfeng (experimental farm, training facility, solar water heating and biogas installations in sustainable village)



May 25 -

- Free day and arrival of Kristin Strock

May 26 -

- Fieldtrip to new University City (new home for 11 university entities on the outskirts of Kunming)
- Participated in alternative energy conference at Yunnan Normal University campus
- Visit to Yunnan Normal Univ. Institute for Alternative Energy (exhibit of solar and biomass energy technologies)
- Lecture: Biomass energy conversion by Dr. Xu

May 27 -

- Lecture: Overview of Chinese minorities; Dr. Bai of the Ethnology Research Institute
- Lunch with Drs. He and Li (Director and Vice Director of the Institute)
- Visit and tour of Kunming Botanical Garden



May 28 -

- Tour of Yunnan University Key Paleobiology labs
- Tour of Yunnan University Anthropology Museum (?)
- Lecture: Agricultural Economics in Yunnan Province by Dr. Zhang Huijiun, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, Ethnology Research Section



May 29 -

- Lecture: Kunming's Water History (Pan Long Jiang river and Dian Chi Lake) by Dr. Zheng Xiaoyun, Yunnan Social Science Academy

May 30 –

- Tour Yunnan Provincial Museum
- Lecture: Us Gov't Policy and the problem of clean water by Prof. Kristin Strock to the Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences
- Fieldtrip to Dian Chi Lake and West Mountain

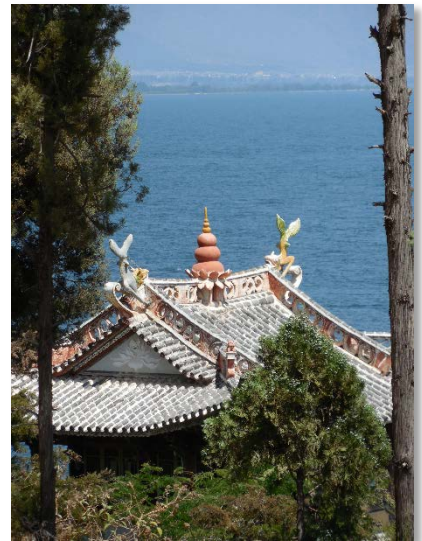


May 31 –

- Travel day to Dali
- Lufeng Dinosaur Park
- Stay in Dali Gu Cheng (Old City)

June 1 –

- Fieldtrip around Lake Erhai and Xizhou town
- Dinner at Dali College Minorities Institute



June 2 –

- Eryuan Geothermal Area (hotel)
- Feng Yu Village (Bai minority area)

June 3 –

- Travel day to Lijiang
- Visit Old City World Heritage Site



June 4 –

- Travel day to Ninglang
- View foothills of the Himalayas (Jade Dragon snow Mountain glaciers)
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June 5 –

- Ninglang region
 - Nuosu village life and elementary school



- Local high altitude agriculture
- Domestic Biogas infrastructure and implementation
- Rural industry (brick and tile making)



June 6 –

- Travel Day to Lijiang
- Jinsha River (tributary of Yangzi River) and hydroelectric dam
- Development of new housing outside Lijiang



June 7 – 10

- EcoTour
 - Hike from Yuhu village to high altitude botanical garden to Wenhai Ecovillage



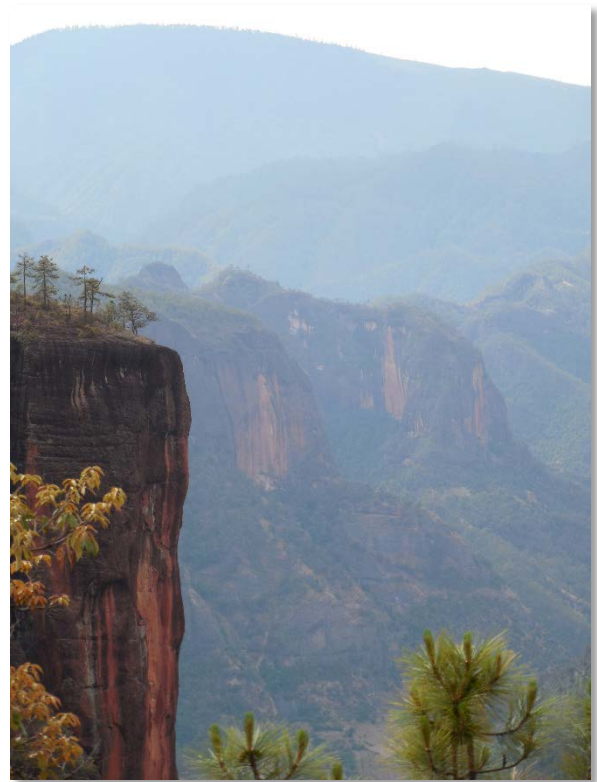
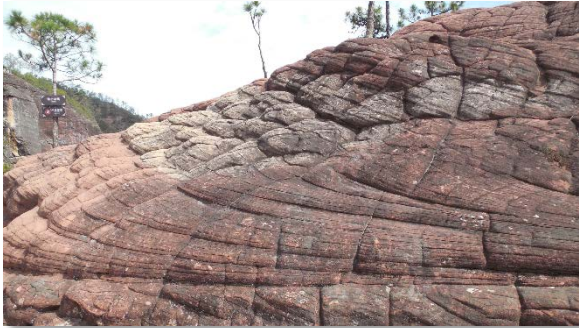
- Wenhai Village to Xuehua Yi village at the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
 - Potato, corn, barley, and yak high Mt farming/grazing
 - Visit Yi farm and meet Yi priest
 - See massive land-use change from subsistence to cash crop (Maca)



- Wenhai village to Lashi lake
 - Bike around Lashi lake; Naxi villages, Tibetan Buddhism temple
 - Lunch with Naxi family
 - Stop at first bend of the Yangzi River



- Travel to Liming in Laojun Mountain National Par
- Liming – Thousand Tortoises Mountain geologic formations (Danxia landforms)
 - Observe Lisu minority peoples



June 11 –

- Return to Lijiang – Fly to Kunming

June 12 –

- Free day to explore Kunming
- Kunming – Hong Kong – JFK-NYC flight



Ah! Insects and Cashews