



TOUR INFORMATION SICHUAN, CHINA

These notes are designed to help you prepare fully for the tour. Please read carefully.

ENTERING CHINA: United Kingdom citizens will need a passport valid for at least six months from date of departure and which has a blank page where a Chinese Visa can be added. A tourist visa must be applied for individually through the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre (CVASC).

Two months before departure we will send you details on how to apply for an ordinary tourist visa. Applicants for ordinary visas may submit their applications at CVASC. (Details are available at the website www.visaforchina.org or by telephone 0207 842 0960.). An appointment should be made online in advance before applications are submitted. For the standard service, the total visa charge will be the visa fees plus CVASC's service fee. The visa will be ready for collection on the fourth working day. CVASC accepts postal applications which can take 10-14 working days. See http://www.visaforchina.org/LON_EN/generalinformation/downloads/263882.shtml

When completing your visa application form it is only necessary to put Chengdu, Wolong and Jiuzhaigou as the areas to be visited. Please do not mention any other places we visit on this tour.

Our ground agent's address should be mentioned as the company or person to visit in China.

There are Chinese Embassies in London (tel: 020 7631 1430), Manchester (tel: 0161 2248672) and Edinburgh (tel: 0131 3164789). Citizens of other nations should contact the nearest Chinese Embassy for entry requirements.

There are visa service agencies that can provide you with an information pack on how to obtain a visa. They will also process your application for you however they will charge a handling and processing fee. One such company is Trailfinders Visa Service <http://visas.trailfinders.com> (tel: 0207 368 1504) while another, this time based in Manchester, is China Visa Bureau <http://www.chinavisabureau.co.uk> (tel: 0161 870 9048). We can personally recommend the latter.

Important: As soon as you book on the tour, please email the Sunbird office a colour scan of your passport – the page(s) with your photograph and passport details. These are needed by our ground agent to obtain tickets for Jiuzhaigou National Park and clearance for us to drive over the Balang Shan Pass and enter Wolong National Park.

It is always a good idea to take a photocopy of your passport and air ticket with you when travelling abroad. They can prove invaluable in helping you get replacements if your originals are lost or stolen. Obviously, you should keep the photocopies in a separate bag to the originals.

TIME DIFFERENCE: + 7 hours British Summer Time (+ 8 hours Greenwich Mean Time).

CURRENCY: The Chinese currency is called the yuan (CNY). It is possible to change cash and at the airport in Chengdu and sometimes in our hotel at Jiuzhaigou. It is often difficult to change traveller's cheques and participants are encouraged to take cash. US dollars, Sterling and Euros are all OK. Foreign credit cards are still not widely accepted in China and ATM machines accepting foreign cards are still rare and should NOT be relied upon. As the tour price includes all travel, hotel, and main meal costs, you need only bring enough money to cover items of a personal nature.

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LANGUAGE: Still rather few people speak English in China, especially in the countryside, where we'll be most of the time. Our Chinese guide will, of course, speak good English.

CLIMATE: In Chengdu it will be hot and fairly humid. On the lower slopes of Longchang Gou it will be similarly hot and humid. Temperatures at both areas will typically reach up to 25-34°C by midday. It will be cooler and less humid higher in the mountains where some of the early mornings can even be cold. This will be especially true when we are near the summit of Longchang Gou, besides the Balang Shan Pass between Rilong and Wolong and up on the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau around Ruergai. We anticipate making several very early starts in these areas and the temperatures at that time might be below freezing (rarely dropping as low as minus 4°C if the sky is clear), and there will probably still be some snow on the highest peaks. Rain is common in Sichuan throughout the year and is perhaps most likely at Longchang Gou and in the Wolong area. It is perhaps least likely around Ruergai up on the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau but cannot be discounted anywhere.

ALTITUDE: Chengdu city is at low elevation (mostly below 500 metres) but the rest of the tour is operated at quite high altitude and we will spend considerable amounts of time above 3,500 metres or 11,000 feet. We'll spend three nights at 1275 metres at the base of Longchang Gou. During our time here we'll explore higher elevations, possibly venturing up to close to the summit at about 2500 metres. We'll spend the day bird watching along dirt roads, paved roads and trails before descending back to our hotel for the night. Moving on from Longchang Gou we'll spend our next two nights in a hotel in Luding at about 2200 metres. We'll spend the next day on the Erlang Shan near Luding possibly venturing as high as 3000 metres. The following day we will head to Baoxing near Ya'an. Our Baoxing hotel is at a just 1000 metres altitude but our next hotel at Rilong, where we spend the following four nights, is at about 2900 metres. On each of the three full days we're here we'll venture significantly higher and will search the upper slopes of the Balang Shan Pass for species such as Tibetan Snowcock and Snow Partridge. This pass, at almost 4500 metres, is the highest point we will reach on the entire tour loop and it is certainly high enough for us to experience altitudinal problems such as breathlessness and headaches. Our birding at this altitude will be leisurely – we expect to stay mostly on the road and to walk slowly down the upper part of the mountain. We'll spend the best part of three days at various elevations on this pass – and would also search the lower elevations for Chinese Monal, White Eared Pheasant and Koklass Pheasant to mention but a few. After three nights at Rilong we'll move on to Maerkang (2700 metres) where we'd spend the following two nights. We'll cross another high pass (the Mengbi Shan at about 4100 metres) on route to Maerkang and intend to spend some time birding near the summit. We'd spend a full day exploring another pass two hours drive from Maerkang the following day and would venture close to or even over the summit of that 4200-metre pass. Again, this pass is sufficiently high enough for us to experience altitudinal problems but we do not anticipate spending much time birding near the summit and instead will concentrate our attentions on elevations between 3700-3950 metres. After a second night in Maerkang we'll head to Hongyuan (3520 metres) for the night. This will be the highest altitude that we will sleep at. The following day we will drive further on to the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau proper and will spend the subsequent two nights at Ruergai. Ruergai is at a very similar altitude to Hongyuan (3450 metres). Leaving Ruergai we will next head toward Jiuzhaigou National Park first crossing the La Ma Ling pass which, at 3987 metres. This is the fifth highest point that we reach on the tour. We do not anticipate spending much time birding near the summit of this pass. Our next hotel is just outside Jiuzhaigou National Park and is at about 2050 metres though we will spend time in the park possibly reaching altitudes of up to 3250 metres.

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When at such high altitudes we will attempt to limit our activities, try to avoid excessively walking up hill and will move at a fairly slow pace so as to avoid altitudinal headaches and breathlessness etc. However, participants should note that this is a more strenuous tour than most of our offerings. Most altitudinal problems can be overcome by sitting quietly in or near the vehicle and drinking plenty of fluids. There will be some oxygen available in at least one of the vehicles that we will use on the bulk of the tour.

PACE OF TOUR AND DAILY ROUTINE: This is not an easy, relaxing tour. There is a reasonable amount of travelling and many of the days are long and tiring. Most of the places that we will visit – Longchang Gou, the Erlang Shan, the Rilong-Wolong area, Rouergai and Jiuzhaigou as well as several places in between are in the mountains and are strenuous places to visit. Many of the trails that we will walk on are steep and, while we will walk slowly, we are still at altitude and it is easy to become tired. A reasonable degree of fitness is essential. Due to early morning bird activity, we will want to be out in the field early each day. This will often mean being out at 05h00 and having a picnic breakfast in the field. A fuller description of the times that we left and arrived back at our various hotels can be found in the previous year's tour report available from the office.

We'll stay spend parts of four days and three nights at Longchang Gou. Here, as elsewhere, the early mornings are the most productive times of the day and we anticipate having early starts every day. Several of these will be optional early morning sessions, as we will either return to the hotel later or our crew will catch us up on the road later. Here and elsewhere in Sichuan Province and indeed throughout most of China - the hotel breakfasts are rather poor so instead we will have picnic breakfasts provided for us by our ground agent.

We will make three excursions from our hotel at Rilong up to the Balangshan Pass and on each day we'll leave the hotel early – probably at about 05h00. Moving from Rilong to Baoxing near Ya'an, Maerkang and then onto the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau at Ruoergai we will also have several early morning starts. Jiuzhaigou National Park does not open until 07h30 and we will aim to have breakfast shortly after 06h30 and to be at the park gate after 07h00 so that we are the first of the park vehicles to enter.

We'll compile a checklist of the birds we've seen just before or just after dinner every day and aim to retire early to bed (especially when we are making an early start next day).

We try to make as many of our birding excursions as possible optional, so that if you find the pace too tiring it is possible to take some time off and relax. We will also spend a fair amount of time driving from one of the main sites (Chengdu, Longchang Gou, Erlang Shan, Wolong, Maerkang, Ruoergai and Jiuzhaigou) to another and there is often little to do on these long journeys other than admire the often-spectacular scenery.

Essentially, we aim to provide dawn to dusk birding for those who want it and as many opportunities as possible to opt out for those who wish to pursue other interests or simply relax.

HEALTH: It is essential that you contact your own doctor to obtain the latest information on the regions you are visiting. Please contact your doctor well in advance of your tour's departure as some medication must be initiated weeks before the period of possible exposure.

It is recommended that you are up-to-date on routine vaccinations. These include inoculations against typhoid and polio. Some doctors also suggest inoculation against Japanese B-encephalitis and tetanus and strongly recommend gammaglobulin against hepatitis.

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It may be difficult to obtain any special medication during the tour, so bring all you are likely to need.

Biting insects are not numerous although mosquitoes are present in small numbers at a few sites. Some years there can be a few tiny biting insects 'No see-ums' present at Longchang Gou, Wolong and Jiuzhaigou. Other years they can be totally absent. While they can be a nuisance a can of spray repellent should provide adequate protection. We recommend bringing antihistamine if you are sensitive to insect bites.

On some of the forest trails during the early part of the tour we may encounter a very few small terrestrial leeches. These are well known to travellers in Asia and are not harmful. They are found on the forest floor and the best way to prevent them from getting onto your ankles is to spray your boots with insect repellent.

Be careful however to ensure that your boots will not be damaged by the chemicals in the repellent, which is mildly corrosive on rubber and some synthetic materials. Canvas and especially suede desert boots are not affected and are ideal for spraying with repellent. The other widely used technique is to make or buy a pair of 'leech socks'. These are made from material such as densely woven cotton and come above the ankles onto the calf.

They should have a drawstring at the top to hold them in place. These can also be sprayed with repellent (which leeches hate) and pretty well guarantees that the little beasts will not get through to bare skin! Leech socks are available from the Oriental Bird Club sales, c/o The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL, or visit their website: www.orientalbirdclub.org. Paul only saw about four leeches when he was scouting for the tour in the months of June, July and August!

Tap water is not safe to drink anywhere on the tour. Bottled water and soft drinks are readily available, and hot, boiled water (for coffee or tea) is available in all our hotels and guesthouses. We suggest bringing anti-diarrhoea medicine such as Imodium in case of an upset stomach. Be sure to bring adequate supplies of all personal medication, as it may be difficult to obtain them during the trip.

For further information on health advice refer to the Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad website www.masta-travel-health.com

ACCOMMODATION: The hotels at Maerkang, Hongyuan, Ruoergai, Jiuzhaigou and in Chengdu at the end of the tour are of a good, international standard with en suite bathrooms, proper restaurants, and other facilities that you would normally expect such as gift shops in the lobby and in room facilities for making international phone calls etc.

Elsewhere on the tour we will stay in a variety of other hotels and guesthouses. We'll spend three nights in a 2-star equivalent, private guest house Longchang Gou. It is the best accommodation that is available locally and it's perfectly acceptable – the rooms are well maintained, simple, but clean and each one has two single beds, a TV, an en suite bathroom with western toilet, wash basin and shower. Each bathroom also has an individual water heater so there's effectively 24 hours of hot water.

Moving on we'll spend two nights in a 3-star hotel in Luding. This hotel will be clean and have en suite bathrooms with showers and western toilets.

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Moving on again we will then spend five consecutive nights in two different, decent, 2 and 3-star hotels with one night near Ya'an and four at Rilong. After that we will spend two nights in a good three-star hotel in Maerkang. Moving on from Maerkang the hotels at Hongyuan and Ruergai are also perfectly acceptable. Both have clean, twin bedded rooms with en suite bathrooms equipped with toilets and a shower but, in keeping with many Chinese non-city hotels, there is rarely any hot water before 19h30 at the earliest! Moreover, although both hotels are fairly new, they have been rather poorly maintained and much of the plumbing isn't up to the standards we would expect in the west – the showers and toilets occasionally don't work properly and we may be restricted to washing with cold water or using hot water from the thermos flasks that are provided.

LAUNDRY: Laundry facilities are available at several of the hotels that we stay at. However, as we are moving on frequently the only places that it's really practical to use the hotel's laundry service are Maerkang and Jiuzhaigou. Please note however that the laundry service offered by our hotel at Jiuzhaigou is very expensive. In the past, we have been able to persuade some of the hotel staff at several of the other places that we will stay to do our laundry for us – and we have been able to persuade them to do our laundry at Rilong and Luding. Even so these laundry services are not usually particularly fast such that laundry handed in early one morning will not normally be ready until the evening of the following day. Some people may feel that it is probably more convenient to hand-wash their own clothes though participants should be aware that, especially early in the tour the humidity is high and some of the rooms are un-heated so that it can take along time to effectively dry your own, hand washed items.

ELECTRICITY: The Chinese current is 220 volts, 50 cycles. It is advisable to bring a plug adapter if you intend to take any electrical equipment, and one can be bought in most airport departure lounges. You may find the following website helpful: <http://www.power-plugs-sockets.com>.

FOOD: Chinese cuisine is well known and widely appreciated. Beer, soft drinks and green tea will be served with the food. The Chinese often also drink hard liquor, bai-jiu, with the food. Western brands of alcohol are not always easily obtainable (and where they are available, they are usually expensive), so you may wish to consider bringing your own supply.

Coffee and real tea are still uncommon in China, but hot water is readily available in hotel rooms, restaurants and on the trains. Cups are rarely provided so you may wish to bring your own, plus some instant coffee, drinking chocolate, cocoa, or tea-bags (and powdered milk and sugar, if you like). Some people also take packets of soup, Oxo cubes or other items that only need to be rehydrated with water.

The Chinese way of eating differs from that in the west in that those sitting at the table share selections of different dishes. Food is almost always plentiful. Few of the restaurants we will visit provide knives and forks. Instead chopsticks, often disposable wooden ones, are used. If you are not used to eating with chopsticks, we suggest you start practising right away or bring your own cutlery.

A variety of Chinese sweets can be bought in some of the larger hotels (notably in Chengdu and Wolong) and in shops in towns or at the airport in Beijing. Chocolate is widely available, but few other western sweets are so again you may wish to bring a supply of goodies to enliven your diet.

In contrast to evening meals typical Chinese breakfasts are disappointingly poor and unappealing to most westerners. They consist mostly of cold dishes – soya milk, steamed dumplings, and rice porridge. Consequently, away from the international style hotels in Chengdu, Wolong and Jiuzhaigou where a variety of more western style dishes are available, we will have very few hotel breakfasts opting instead to have picnic breakfasts.

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These will usually consist of items such as muesli, instant noodles, biscuits, chocolate, fruit, peanuts, bread, and jam (where bread is available). On quite a few days we'll also have picnic lunches and these will consist of similar items and probably cheese and or ham or jam sandwiches.

Sunbird tours are all-inclusive, and no refunds can be issued for any tour meals participants choose to miss. While we will try to do all, we can to accommodate the requirements of all participants, please note that we cannot guarantee all causes of food allergies can be avoided at every destination. Many restaurants offer set menus and are unable to accommodate all special requests within a group. Thus, participants with significant food allergies or special dietary needs should bring appropriate foods with them for those times when their needs can, regrettably, not be accommodated. Our tours are carefully scheduled to insure the best possible birding experience and although the leaders will do all they can to make sure the group eats at a reasonable time, and sometimes early or late lunches and/or evening meals cannot be avoided. Any participants who need to eat at specific times may need to bring supplemental food with them.

DRINKS: Bottled water, a soft drink, or a beer (or wine if appropriate) are provided at meals, as is coffee or tea. In addition, we keep a supply of bottled water on the tour vehicles. Bottled or filtered water may also be provided in some rooms where we stay.

INTERNET AND MOBILE PHONE ACCESS: As you would expect an ever-increasing number of hotels that we use have internet access. The hotel at the base of Longchang Gou does not have any wifi anywhere, nor does our hotel near Ya'an. The hotel at Luding has wifi in the rooms, as do the hotels in Maerkang, Hongyuan, Ruoergai, Jiuzhaigou and back in Chengdu. Several of these currently also have cable internet in the rooms. Participants should be aware, however, that internet access is occasionally suspended in China – perhaps because of floods, landslides, or political issues. You should also be advised that quite a few foreign websites are actively blocked by the so called 'Great Firewall of China' and these include all Google services including Google Earth, Gmail and YouTube. Mobile phone coverage is superb over most of China and, while not all foreign mobile operators have agreements with the Chinese carriers many do. You are advised to contact your mobile phone provider in advance of the trip to confirm this.

FIELD CLOTHING: Dress will be informal throughout the tour. Warm, waterproof clothing, a hat and gloves will be needed when we will visit some of the mountain sites early in the morning. However, in the middle of the day lighter, cotton clothing will be more comfortable. We also suggest bringing a rainproof jacket and rainproof over-trousers. As to footwear, trainers will often be adequate, but stout waterproof shoes or boots will be very useful for the rockier conditions and for the areas of wetter vegetation along many of the trails that we will walk. An umbrella may also prove to be useful.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Please bring the following.

Notebook and pencil	Alarm Clock
Insect repellent	Cutlery
Towel for use in the guest-houses	Laundry soap
Ear-plugs (if you are a light sleeper)	Universal sink plug
Personal medication	

Small rucksack/Day pack. On several days, we will have picnic lunches well away from our vehicles and you will be expected to carry your own lunch items.

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Optional: Telescope & tripod (recommended if you have them), camera, film or memory cards, spare binoculars and spare spectacles (in case of loss or damage), field guide. Telescopes are very useful on much of this tour – not least for scanning the barren hillsides around the Balang Shan pass for game birds such as Snow Partridge, Tibetan Snowcock and Chinese Monal and for scanning the grasslands up on the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau.

Note: The most effective insect repellents are those containing at least 35% of the active ingredient diethyltoluamide (DEET). The higher the percentage, the greater the effectiveness. However, care must be taken to avoid getting the repellent on to optical equipment as it dissolves rubber and plastic and can damage coated lenses. A reasonably effective alternative, which isn't corrosive, is Mosi-guard, produced by MASTA, and we recommend this. It is available in most high street chemist (including those at the airport). Camping supply stores sell a product containing permethrin 0.5%, which must be applied directly to clothing in advance of wearing and allowed to dry. This non-staining, odourless chemical is non-toxic to humans and protective on clothing through several launderings. Please make sure you never to spray insect repellent inside the vehicle or when you are standing close to other participants – it may drift on to their optical equipment.

LEADER'S EQUIPMENT: The leader will provide the following:

Telescope and tripod

Field guides and Reference books

Small first-aid kit

Playback equipment

LUGGAGE: Our Final Information document, which will be sent to you approximately three weeks before departure, will give details about baggage weight and size restrictions imposed by the airline used for this tour.

If possible, please bring your luggage in soft-sided bags or cases (rather than large hard 'Samsonite'-type suitcases) as these pack more easily into our vehicles during the tour. Please note that on many tours there are no porters to carry your luggage so please ensure that **no bag is so heavy that you are unable to lift and carry it yourself**. As a general rule, in addition to using your luggage labels, it is a good idea to fix identification to the *inside* of each piece of luggage.

PHOTOGRAPHY: In a number of places there will be good opportunities for photos. Camera equipment should be packed in moisture and dust-proof bags as a precaution. If you wish to use a digital camera to 'digiscope', please make sure you also bring a telescope and tripod as the leader's telescope will not be available for this activity.

There will be plenty of opportunities to take photos of birds, mammals and scenery and the leaders will do all they can to accommodate anyone wishing to take photographs. However, if you are a serious photographer please bear in mind that this is first and foremost a birdwatching tour. Please do not allow your photographic desires to conflict with other participants' birdwatching activities.

TRANSPORT: Transportation throughout is by minibus. Tour operator's vehicles are not allowed down to Huar Hu (=Flower Lake) near Ruergai or inside Jiuzhaigou National Park so instead we will have to use park minibuses at those sites.

SMOKING: Smoking is not allowed in the vehicle or at meal times nor when the group is gathered together for the checklist. If you are sharing a room with a non-smoker please don't smoke in the room. If you smoke in the field, please stand down wind of the group so that smoke doesn't drift into their faces.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is essential and we insist that you take out suitable cover as soon as your tour is booked. If you are bringing expensive optical equipment or other valuable items, please make sure they are also adequately insured on your home contents policy, as most travel insurance policies do not cover very expensive individual items. You may wish to consult your insurance broker regarding coverage. Please also ensure that your policy covers you in the event of a medical emergency, cancellation of a trip or severe delays. Medical costs abroad can often be extremely expensive. Please note that Sunbird is not liable for any medical or repatriation costs resulting from injury or illness during a tour or for covering any costs resulting from a flight delay such as extra hotel accommodation.

If you wish, insurance can be arranged by Helen Fisher, Bullerwell Independent Insurance Brokers, 13 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY. Tel: 01234-866964. Please contact Helen for a quote and she will send the schedule directly to you.

TIPPING: All tour-based tips are included in the tour price. These include tips to local guides, drivers, hotel porters, and waiters and waitresses when we have group meals together in restaurants. You only need to pay tips for personal services such as room service or drinks from the bar.

SOUVENIRS: There is a wide supply of wood and stone carvings, pottery, laquerware, silk paintings, etc. These are widely available, often even in some of our hotels. The prices are usually fixed, except in small private shops, where you may bargain.

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Birds:

MacKinnon, John and Karen Phillipps. 2000. A Field Guide to the Birds of China. Oxford University Press, Oxford. **Although now somewhat dated this remains the best regional field guide - recommended.**

Robson, C. (2000). A Field Guide to the Birds of South-East Asia. New Holland, London. (ISBN 1 84330 118 0 paperback). A first-class field guide with detailed text and excellent illustrations. Although Sichuan, and China as a whole, lie outside the region dealt with in this book many of the species that we will encounter are described in it. **Very useful.**

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Mammals:

Smith, A. and Xie, Y. (2008) A Guide to the Mammals of China. Princeton University Press, Princeton and Oxford. (ISBN 978-0-691-09984-2). A ground breaking, well illustrated and informative guide that covers all the mammals of China - but bulky and currently only available in hard back. A softback edition of this same book (ISBN 9780691154275) was published in 2013 – and in that the text and plates are typically arranged together.

Sheng Helin *et al.* 1999. The Mammalian of China. China Forestry Publishing House. (ISBN 7-5038-2072-1). A field guide with photographs, maps and limited English text on a number of the mammals we are likely to encounter. Now largely superseded by Smith and Xie (above).

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Audio Guide:

Tsuruhiko Kabaya and Michio Matsuda. The Songs and Calls of 420 Birds in Japan. (2003). A set of CDs containing recordings of Japanese birds some of which we expect to see on this tour. Expensive.

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Schaller, George. (1994). The Last Panda. University of Chicago Press. (ISBN 0226736296 – paperback).

OBTAINING BOOKS: Most of the field guides and the major ornithological references in print are available by mail order from booksellers specialising in natural history titles.

Natural History Book Service Ltd
Tel: 01803 865913
www.nhbs.co.uk

WildSounds
Tel: 01263 741100
www.wildsounds.co.uk

MAPS:

Nelles. Central China. 1:1,500,000. (2001). ISBN 3-88618-674-1. Previously available for about £5.95 its now out-of-print and difficult to obtain. Other maps are available from:

The Map Shop
Tel: 01684 593146
www.themapshop.co.uk

Stanfords
Tel: 020 7836 1321
www.stanfords.co.uk

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FINAL INFORMATION: A Final Information sheet with instructions for meeting the group, hotel addresses, etc. and your flight tickets will be sent to you about three weeks before departure. If you have any questions about the tour please contact us.