

NZCFS North-East Tour 2020



From: September 6th to September 26th

Duration: 21 Days

This tour takes us to the farthest north NZCFS has ever delivered a tour in China, to 49 degrees north in Heilongjiang. Don't worry, we will start there in early September to dodge the onset of the extreme winter! Here, the *Unesco Global Geopark of Wudalianchi* is a volcanic wonderland, with five lakes formed in the lava rock, set in an area of very northern forest, with Russian influences.

Full Itinerary:

Day 1

Arriving in Harbin, capital city of Heilongjiang province

- City sites to be arranged depending on arrival time

Day 2

City sites in Harbin

- Siberian Tigers Park
- Wander alongside the Songhua River



Day 3

Bus to Qiqihar(4hrs)

- Zhalong National Nature Reserve, a major wetland habitat for red-crowned cranes and other wildlife.
- Bukui mosque, Chinese style architecture more typical of mosques in Eastern China.

Day 4

Bus to Wudalianchi(3hrs)

- Heihe Huoshao Mountain & Lava Ice Cave
- Wudalianchi Global Geopark: a large scenic area that is composed of five big linked lakes, extraordinary volcanic landforms and some other natural and cultural landscapes.



Day 5

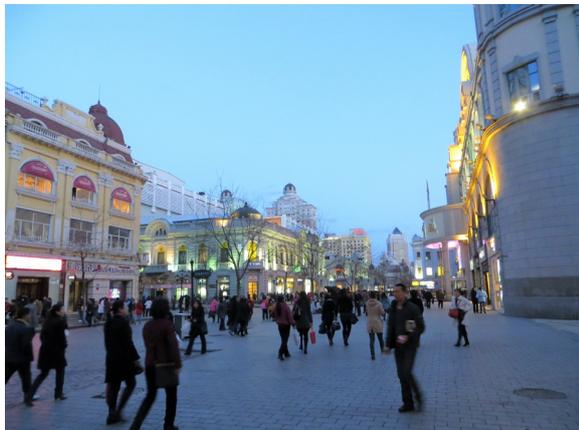
More visit in Wudalianchi Global Geopark

- Longmen Stone Village: Blocky Lava Flow
- the Northern and Southern Cold Mineral Springs Sight-seeing Area

Day 6

Bus to Harbin(4hrs)

- St. Sofia Church
- Central Street, Russian architectural style
- Stalin Park



Day 7

Train to Changchun(10:08-11:28), Jilin province

- Manchu Imperial Palace where the last emperor of China Puyi lived for 13 years
- Badabu: 8 department offices of Manchu puppet state
- Cultural Square



Day 8

Bus to Changbai Mountains (4-5hrs), overnight in the town.

- Jingyuetan Forest Park, we will take the golf car along the reservoir.
- Bus to the mountain as the border of China and DPRK after lunch (4-5hrs) Or leave to the morning, relaxing and exploring some sites in the town where the mountains locate, such as Nature Museum.



Day 9

Visit the mountain (western part)

Day 10

- More visit of the mountain (northern part)
- Soft-berth train to Shenyang, (19:05-08:25) ,capital city of Liaoning province

Day 11

- Former Palace before Qing government settled the capital in Beijing
- Marshal Office of Zhang family: the warlord leaders in NE China in 1920s

Day 12

City sites in Shenyang

- World Horticultural Exposition, once the site of Shenyang botanical garden
- “9.18” (September 18) Historical Museum, depicting Japanese conquest and occupation of the North-east.
- Zhongjie pedestrian street

Day 13

Train to Dandong (1.5 hrs), or bus (3.5 hrs)

- Broken bridge on Yalu River, a witness of the war to resist U.S. and aid Korea
- Hushan Great Wall, the east end of the Great Wall of Ming dynasty, can see North Korean villages and people's life on the other side of the river

Day 14

Train to Dalian(09:41-12:10), or bus(4hrs)

- Bangchui Island



Day 15

City sites in Dalian

- Baiyu hill to have a panoramic view of the city and visit the naval armory
- Naval port park
- Xinghai Square, Binhai Road, Beida qiao:also called long-lasting love bridge, etc.

Day 16

Train to Tianjin:10:06-14:18, one of the 4 municipalities of China

- Check in the hotel
- Ancient cultural street and dinner there, eat famous Tianjin originated Goubuli steamed buns.
- Cruise for night views(50min)

Day 17

City sites in Tianjin

- Morning exercise: strolling in Wudadao: thousands of European-style buildings, mainly as the former residences of celebrities in 1920s.
- Cifangzi: a French-style house decorated by porcelain
- Shijizhong Square
- Dagukou Fort Ruins Museum



Day 18

- Shi's Grand Mansion: one of the best preserved large-scale civil building complexes in North China
- Train to Beijing : 14:35-15:07
- Check into the hotel in downtown Beijing

Day 19

City sites to be arranged, including:

- Tiananmen Square.
- Forbidden City, Song Qingling Former residence and museum, drum tower, hutongs



Day 20

City sites to be arranged, including:

- Great Wall Summer Palace

Day 21

Departure: return to New Zealand

Key Highlights:

- **Helongjiang Province:** Harbin, Qiqihar, Wudalianchi Volcanic Geopark
- **Jilin Province:** Changchun Manchuguo puppet state, Changbai Mountain
- **Liaoning Province:** Shenyang, Dandong, Dalian
- **Tianjin, Beijing**

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