

CHINA KAYAKING AND CULTURAL EXPEDITION



Who We Are

SouthEast Expeditions has been the leading sea kayak outfitter on the Eastern Shore of Virginia since 1999. While the majority of our programs are focused on this amazing paddling region, we have led multi-day expeditions in the Everglades and Florida Keys, and paddled in numerous destinations around the world. Our guide staff includes level 3 & 4 ACA certified Sea Kayak Instructors, and all of our guides are certified ACA Coastal Kayak Day Trip Leaders.

Trip Description

In 2010 the ACA expanded its reach into the Far East with the opening of the Coastlines Kayaking Center in a small fishing village on an island in the Fuchun River. Dave Burden of SouthEast Expeditions provided the connection between these budding Chinese paddlers and the ACA, and now Dave and his team are ready to build on this relationship by providing a once in a lifetime opportunity for ACA members to be a part of the growth of the sport of kayaking in China, as well as the development of a sustainable eco-tourism industry in the world's most populous nation.

This week long program provides participants with the opportunity to paddle in a variety of different environments, to immerse themselves in the day to day life of a small Chinese town, to explore the magnificent city of Shanghai, and to be ambassadors of goodwill on the water.

The trip starts in Shanghai with a tour of the city that includes the world famous Bund district, ancient Chinese markets, and a taste of the booming night life in this modern metropolis.

From Shanghai you will take a high speed train to Hangzhou, another blossoming city perched on the edge of a beautiful lake. Hangzhou is one of the most popular tourism destinations for the Chinese people, and it won't take you long to see why. The natural beauty of the park and the lake are matched only by the nature of the people.

Another high speed train whisks you from Hangzhou out to the city of Fuyang. From there it's time to step into the China that's not in the guide books. As we make our way to the Fuchun River you'll see the signs of the challenges that face this booming economy. Modern construction projects erupt next to centuries old farmhouses, cars and scooters vie for space on the roadways with ox driven carts, and centuries of traditional lifestyles meet the demands of 21st century life at every corner.

For the next two days you'll find yourself at home at the Coastlines Kayaking Clubhouse on the Fuchun River, and get to spend some time on the water. Paddling around the island is a great day trip, featuring a picnic lunch, or bar-b-que. Stop to see what the fishermen are catching with the handlines and bamboo poles. Or just wander through the village and see how the residents of this tiny town spend their days.

Now that you've gotten your hull wet and are comfortable in your boat, it's time to venture up to "Chen Dao Hu". The name of this massive reservoir





translates as Thousand Island Lake. Your paddling adventure will include exploring the lake's namesake islands with an eye out for wildlife including everything from Eagles to Monkeys. After our Chen Dao adventure it's time to return to the Coastlines Clubhouse for a traditional Chinese dinner in a centuries old farmhouse courtyard, and another day of paddling.

As we head back to Shanghai, we'll arrive with time to continue exploring the city, or to allow you to take the next step on your Chinese adventure.

Cost - \$3000 includes all transportation, food, lodging, equipment, and guide services starting and ending in Shanghai. This cost also includes any assistance that may be needed for pre-trip planning for our guests. Cost is based on double occupancy.

Proposed 2012 Dates - April 22 - 29th 2012

Logistical Arrangements - All participants are responsible for acquiring necessary Visas and immunizations (we can help with Visas). All participants are responsible for travel to and from Shanghai.

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