



China & Hong Kong

Chinese Australian Hometown Heritage Tour
Hosted by Kate Bagnall & Sophie Couchman
6 March - 17 March 2019 | 12 days



Highlights

Explore the history and heritage of Chinese Australian home villages

Meet Dr Selia Tan in Cangdong village, a conservation and development project in Kaiping

Marvel at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed diaolou (watchtowers) in Kaiping

Experience traditional Cantonese food, culture and architecture

Venture off the tourist track for a unique taste of life in southern China

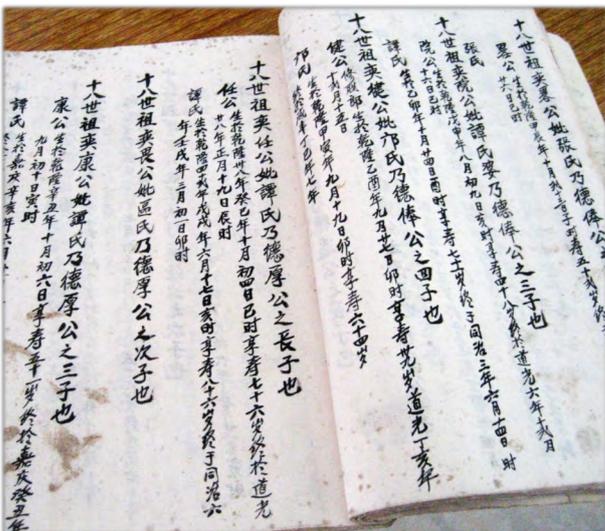


What to expect

Experience the heritage of Chinese Australian hometowns and share in your tour hosts' informed commentary, extensive research experience and love of travelling in China.

"The highlight of the tour for me was meeting locals who either welcomed us into their homes, generously offered us food or shared their art/music. Cangdong village and visiting diaolous was special." Terry, VIC

Note: We will be travelling in the Chinese countryside, so this trip is best enjoyed with a good level of health and fitness. Much of each day is spent walking and standing while sightseeing. You will also need to walk on uneven ground and irregular paving, climb stairs, and handle your own luggage.



Your tour hosts



Dr Kate Bagnall is a Canberra-based historian who specialises in Chinese migration and settlement in Australia before 1940. She has a PhD from the University of Sydney and is currently an ARC DECRA Research Fellow at the University of Wollongong. Kate has visited Guangdong about a dozen times, living in Zhuhai in 1997 and Guangzhou in 2000.



Dr Sophie Couchman is a curator and historian. She is an Honorary Research Fellow at La Trobe University. Sophie has been active in the field of Chinese Australian history for many years, including as Curator at the Chinese Museum in Melbourne. She has travelled widely in China, living in Wuxi and Shanghai in 2002 and Nanjing in 2013.



Destinations

Hong Kong

Jiangmen
(Kongmoon)

Kaiping
(Hoiping)

Taishan
(Toishan, Sunning)

Xinhui
(Sunwui)

Zhongshan
(Chungshan, Shekki)

Zhuhai

Your experience begins here...

Day 1: Wednesday, 6 March 2019 | Arrive Hong Kong

No activities are planned for today and you are welcome to fly in at any time. Two nights in Hong Kong.

Day 2: Thursday, 7 March 2019 | Hong Kong | B

This morning tour hosts Sophie Couchman and Kate Bagnall welcome you with an introductory talk on Hong Kong, the Pearl River Delta and their Australian connections. After lunch enjoy a Chinese Australian heritage walking tour to King Yin Lei, a heritage-listed mansion, and the scenic Hong Kong Cemetery. This evening is free for you to enjoy the sights of Hong Kong at your leisure.

Day 3: Friday, 8 March 2019 | Hong Kong – Jiangmen | BLD

After breakfast travel by ferry to the river port city of Jiangmen (3 hours), our first stop in mainland China. Jiangmen, or Kong Moon as it was known, is the historical heart of the See Yup (now Wuyi) district. After lunch visit the bilingual Wuyi Overseas Chinese Museum, before a dinner of local specialities. Overnight in Jiangmen.

Day 4: Saturday, 9 March 2019 | Jiangmen – Kaiping | BLD

Today visit Cangdong village in Kaiping to learn about village culture and heritage with architectural historian Dr Selia Tan and her team from the Cangdong Heritage Education Centre. Share a countryside lunch prepared by Cangdong locals before exploring the famous Kaiping *diaolou* (watchtowers) in beautiful Zili village. Three nights in Kaiping.

Day 5: Sunday, 10 March 2019 | Kaiping | BLD

Spend the whole day around Cangdong. In the morning, view local conservation efforts, including the rebuilt village temple and restored ancestral halls. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon of musical and cultural activities, ending with a Cantonese Opera performance under the banyan tree.

Day 6: Monday, 11 March 2019 | Kaiping | BLD

This morning visits magnificent Fengcai Tang, the ancestral hall of the Yu (Yee) clan, with Selia Tan. In the afternoon, explore a cluster of Australian Pan (Poon) family villages at Qiaotou and visit the market town of Yueshan, to indulge in a unique afternoon tea experience.

Day 7: Tuesday, 12 March 2019 | Kaiping – Taishan | BL

Spend this morning visiting the Majianglong World Heritage-listed *diaolou* village, Baihe Pier and Zhaoyangli village, which features in the first Chinese Australian novel published in 1909. After lunch, enjoy a free afternoon in Taicheng, the capital of Taishan county. Follow our self-guided walking tour of the old town or go on your own adventure. Two nights in Taishan.



Day 8: Wednesday, 13 March 2019 | Taishan | BLD

Guangdong is the home of dim sum, so we start with a yum cha breakfast in Taicheng before visiting Meijia Dayuan (a historic market square), Haikou Pier and the Silver Letter Museum. This afternoon explores further south towards the coastal town of Guanghai. Dinner at the picturesque Qianmanyuan restaurant at the Taishan Library.

Day 9: Thursday, 14 March 2019 | Taishan – Xinhui | BLD

Spend the day exploring ancestral villages of some well-known Chinese Australian merchant families. In Xinhui visit Wangchong village, home of merchant James Chen Ah Kew of Wahgunyah, followed by Zhuxiuyuan and Shachong in Zhongshan, the home villages of the Guo (Kwok) family of Wing On and the Ma (Mar) family of Sincere. Enjoy dinner at a famed local restaurant in Zhongshan. Two nights in Zhongshan.

Day 10: Friday, 15 March 2019 | Zhongshan | BD

Today you have the day to yourself to relax or explore the old town centre of Zhongshan, known as Shekki (Shiqi). Wander along historic Sunwen West Road and visit museums (including the excellent Xiangshan Commercial Culture Museum and the quirky China Radio Museum), a local temple or the Ming Dynasty Yandun Pagoda. This evening enjoy a stroll through Sanxi village followed by dinner with a historic twist.

Day 11: Saturday, 16 March 2019 | Zhongshan – Zhuhai | BD

Experience the Museum of the Former Residence of Sun Yat-sen and the Zhongshan Folklore Culture Museum in Cuiheng village, before lunch and free time at the new Zhuhai Opera House. This afternoon visit the Meixi Royal Stone Archways and house museum of Chinese Hawaiian merchant Chun Afong. Celebrate our final night together with a farewell dinner overlooking the lights of Xiangzhou harbour. Overnight in Zhuhai.

Day 12: Sunday, 17 March 2019 | Zhuhai – Hong Kong | B

After a farewell yum cha breakfast transfer to Jiuzhou Wharf for our ferry to Hong Kong (1 hour), where the tour concludes. On arrival in Hong Kong, Sophie and Kate will assist you to get to Hong Kong Station Airport Express or Central MTR.

\$5420pp twin share
Single room supplement: \$1,064* (subject to availability)

Inclusions

11 nights twin share accommodation with private facilities

Land transportation

Meals as specified in the itinerary
(11 x Breakfast, 7 x Lunch, 8 x Dinner)

Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary

Tour hosting by Dr Kate Bagnall and Dr Sophie Couchman, assisted by local experts

Prepaid gratuities

Exclusions

International airfares

China visa fee (Compulsory for Australian passport holders. This can be arranged by Active Travel at an additional cost of \$115.00 per person)

Travel insurance

Personal expenses, laundry, beverages, and meals not specified in the itinerary

Sightseeing not specified in the itinerary or undertaken during free time

Airport transfers

Any other items not mentioned above



Booking information

Securing your place A minimum number of tour guests is required to confirm and guarantee this tour's departure. Spaces are limited; book early to avoid disappointment.

All deposits and interim payments are non-refundable and no exemptions can be made for any tour guest who has paid a deposit and can no longer attend the tour. Progressive payments will be required for this tour.

Deposit \$500.00 per person upon booking your place on the tour

Interim payment: \$1,000.00 per person due within one week of the tour becoming a confirmed departure

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Travel insurance Travel insurance is required for all tour guests. We suggest taking out a comprehensive insurance policy on payment of your deposit to protect your non-refundable payments in the unlikely event of an unforeseen cancellation.

Disinclination to travel is not covered by travel insurance. It is the responsibility of each tour guest to ensure that their travel insurance covers their personal requirements and any pre-existing medical conditions.



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