# 踏水寻游

# 小水滴带动大旅游

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阳光、沙滩、漂流、峡谷、水上乐园……在 这个炎炎夏日里,你想与水来个亲密接触吗?如 果你想清凉度夏,那就跟我们一起去领略世界各 地的"亲水"地吧。不论是临水而居的亲水城 市,还是近水而娱的亲水场所,相信都能给你带 来独特而美妙凉爽体验。

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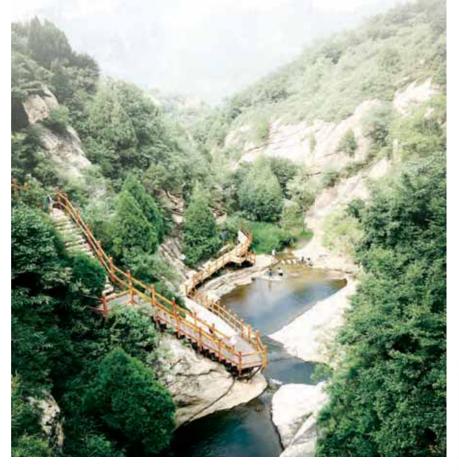
## <u>夏天游玩去哪儿?</u> 北京郊区这些亲水胜地最惬意!

都已经盛夏了,气温也逐渐升高,外出游玩去什么地方好呢?不如寻一方山青水秀之 地,融入山野,惬意地享受水边的清润、山野微风的凉爽。以下几个景致秀美,自然清爽的 景区,很适合全家人一起去。



清凉谷

清凉谷是一处以山水风光和水上娱 乐为主的风景区,景区全长四公里,由两 湖五瀑十三潭构成。大水域的清凉湖上碧 波荡漾,竹筏、游船停靠岸边,景色迷



人。这里水量充足,无论是干旱季节,还 是阴雨时候,游人至此都可以观看到那蔚 为壮观的清潭飞瀑。而且,潭瀑密集度 也大,在四公里的路段内分布着形状各 异、大小不同的五瀑十三潭。潭水清澈见 底,潭底小鱼悠然在水底游来游去。

距清凉谷大门口五公里的北方水帘 洞——千尺珍珠瀑,该瀑布呈水帘状, 水帘自上而下,似雾状,似珍珠,清凉 透顶,水急量大坡又陡,时隐时现呼啸 而下,有一种白练天边挂、飞流走脚下 的感觉。86米高而奇特的瀑布后面有一处 230米深的山洞,游人可穿过水帘进洞参 观探险,北方奇观,独此一处。初夏时 节,野花把大山点缀的多姿多彩,一片万 紫千红的景象。现在正是来此处游玩的好 时候,可以玩很多水上项目,也可以漫步 登山,观看山间的清泉瀑布,景色清新优 美。

门票:36元 地址:北京市密云区石城镇四合堂村 乘车路线:东直门长途汽车站坐980快车至密云鼓 楼站,原地往回走(往南红绿灯方向)30米乘密63 路到清凉谷下车即到。 自驾路线:北四环、北五环上京承高速(16出口) 密云城区出口水库方向(向北直行),过黑龙潭直 行13公里清凉谷屋区即到。



白龙潭

白龙潭风景区,地处燕山长城脚 下,距北京市一百公里。这里山灵水 秀,峰多石怪,叠潭垂锦,松柏满坡。历 代帝王将相、文人墨客,年年临此游览避 暑,这里设有"行宫",是北京往来承德 避暑山庄御道的必经之地。区内至今保存 着始建于北宋年间的五龙祠、建于元代的 龙泉寺、清乾隆皇帝的避暑行宫、万福山 等多处古迹,龙泉寺内还有戚继光的龙潭 序和李鸿章的碑刻。

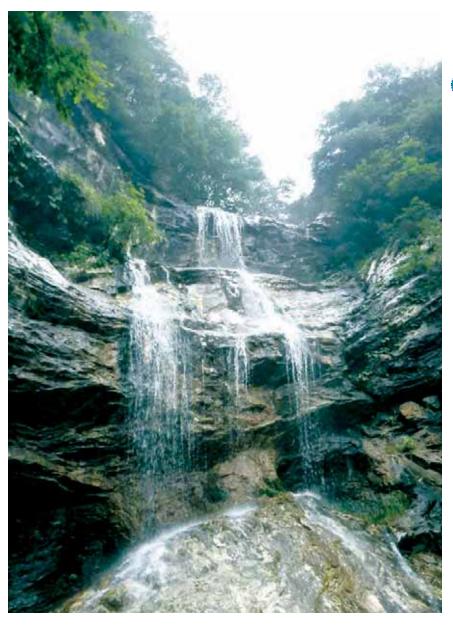
深不可测的白龙潭则位于一条10多 公里长的峡谷中。泉水沿43米高的天然峭 壁急落而下,飞帘溅玉,在三个大石阶 下面冲凿出三个圆圆的石潭,合称白龙 潭。阴雨天时,白龙潭白云缭绕,青山朦 胧,似有腾云驾雾的白龙莅临此地。白龙 潭山高林密,水资源丰富,气候凉爽宜 人,是度假休闲的好地方。 门票: 30元 地址:北京市密云区太师屯镇龙潭沟 乘车路线:乘坐游12路从东四十条(42路站)发车 直达,或从东直门外乘950到密云白龙潭站下车。 自驾路线:走京承高速,上101国道向承德方向行 驶20公里,见路标右转可到白龙潭景区。





確臼峪自然内景区,是中国首都大 地上的一颗宝珠,它既有长江三峡的峻 拔,也有桂林山水之秀丽。在崎岖的蜿蜒 的3公里沟壑内,遍布奇花异草、峻峰怪 石,散发着浓郁的野趣,確臼峪两侧山石 壁立,一水中流,故有京北"小三峡"之称。

確臼峪处处皆泉,清潭瀑布相接, 溪水缠绕,穿石越涧。这里是京郊的不 冻水,即使冬季也不会有冰潭冰境。整 条沟峪无巨树参天,但在峰顶、梁脊、岩 缝、溪涧等处绿色丛生,清草茵茵,如不 经意处几下勾抹,顿使山色增辉。此时正 值野花盛开,沟峪飘香,山色葱笼,水环 溪跳,是夏季游玩度假的惬意之所。 门票:20元
地址:北京市昌平区长陵镇十三陵名胜风景区西北
部山区
交通路线:市内乘886路公交车至昌平鼓楼东街换
乘昌55路至確白峪站即到。
自驾路线:八达岭高速公路—昌平西环岛—十三陵
长陵西行8公里。

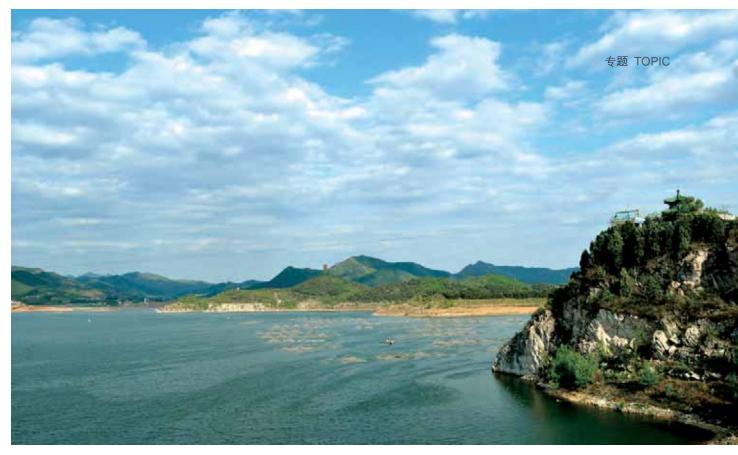




#### 濂泉响谷

濂泉响谷是集青山绿水、险峰峡谷、灵泉飞瀑、密林幽洞、奇山怪石于一地的自然风景区,距北京70公里,谷中流水飞泻,瀑布从天而降,四季泉水潺潺,回声不绝,故名濂泉响谷。景区内有5000米曲径,可见天宫洞、猫头山、三潭二瀑、神马场、五月冰川、寿龟负重、雁栖源头、原始次生林、问天台等多处景观。







#### 金海湖

金海湖原是在1679年大地震中断裂 出来的峡谷,后经过诸多改造,形成了 如今北京市的第三大水库。以金海湖为 中心,周围峰峦叠翠,野卉生香,云影波 光,美景如画。这里湖面开阔,有近万亩 水域。

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景区内有多种水上运动项目,年 轻人在此处可选择游船、快艇、水上飞 伞、脚踏船、手划船、大型水滑梯、皮划 艇等运动项目。或悠闲或刺激,绝对放松 身心。在景区外面有很多家度假村和农 家,湖边也有很多或欧式童话城堡、或禅 院风格、或农家风格的客栈民宿,是京郊 周末放松出游的好地方。  □票: 门票30元;另有联票:门票+游船85元/人, 门票+快艇85元/人,门票+快艇+游船120元/人,门 票+快艇+滑索106元/人。
地址:北京市平谷区夏各庄村
乘车路线:每天早7:30从东直门918总站发旅游专 车分别至金海湖、大峡谷、大溶洞景区;
自驾线路:望和桥走京承高速后沙峪下,到枯柳树 环岛右转,走顺平路(顺义到平谷),行程约85公 里后达景区。

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## 临水而居的"东方夏威夷"

位于海南岛最南端的三亚,是中国 少有的具有浓郁热带风情的城市,被人们 称为"东方夏威夷"。这里不仅是中国最 著名的旅游城市之一,也是全国最长寿的 地区之一,平均寿命高达80岁。

三亚是海南省南部的中心城市和交 通通信枢纽,也是中国东南沿海对外开放 黄金海岸线上最南端的对外贸易重要口岸 之一,聚居了汉、黎、苗等20多个民族。 由于三亚位于海南岛最南端,又因三亚河 东西两条河际合于此,成"丫"字形,故 取名"三亚"。

三亚的吃住、游玩基本集中在南部 沿海城镇,其中尤以亚龙湾、大东海、三 亚湾三个大区最有人气。



三亚的四大海湾中,名气最大的当 属亚龙湾,如今已成为海南旅游的一张名 片。亚龙湾离三亚市区28公里,分为酒店 区域和游客区域(即海底世界),水质 和沙滩都很一流。酒店区域指的是各高档 酒店的私家沙滩,虽然没有规定,但只有 住店客人才能游玩,才可以免费使用沙滩 椅。

游客可以直接在沙滩上铺条浴巾, 享受日光浴,躺着听海浪声。这里享有 "天下第一湾"的美誉,同时也是国际 高档度假酒店的聚集地。这里全年阳光灿 烂,沙滩洁白柔细,周边的餐饮等配套设 施齐备,是三亚品质最好的沙滩。

**交通:** 乘坐15/24/25/27路公交直达亚龙湾,告知售 票员是在海底世界下车或是某个酒店下车便可。



如果觉得在亚龙湾不够热闹,躺在 沙滩上晒太阳还不够过瘾,那不如来大东 海。这是一个让你更好融入晒太阳的地 方,比基尼美女三三两两,络绎不绝。

大东海位于三亚市的榆林港和鹿 回头之间,是三亚首家零收费开放式景 区,已成为三亚的一处标志。大东海的水 质和沙滩虽比不上亚龙湾,但是沙滩上和 海里从来都有不少人。此外,三亚市民都 喜欢来这儿,离市区近,非常方便。外来 游客住在大东海附近的也非常多,性价比 很高。

**交通**:乘坐2/4/8/15/17/19/25/28/30/31路公交在夏日 百货(大东海广场)站下车即可,步行5分钟到海 边。







三亚湾又叫"椰梦长廊",是欣赏 夕阳的绝佳地点,同时这里是众多影楼拍 婚纱照的外景地,随处可见穿着婚纱的新 人摆着各种造型。与亚龙湾相比,三亚湾 的沙滩上没有躺椅,不过,这里很少人会 选择躺在沙滩上晒太阳,倒是不少人在沙 滩旁的椰林里休息,也别有一番情趣。

在三亚湾,下午可以在椰梦长廊漫 步,欣赏椰树成林、景色如画的二十里长 的滨海大道,傍晚可以观赏三亚湾独有的 渔家拉网活动,晚上可在室外的吊床中入 睡,海风习习,椰林轻摇。

交通:6/21/24/25/26路公交直接到达,海月广场、 碧海蓝天站下车均可。



蜈支洲,也叫蜈支洲岛,古称"古 崎洲",又名"情人岛"。蜈支洲岛四周 海水能见度在6至27米,拥有无数色彩斑 斓的热带鱼及迷人的珊瑚礁,是三亚乃至 全国的"最佳潜水基地"。

蜈支洲最著名的景点当属"情人 桥",其中,情人桥是贺岁片《私人订 制》重要拍摄地,原是座铁索桥,是当年 守岛部队的海上瞭望点。走在铁索桥上摇 摇晃晃的,需要几分胆量和机灵。有些 女孩子想过桥到瞭望点体验一下,又怕 掉进海水里,过桥时紧紧抓住朋友的手不 放,因此这桥又被戏称为"情人桥"。后 来为客人安全着想,将原来的铁索桥改造 成现在的木板桥。如今,这里依旧成为情 侣们最向往的地方。







西岛又名"玳瑁岛",玳瑁岛,位 于三亚湾内,全岛面积2.8平方公里,是 海南省沿海仅次于大洲岛的第二大岛屿。 西岛距三亚市区约30分钟车程,在天涯海 角旁边,交通非常方便,码头坐快艇或 者游艇约10分钟即可上岛。这里海水能见 度很高、沙滩细白柔软、海底生物丰富、 海上娱乐项目齐全,虽然没有蜈支洲的名 气大,但也成为海南最美海岛之一。

西岛海上项目相比于蜈支洲更便 宜,性价比很高,特别是西岛的一价全包 产品,时间安排合理的话,大部分都可以 玩。 对于喜欢海钓的朋友,西岛绝对是 个不错的选择。西岛东面建有几个垂钓平 台,可容纳100多人同时钓鱼,提供上百 套轻便好使的钓具,此外,景区还配有经 验丰富的钓鱼师随时进行指导。

■ 西岛官方门票:140元/人、交通:可乘坐16/24/25 路公交直达:自驾很方便,一路指示很清楚:乘坐 出租车从市区出发约50-60元。一日游:含往返接 送+门票+船票+导游费用,比门票价还便宜很多, 性价比非常高,值得推荐。



▲**吉岛旅行** <sup>临水而居</sup>在这些渔村才能感受到真正的海

现在的青岛已然进入旅游旺季,各景点人流量开始增多,这里推荐人少、景美的小渔村,告别人山人海。这里犹如室外桃园一般,远离城市的喧嚣,一山一海怡然自得,不喧不闹淳朴悠然。

#### 雕龙嘴村

这是一个古朴宁静的小渔村,依山 傍海,风景秀丽。当地村民种茶捕鱼、养 殖海参,几十年来一直保持着原生态的生 活方式。

这里好多家庭别墅都建在村子里的 制高点上,站在别墅房间、阳台可以一览 无余淳朴小渔村全貌,红瓦、绿树、港湾 码头。

#### 青山渔村

三面环海,依山而建,地理位置和 自然景观优越。当地居民自古以来以出海 捕鱼和种茶为生。

蓝天、碧海、青山相映成辉。青 山、梯田、茶园、村落、渔港、海湾、海 洋、海岛相互映衬、高低错落,共同形成 了一道层次分明、错落有致的优美渔村风 景。

#### 沙子口

沙子口位于青岛市区东部,全境 在崂山巨峰西南部,为进出崂山之南大 门。域内山清水秀,冬无严寒,夏无酷 暑,实乃祖国东陲之胜地。

这里自然资源丰富,沙子口渔港的 名气更是在坊间流传,海货一上岸马上就 被抢光,新鲜的很。





#### 仰口

在崂山的外靠海的一面生活着好几 个村落的渔民,他们的生活虽然简单朴 素,但是在这沾有仙气的地方住久了,人 都自有些灵气了。

仰口景区就在海边,可以看到无敌 的海景,蜿蜒的海岸线,同时可以吹到海 风,沙滩细软平缓,碧浪轻拍金沙滩。海 底美玉绿如墨,白帆点点海云间。

#### 崂山东港村

东港村位于王哥庄街道办事处驻地 东2公里,东临黄海。由于不是什么著名 景点,所以游人不多,但是渔家宴却不 少。从市区沿滨海公路1个多小时的车 程,是垂钓休闲的好去处。

#### 返岭村

这里三面环山,一面临海,山上奇

石林立、山花烂漫、绿树成荫。海岸蜿蜒 曲折、碧海辽阔无际,组成了绚丽的山海 景观。

这里依山傍海,景色宜人,别墅成 群。盛产几十种海产品,想吃海鲜的小伙 伴到这来准没错。

#### 东麦窑村

东麦窑有些普通、却又时常在平凡 中透露着平实的温馨。村里的房子顺应地 势而建,一条小溪从山上顺流而下,穿梭 于村庄之间。房子多数是石块砌成,屋顶 的红瓦掩映在几十年的老树之中,偶尔还 有植物藤蔓翻过墙头"看光景"。

青板鱼和银白小鱼是这里最常见的 鱼类,每年清明前后,渔民都会撒网捕 捞,以添美味。靠山吃山,靠海吃海,过 平凡的日子,珍惜幸福的生活,是这里最 真实写照。

#### 鱼鸣嘴

鱼鸣嘴是位于薛家岛的一个海湾, 此名因陆地尖尖地插入黄海深处,状似鱼 嘴,故得名。

这里三面环海,在岸边举目四望, 片片白帆,西南风盛行的季节,大海波浪 翻滚,惊涛拍岸。势如万马奔腾,颇为壮 观,有"鱼嘴雪浪"之称。

#### 红岛

集旅游观光、耕海牧渔、渔家民 俗、休闲度假、健身娱乐等为主题的滨海 旅游区,素有"碧海蓝天一片绿,鸟语花 香旅游地"之美誉。

这里的蛤蜊在全青岛都有名,末货 也是数一数二。今年红岛黄澜海滩上来 了不少捉蟹人,这里的野生螃蟹也特别 多。



## 墨尔本 冒险无处不在

在"全球最宜居住城市"的美誉 背后,现代、优雅、文艺的墨尔本还 蕴含着另一种令人向往的反转魅力, 这便是其所被世界无数冒险家和旅行 者所热捧的亲水运动了。不论是在著 名的大洋路贝尔斯海滩体验冲浪乐 趣;在菲利普岛上观赏企鹅们的憨态 登陆,还是在南部威尔逊岬国家公 园探迷海底世界......墨尔本总能为 我们带来一场刺激、愉悦的特别亲 水之旅的。



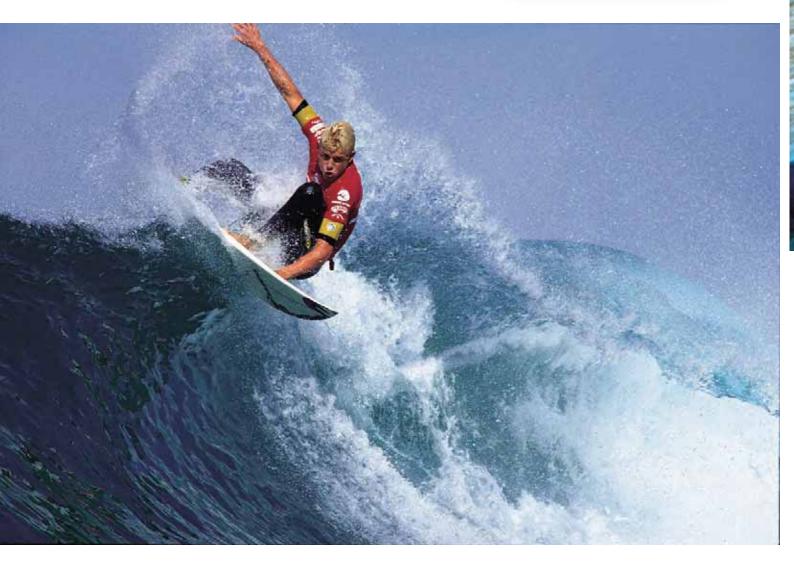
作为进入世界著名大洋公路后所到 的第一个知名海滩,贝尔斯向来都是冲浪 者们心中的梦想之地。因为,平时看起来 优美、静谧的她,当每年都会举行的里普 柯尔冲浪锦标赛来临之际,便会摇身一 变,成为热闹非凡的盛大游乐地和全球 焦点。自1962年起,这里就已经开始举办 此次比赛了,到今天已愈50届,真可谓是 "天生的亲水圣地"了。人们在这里不仅 可以观赏到各国众多高水平竞技者的冲浪 绝技,也可以畅游海滩,亲自和大海来一 次零距离接触。因此,我们也就把这里定 为了此次墨尔本亲水之旅的第一站。

要说贝尔斯最吸引人的地方,那就 是清澈、壮丽且气势磅礴的海浪了。由于 海滩周围高耸的红色粘土峭壁众多,浪花 有时可达到数米甚至十几米之高。并且中 心海域相对平稳,浪潮扁平的同时也拥有 极为适合冲浪的完美高度,所以很多冲浪 爱好者只要来到大洋路探险,就一定得去 贝尔斯海滩一试身手。值得一提的是,缘 于秋冬季节是最适合冲浪的时候,所以 在北半球最炎热的7月来此将再合适不过 了。

与此同时,这里的优美景致也是我

们选择到此游玩的重要原因之一。蔚蓝的 海水与天地交融,给人一种海天一色的梦 幻氛围。而金黄色的海滩也如钻石般散发 着璀璨光亮,如果你正赶上黄昏时在此 散步,粉霞下的夕阳景致更是与碧海、沙 滩勾勒出了一派如痴如醉的曼妙风景,让 人仿佛置身画中世界般赏心悦目、心旷神 怡。

大洋路是世界著名的海滨公路之一。优美的景致和 在悬崖峭壁中开辟而成的特点,是其能被探险者们 青睐的重要原因。沿途除了贝尔斯海滩外,十二门 徒石景观也是人气颇高的观赏去处。这里耸立在海 上的12根巨型高大岩柱,让人很容易联想到耶稣的 十二个徒弟,并因此得名。而每当群鸟盘旋其上之 时,独特美景中所流露的神圣、庄重氛围,更是让 人莫名起敬与感动。







菲利普岛

为了能观赏到世界上最小的企鹅。 我们赶在下午六点半前,就来到了当地 最萌的亲水胜地菲利普岛了。在海天一 线,夕阳西沉, 霞彩普天的美丽景致之 后,蔚蓝海岸和悬壁怪石相映下,成年后 身长也只有30cm的小企鹅们也开始纷纷 出来觅食了。由于这里是它们少有的栖息 地之一,所以能有幸看到它们整个族群登 陆的壮景,也的确算得上是一次难得的 "冒险"了。

当然,为了保护这些小生命的健康,只要是进入观赏区,都是不允许拍照的,因为相机的曝光会直接影响或伤害企鹅们的眼睛,影响视力,所以一定要特别注意。在上岸过程中,它们要被冲回大海十几次才能成功抵达目的地。虽然小企鹅们会左右摇摆、步履蹒跚,却也因此更为可爱。一些企鹅被卷上海滩后,只需1、2秒钟便可以重新站起来,然后迅速整理一下方队,又接着迈着稳健、端庄的步伐向岸边走来,一队方阵刚离开沙滩,又有一

队方阵排列起来不断行进上岸,最多时甚 至可达到3000 余只。一离开沙滩登上斜 坡,企鹅们就开始各自分散走向自己的巢 穴,虽离开了群体,却也井然有序,纹丝 不乱。据说每个巢穴底下还是相通的,里 面居住着无数嗷嗷待哺的企鹅幼崽,此 时,它们也将纷纷伸出小脑袋,等待着双 亲带回来的美味大餐。

**TTPS** 要看小企鹅的话要先到票务中心去买票。普通票 是晚上专门观赏它们的。游客大约要在7点左右到 指定地点集合,然后才能按顺序依次进场观看。此 外,因为整个观赏过程是禁止拍照的,所以倘如你 想要合影留念的话,可以回到大厅,那里有个专门 拍照的台子,人们可以在绿色背景下摆好照片,然 后工作人员会把小企鹅P图上去的。



这个当地著名的野生生物天堂是最 能满足挑剔动物爱好者兴趣的绝佳旅行 地。洁白的沙滩,茂密的热带雨林,保存 完好的步行道......均为我们提供了一个探 险丛林、接触大自然的好去处。除了如袋 熊、针鼹、锦鹦和其他本土动物以外, 公园内的海底世界也是全新寻到的冒险之 地。

据科学家和相关潜水员的研究和探测发现,此片海域100米以下拥有着一片 广阔、绚丽的奇幻世界。在此潜水不仅可 以观赏到无数巨大的珊瑚礁体及房屋般大 的卵石、山脊和洞穴,还可以寻找到像澳 大利亚梭鱼、长吻帆鳍鱼等珍稀鱼类的身 影。此外,威尔逊岬国家公园水下的珊瑚 种类也多的完全超乎想象,甚至都能与著 名的大堡礁相媲美。









## 清爽一夏 釜山海洋节&釜山国际魔术节

夏天已到,釜山海云台海海水浴场,松岛海水浴场,广安里等各大海水浴场相继开放。 也预示着盛夏的正式来临!每至夏日,热浪习习,还能不能好好的玩耍啦。



作为海滨城市的釜山,夏日凉爽无 比,徐徐的海风吹散人心头的烦热!同时 8月开始举办的釜山海洋节更是精彩纷 呈!这个夏日的釜山不仅让你身体感到清 爽,更让你的心爽歪歪!究竟今年的釜山 海洋节会有什么活动,跟随小釜一起来探 究下吧! 首先来简单介绍下釜山海洋节。为 宣传海洋文化城市釜山,自1996年举办第 一届海洋节,时至今日已经有20多年了, 可是说是韩国最早的综合观光庆典。

海洋节以釜山著名海水浴场海云台 海水浴场为首,在松亭海水浴场,松岛海 水浴场,广安里海水浴场等一海洋为主题 分别进行各种竞技活动以及公演活动。

今年的21届釜山海洋节将在8月1日 举行至8月7日举行,为期一周。所有到访 釜山的游客都可以免费参与各种庆典,尽 情享受釜山带来的夏日清爽。

是不是已经很期待了呢?庆典活动怎 么能少得了公演活动呢?这里提前给大家 透露一下今年釜山海洋节都会有哪些精 彩的公演!分别是玄人歌谣节,7080我爱 我家演唱会,CASS blue summer concert, 2016开放音乐会,盛夏浪漫演唱会,釜山 国际HIPHOP演唱会等。

夏日最凉爽的就是与"水"为伍。 除了大海还有什么可以自己更清爽!那就 来参加釜山海洋节期间的"泼水节"吧! 不仅是"湿身"还很"减压"。

旁边一排白色小房子是为游客提供 的指南小册子,都是为海外游客而准备的 各种翻译版本。同时还有海上急救应急 室,为大家的节日提供安全保障。

节日过程中路边也有各种有关海洋 主题的小饰物。买来当纪念品也是非常实 惠的。





这里要特别隆重的说下釜山国际魔 术庆典。作为具有国际性的釜山国际魔术 节,时至2016年也是第11个年头了。今年的 国际魔术节将于8月4日到7日间举行。今年 的舞台将设立在釜山电影殿堂内,同时, 还将会有全世界各地高手魔术师前来。

今年的釜山国际魔术节主题为 "secret of hands"。这也是为什么我们看 到的今年宣传海报是手与繁星了。喜欢魔 术的朋友可不要错过今年釜山举行的国际 魔术节啦。

釜山国际魔术节为了让观众们看到 精彩的魔术表演,组委会进行了事前视频 审核,然后会在釜山文化馆再次进行现场 审核。届时选出的魔术高手与来自各国魔 术师一同竞技高下。







曼谷,是泰国首都和最大城市,曾有朋友问我曼谷的别称,我熟练地告诉他是"天使之城"。后来才知道,泰国人称 曼谷为"军帖",意思是"天使之城"。但若是将其泰文全称 转为拉丁文,则长达142个字母,其意为:"天使之城、伟大的 都市、玉佛的宿处、坚不可摧的城市、被赠予九块宝石的世界 大都会"等。

喜欢曼谷,不仅因为它"天使之城"的别称,更是因为 这里天堂般的享受。通过地图,我们可以看出其水陆相间的格 局,这里有"东方威尼斯"之称,十多条河道蜿蜒流经市区, 乘着长尾船游荡在运河之上,看两岸起起伏伏熙熙攘攘。

曼谷是离不开水的,曼谷人更是离不开水。他们相信,每 条河流每片水泽中都住着神灵。曼谷地势低洼且多河流,湄南 河是曼谷人的母亲河,纵贯南北,把曼谷一分为二,最后汇入 泰国湾。后来,曼谷人顺势挖了许多运河,到了十九世纪,已 经成为河道纵横的水上都城。随处可见河上舟楫如梭,货运频 仍,极具特色的水上集市也早已形成。

水上集市,就是我们常说的漂浮集市、水上人家等,是泰 国具有民俗特色的旅游景观,更是曼谷的一张"名片",了解 曼谷最方便最直接的地方大概就是这里。

安帕瓦水上市场是常被提起的一个。头上太阳晒,脚下水 气蒸,戴斗笠的女人们驾舟穿梭于狭窄的水道中,高声叫卖。 附近的居民和游客纷至沓来,或立岸招手,或上舟挑选,讨价 还价。一时间,人声鼎沸,欢声笑语。

这里的各种小吃在泰国可是首屈一指,临河有不少见证历 史的民居作为家庭旅馆,可亲身体验当地水上人家的生活。白 天的喧嚣过后,找个河边的咖啡馆,静静地喝杯咖啡,听听音 乐,完全异样的感受。

说安帕瓦水上市场有特色,主要是因为这里是泰国的"萤

火虫之乡"。夜幕降临,坐着长尾船离开热闹的水上市场,慢 慢进入湄公河茂密森林的无边黑幕。当眼睛逐渐适应了黑暗环 境,船静静地靠岸滑行;突然发现周围满树的萤火虫像圣诞树 一样莹莹闪亮,这是一种怎样的神奇!

最让游客们期待的,还是清晨,民众可以为划船而来的 僧人们布施食物,在僧人的祈祷中远离内心的贪念。僧侣接受 了布施食物之后,会为民众念上一段经文祈祷,而布施者则始 终保持着双手合十,那是对僧侣对佛义的尊敬。清晨的水上布 施,是泰民族对传统文化最深刻的坚持!

曼谷丹嫩沙多漂浮市场也是各类游记中出镜率较高的水上 市场,号称泰文化的"水上主题公园",有超过100年的历史。 与安帕瓦水上市场只有周末才热闹不同,丹嫩沙多水上市场每 天都很热闹。尤其是早上,在这里可以感受到泰国水上交易的 一种气氛,船上的商贩已经活动自如,不管是买卖东西,还是 在船上煮东西,都动作娴熟。这里经商的小贩,只要你的一个 眼神,他们就会很快的划船驶向你,感觉什么事情都是一个眼 神就能达到。

为了保护本国文化和吸引旅游者,泰国政府在1868年拉玛 四世时代开通的拉查达慕里府丹嫩沙多运河上建成了这一座集 市。在两岸热带树木茂盛的运河里,几条载有蔬菜水果的船在 狭窄的水道里穿梭。船上,劳动妇女们戴着独特的草帽,大声 地吆喝叫卖。在高峰期,这样的小商船和载客的小船在运河上 会造成河道交通堵塞,形成一道热闹的风景。



曼谷其他水上市场推荐:

#### 7 Khlong Lat Mayom Floating Market

它主要是水道旁的市场,非常大,很多卖吃的,分了好几 区,可以逛很久,推荐它游船河的行程,在水道上参观当地的 建筑,很贴近当地的生活,也是一个不错的选择。

#### **2** Tha Kha Floating Market

很地道的水上市集,保留了传统水市的生活方式。每月定 期5、10、15、20、25号与假日的早上营业。

#### **3** Taling Chan Floating Market

位于曼谷市郊(Thonburi区)的一个小型水上市场,距离曼 谷只要半个小时的车程。多为当地人前往,周末有市集,售卖 各种特色小食。可以搭小船游玩,历时约2小时,沿途多为当地 人家,能够体验水上人家真实的生活情景。

#### **Don Wai Floating Market**

超有历史感的水上市场,已经超过百年了,过去商人在此 以船只穿梭做交易。如果想欣赏水上市场的全景,可以到码头 游一趟船河,欣赏河岸边贫民木屋及富贵豪宅,迎面而来的舢 舨向你售卖各种小吃,体验最原始的水上市集风味。此外,你 更可带上面包喂饲鱼儿,河中主要是白塘虱,当地人相信见到 此鱼可以带来好运。





#### 5 Ayothaya Floating Market

这个人工建造的水上市场,目前是泰国人周末假日休闲好 去处。这里没有在水上穿梭叫卖的船只,只有一些被固定好的 小舟,但是好吃、好玩、好买的却少不了!

#### 6 Ayutthaya Klong Sa Bua Floating Market

这里是比较传统的泰国人市集,也是泰国占地面积最大的 水上市场,整个水上市场古香古色,有很多泰式建筑。共分为 22个区,包括手工艺品、家具、衣物、食品等。此外,每个星 期五、六、日,你还能在这里欣赏到最传统的泰国歌舞表演, 也别忘了品尝这里的一种特色小食品,薄饼卷糖丝。

#### **7** Bang Nam Pheung Floating Market

这座水上市场,严格来说是河的两岸上的市集。环绕的森 林中的市场,带给人一种灵气的感觉,有各种小吃、美食、手 工艺品等。

#### 8 Bang Noi Floating Market

离Amphawa水上市场不远的Bang Noi 水上市场是一座有着 上百年历史的水上市场。这里没有Amphawa的嘈杂,但却有着 许多有意思的纪念品和美食。Bang Noi 市集只在周末开放,从 早上8点到傍晚。如果想体验较传统,又不需与其他旅客人挤人 的你,这绝对是你的最佳选择.

## Pursuing Water for Leisure Water, a Key Element in Tourism

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Sunshine, beaches, rafting, canyons, water parks..... In this scorching hot summer, why don't you have close contact with water? Join us for a lot about various water resorts around the world. Be it a city close by the water or a recreational water facility, all of them will offer you a cool experience that you will never forget.

## Where to go in Beijing to Water Resorts in the Subury s S



#### Qingliang Valley (Cool Valley)

Cool Valley is a scenic area combining natural landscapes and water recreational facilities. The area is four kilometers long with two lakes, five waterfalls and thirteen ponds. Near the vast Qingliang Lake, rippling waves, bamboo rafts and cruises form a grand picture. Here, water is plentiful. No matter if it is the dry or rainy season, visitors can always appreciate the spectacular waterfalls and pools. Ponds and waterfalls in different shapes and sizes neighbor each other in the valley. Fish swim freely in the crystal-clear water. Summer is already here. With rising temperatures, where shall we go for fun? Why not look for a place with green mountains and clear water, and immerse yourself into the wild to enjoy the cool breeze by the water. The following natural sceneries are good for family outings.

Five kilometers away from the northern gate of Qingliang Valley, the Pearl Waterfall pours down swiftly from top to bottom, like a curtain. It is misty and downright cool. The roaring waterfall looks like a sheet of white silk hanging down from the sky with torrential streams flowing at an impressive rate. Behind the 86-meter-high waterfall hides a 230-meter-long cave. Visitors can enter the cave through the water curtain to explore the inside of this natural wonder in Northern China. In early summer, wildflowers decorate the mountains in a blaze of colors. It is a good time now to come here and have fun. Visitors can enjoy water sports, mountain hiking or just observe the clear streams and waterfalls with a peaceful mind.

Ticket: 36 RMB

Add: Sihetang Village, Shicheng Town, Miyun District, Beijing

**Bus route:** take Bus 980 Express at Dongzhimen Long-distance Bus terminal to Gulou Station in Miyun District. Walk southward in the direction of the traffic lights for 30 meters and take Bus 63 and get off at Qingliang Valley.

Driving route: Enter Jingcheng Expressway from the northern section of Fourth or Fifth Ring Road, get off the expressway at Exit 16 and head north in the direction of the reservoir. At Black Dragon Pond, drive straightforward for another 13 kilometers to arrive at Qingliang Valley.



#### White Dragon Pond

The White Dragon Pond Scenic Area is located at the foot of the Great Wall at Yanshan Mountain, a hundred kilometers from the urban districts of Beijing. There are green mountains and clear waters. Peaks are plentiful and rocks are strangely shaped. Silk-like water falls into numerous ponds with lush pine trees on the slopes. In ancient times, emperors, officials, and scholars all came here to escape the summer heat. White Dragon Pond was the location where emperors stopped over on their way to the summer resort in Chengde, Hebei Province. Inside the scenic area, there are Five-Dragon Temple of the Northern Song Dynasty (960—1127), Dragon Spring Temple of the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), temporary imperial palace of Qinglong Emperor of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912), Ten Thousand Happiness Mountain, etc. The Dragon Spring Temple still keeps the Dragon Pond Preface by Qi Jiguang, a national hero of the Ming Dynasty and inscriptions by Li Hongzhang, a reformist and leading official of the late Qing Dynasty.

Unfathomable White Dragon Pond is located at a more-than-10km-long valley. Springs swoop down the 43-meter high cliff. Years of effort have molded the three large rocks into three round ponds, collectively known as the White Dragon Pond. In rainy days, the swirling clouds and hazy mountains make people feel as if a white dragon is arriving wrapped in the clouds. In White Dragon Pond Scenic Area, high mountains, dense forests, rich water resources, comfortable weather elevate the place as an ideal holiday destination.

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of Bus No.42) at Dongsi Shitiao; or take Bus 950 at Dongzhimenwai and get off at Bailongtan Stop (White Dragon Pond Stop)

**Driving Route:** Take Jingcheng Expressway and get on State Road 101 heading for the direction of Chengde for 20 kilometers and turn right at the Sign heading for White Dragon Pond Scenic Area.

#### Duijiuyu

Duijiuyu Scenic Area, a treasure engraved on the land of China's capital, is proud to have the steepness of the Three Gorges on the Yangtze River and the charming landscape of Guilin in Southwest China. The 3-kilometer winding ravine, unique flora, steep mountains and grotesque stones present visitors with a strong flavor of the wild. The high cliffs on both sides of the water has won Duijiuyu the name of "Mini Three Gorges" of northern Beijing. Springs are found everywhere in Duijiuyu. Clear ponds and waterfalls follow one another. Streams zigzag through stones in the valley. The magical phenomenon is that the water here does not freeze even in winter. Inside the ravine, there are no huge trees, but greenery everywhere on the peaks and in between the rocks. When it's the season of wild flowers, the fragrance and the flowing streams strengthen the place as refreshing site for early summer.

#### Ticket: 20 RMB

Add: Mountain area northwest to the Thirteen Tombs, Changling Town, Changping District, Beijing **Bus Route:** Take Bus 886 to Gulou Dongjie in Changping and transfer to the bus Chang 55, and get off at Duijiuyu Stop.

**Driving Route:** Badaling Expressway to Changping West Roundabout and go westward for 8 kilometers via Changling of the Thirteen Tombs.



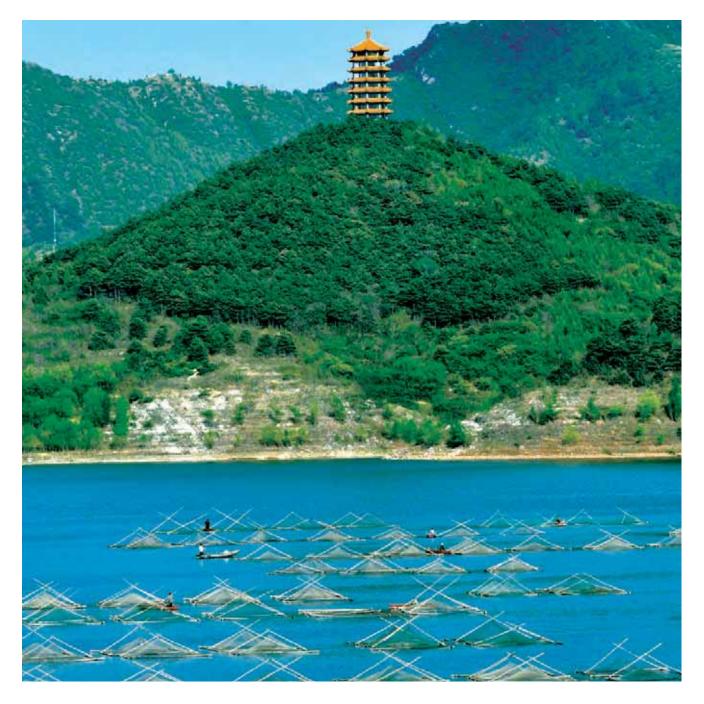
#### Lian Quan Xiang Gu

Lian Quan Xiang Gu is a natural scenic area combining green mountains, clear springs and waterfalls, dense forests and strange rocks in one location. 70 kilometers outside Beijing city area, visitors can find flying waterfalls in the valley with the resounding springs in all four seasons. That's why the place is named Lian Quan Xiang Gu, meaning "clear springs and resounding valleys." A winding path inside the valley takes visitors to various scenic spots, Sky Palace Cave, Owl Hill, Iceberg in May, Secondary Forest, Questioning Sky Platform, and so on.

The scenic area has courtyard houses, Mongolian tents, wood cabins, dining halls, shops, a spring bath, a karaoke center, etc, which cater to the holiday needs of all family members.

#### Ticket: 15 RMB

Add: Dadahe County, Huairou District, Beijing Bus route: Take Bus 916 from Dongzhimen and get off at Beidajie in Huairou and transfer to H12 and get off at Lian Quan Xiang Gu. Driving route: Take Jingshun Road and turn right at Yanqi Roundabout and drive for about 20 kilometers.



#### Jinhai Lake

Jinhai Lake was originally a canyon that resulted from the strong earthquake that hit the area in 1679. After a lot of transformation, it is today's third largest reservoir in Beijing. With Jinhai Lake as the center, the area is surrounded by emerald mountain tops, wild flowers, and shimmering water waves. The water area of Jinhai Lake is about 6.5 square kilometers.

There are a variety of water sports in the

area. Young people can choose a yacht, speed boat, flying parachute on water, pedal boat, rowboat, large water slide, canoe, to name a few. Whether you want to relax or stimulate your adrenaline, absolute relaxation is guaranteed. Outside the resort, there are many holiday inns and farm houses. By the lakeside, there are also European fairy-tale castles, temple-style guesthouses or B&B. With so many options, Jinhai Lake is a fun place for people with different budgets.

Ticket: 30 RMB; Packages: entrance ticket + cruise 85 RMB/person; entrance ticket +speed boat +cruise 120 RMB/person; entrance ticket +speed boat +aerial runway 106 RMB/person

Add: Xiagezhuang Village, Pinggu District, Beijing Bus Route: Take a tour bus for Jinhai Lake, Da Xia Gu (Big Canyon), Darongdong(Big Cave)at Dongzhimen's 918 bus terminal at 7:30 am every day

Driving route: Enter Jingcheng Expressway at Wanghe Bridge and exit at Houshayu. Turn right at Kuliushu Roundabout onto Shunping Road (Shunyi to Pinggu) and drive for about 85 kilometers to arrive at the scenic area.





### Sanya, the Oriental Hawaii

Sanya sits on the southernmost tip of Hainan Island. It is one of the few Chinese cities characterized by tropical features, and is nicknamed "Hawaii of the Orient". Sanya is also known as the City of Longevity, as the average life span of local residents is 80 years.

Sanya is an important transportation hub in southern Hainan as well as a major port of foreign trade along the golden coastline. It is home to people of more than 20 ethnicities including the Han, Li and Miao. Two rivers join each other here in Sanya, forming a capital letter Y.

Accommodation and entertainment facilities are mostly found in the southern districts, including Sanya Bay, Dadonghai and Yalong Bay.



Among the four major bays, Yalong is the most popular. In fact, it is often used as the namecard for Sanya. Yalong Bay is 28 kilometers from the downtown area of Sanya City. It consists of a hotel

zone and visitors' zone (The World Under the Sea). The hotel zone refers to the hotels and their private beaches. Although no one says the beaches are accessible to hotel guests only, the beach chairs are indeed for their exclusive use.

From here, visitors can enter Yalong Bay and lie down on a towel, or simply on the sands, which are white in color and of superb quality. The beach is complete with shops offering food and drinks.



Transportation: Take Bus No. 15/24/25/27. Disembark at "The World Under the Sea" or any



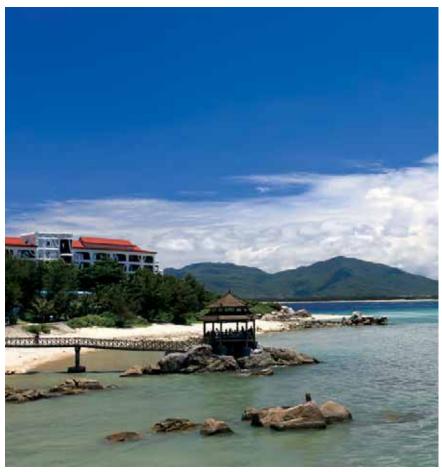
If Yalong Bay is not as exciting and lively as you expect, come to Dadonghai then.

Dadonghai is located between Yulinggang and Luhuitou, and is the first free-admission scenic area in Sanya. The water and sand is not as good quality as those in Yalong Bay, but the beaches are never short of people, local residents and outside visitors alike. Dadonghai is close to Sanya City, so people find it easier to come by.



**Transportation:** Take Bus No. 2/4/8/15/17/19/ 25/28/30/31 and disembark at Xiari Department Store. Dadonghai is just 5 minutes away on foot.





Sanya Bay

Sanya Bay is also called "Long Passage of Coconut Dreams" and it is an ideal venue for watching sunset. Many young couples take their wedding pictures here. You may not find deck chairs on the beach, but many people lie down on the sand or hide themselves in the shades of the coconut trees.

It is great to spend the afternoon walking along the 10-kilomete-long seaside road while appreciating the coconut trees on both sides. At dusk, come and take a look at the fish-netting event at Sanya Bay. When it is time to go to bed, you can sleep in a hammock outdoors to feel the sea breezes going by.



**Transportation:** Take Bus No 6/21/24/25/26 and disembark at Haiyue Guangchang or Bihai Lantian.



Wuzhizhou is also called Love Island. The visibility of the water surrounding the island is between 6 and 27 meters. Colorful tropical fish and corals enliven the water here, making it one of the best places for snorkeling and scuba diving in China. The best-known part of Wuzhizhou is Love Bridge. It was one of the filming sites for the Chinese comedy called "Personal Tailor". In fact it was a chain bridge previously and used as a viewing site for the guards of the island. It rocked so much when one walked over. A girl usually needed the hands of her boyfriend to stand still on the bridge. Hence it was called Love Bridge. Later, for safety reasons, the chain bridge was replaced with a board bridge which still exists today.



Tel: 0898-88811777 Transportation: Bus NO 28 and disembark at Wuzhizhou Island. Or take Express Bus No. 23 and disembark at Wuzhizhou Junction, and then change to a tricycle. The tricycle fare is 5-10 yuan.







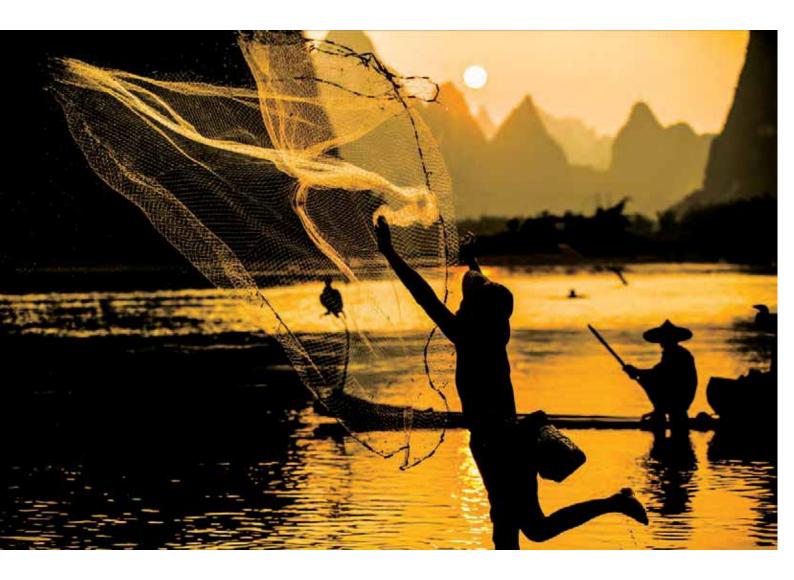
Xidao is also called Turtle Island and lies in Sanya Bay. It covers an area of 2.8 square kilometers, and is the second largest island in Hainan. It is very close to Sanya. It takes about 10 minutes by express boat and 30 minutes by car. It is complete with clear water, white sand, diverse sea life and water entertainment facilities.

The water entertainment at Xidao is less expensive than in Wuzhizhou. If you buy a day pass and arrange your schedule well, you will be able to use all the facilities at the end of the day.

Xidao is a good choice for sea angling. There are several angling platforms on the eastern side of the island, accommodating more than 100 people the same time. If you are a green hand, experienced anglers will offer help.

Entrance fee: 140 yuan/person.

**Transportation:** Take Bus No. 16/24/25. Or drive following road signs. Taxi fare from downtown area is 50-60 yuan. You are advised to join the day trip, the costs of which cover buses, entrance fee, boat ticket and tour guide. The day trip is much cheaper than the entrance fee and is therefore highly recommended.





## Come to the fishing Villages in Qingdao and Get Closer to the Sea

Qingdao is getting really hot for tourists. More and more people are cramming into the tourist sites. Why don't we escape the hustle and bustle of the conventional places and head for some serene fishing villages to experience the quiet life of the local people?

#### **Diaolongzui Village**

The picturesque Diaolongzui (Mouth of a Carved Dragon) sits near the mountain and by the sea. Local residents have maintained a primitive way of living for the past decades by growing tea, fishing and breeding sea cucumbers.

Many households have built villas of their own. If you look out from the villas, most of which stand on high places, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the village dotted by red tiles, green trees and the water of the bay.

#### **Qingshan Village**

Like its name Qingshan (Green Mountain), the village is located right before a mountain with three sides neighboring the sea. Since ancient times, villages make a living by fishing and growing tea.

It is a great place for respite for city dwellers to look for fresh air, azure blue sky, tea gardens, terraced fields, coves and islands all in one place.

#### Shazikou

Shazikou (Mouth of the Sands) is located in eastern Qingdao, very close to the southern gate of the well-known Laoshan Mountain. It is neither cold in winter nor hot in summer.

Shazikou is blessed with abundant natural resources, particularly seafood. It sells out immediately after fishermen bring it onshore.

#### Yangkou

Between Laoshan Mountain and the sea scatter quite a few villages. Local fishermen live a simple but healthy life in this Neverland of Shandong Province.

The villages form Yangkou scenic area. It boasts an incomparable sea view, given its winding coast line. Visitors can find the finest sand on the beach here.

#### **Donggang Village**

Donggang (Eastern Harbor) sits at the foot of Laoshan Mountain and local chefs are good at cooking fish in diverse ways. It is not well-known yet and that is why not many tourists are here. If you like angling, you can find an ideal place after driving for just over an hour along the coastal highway.

#### **Fanling Village**

Fanling (Back to the Mountain) has a bit of everything other villages can offer.

Here you can also see rows of villas hidden in the trees and flowers. Dozens of sea products are abundant here. It is an ideal place for seafood aficionados.

#### **Dongmaiyao Village**

A stream goes down from the mountain and traverses Dongmaiyao (Eastern Wheat Kiln) Village. Most of the houses are made of stones and rocks along the slope.

Qingban and Silver White are the two most common fish here. In early April, during the Qingming Festival, local fishermen go all out to net the fishes.

#### Yumingzui

Yumingzui (Fish Mouth) is a bay area near Xuejia Island. It is so called this because the tip of the land goes deep into the Yellow Sea and forms the shape of a fish mouth. When the wind blows southward, the waves gain momentum and rise high up into the sky like horses galloping in the water.

#### Hongdao

Hongdao (Red Island) is a seaside resort for sightseeing, fishing, holiday, entertainment and sampling village life.

Clams here are good quality and favored by people in Qingdao. This year, many people have come to the beach to catch the numerous wild crabs.



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## Melbourne, a City of Adventures and Fantasies

Reputed as one of the world's "most livable cities," the modern, elegant and artistic Melbourne also has another side to offer visitors. Its marine activities attract numerous adventurers and fun lovers from around the world. Be it surfing at Bells Beach along the Great Ocean Road, the daily parade of Little Penguins on Philip Island, or the water world under the sea in Wilsons Promontory National Park, the activities available in the vicinity of Melbourne can all end up being a stimulating experience for us all.

#### **Bells Beach on the Great Ocean Road**

Being a well-known beach on the Great Ocean Road, Bells Beach has always been a dream place for surfers. It is sparsely visited in most of the days. When the annual Rip Curl Pro Surf & Music Festival gets under way, however, Bells Beach turns overnight into a bustling gala that draws world attention. More than 50 Pro Surfs have been held since 1962. During the occasion, visitors can not only appreciate the stunning performances of surfers from around the world, but also get closer to the sea. That's why we made Bells Beach the first stop of our trip to Melbourne.

What's most attractive about Bells is its clear and magnificent waves. Against the towering red clay cliffs surrounding the beach, the waves can toss the water around to more than ten meters high. Even if the central sea area is calm, the height of the waves is ideal for surfing. That's why surfers who travel along the Great Ocean Road will not leave without challenging the waves at Bells Beach. It is worth mentioning that autumn and winter are the best seasons for surfing at Bells Beach. So when it is hot in July in the northern hemisphere, think about coming down under and heading straight for Bells.

Meanwhile, the beautiful scenery here is another reason we picked Bells for fun. Azure blue sky and the ocean merge seamlessly. The golden sand glitter like diamonds. If you stroll around at dusk, the crimson sunset, the blue sea and the yellow beach form an intoxicating landscape. The delightful view is a feast to the eye and the mind.

The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most scenic coastal roads. The highway is carved into sheer cliffs that drop away into the ocean. Besides Bells Beach, Twelve Apostles is another popular destination along the Great Ocean Road. Here 12 giant rock pillars stand at sea, and people liken them to Jesus' twelve disciples, hence the name Twelve Apostles. As birds circle above, the rock formations exude a sacred and awe-inspiring atmosphere.





#### **Philip Island**

In order to have an eye-to-eye viewing of the world's smallest penguins, we dashed to Philip Island before 6:30pm. The sun was setting against the backdrop of the sky and the sea shrouded in the same color. Soon Little Penguins began to emerge from the sea. By small, the adult Little Penguins are only 30cm long. Because Philip Island is a major habitat for Little Penguins, we could sometimes see a magnificent scene of a whole clan disembarking at the same time!

Visitors are not allowed to photograph the penguins, because the flash does harm to the eyes of the little birds. The warning should be particularly heeded by viewers who could easily lose control of themselves at the sight of the cute animals. It is not easy for penguins to reach the shore because of the strong waves. Most of them have to try and breeze the waves over a dozen times. Once

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they land on the beach, they can get to their feet in a couple of seconds and waddle together to the slope, known as Penguin Parade. After they go, another regiment of penguins will gather on the same spot. A regiment varies in size. It can have up to 3,000 penguins. Their nests are hidden along the slope. As they waddle their way to their own homes, there is no sign of chaos. Their nests are said to be connected. When their parents show up, the baby penguins all stretch their necks and open their mouths wide, looking earnestly for a big feast.

To view penguins, visitors need to buy a ticket in the ticket office. Regular tickets are good for evenings. Visitors are advised to arrive at about 7pm and allowed entrance on a first come, first served basis. Photographs are forbidden throughout the viewing process. But if you do want a photo of you and penguins together for memory, you can take a picture of yourself against a green background in the lobby, and then the staff workers here will place a penguin image into your photo using Photoshop software.

#### Wilsons Promontory National Park

This is a highly acclaimed wildlife haven in Australia, and an ideal choice for picky travelers. The white beaches, lush rainforests and well preserved boardwalks all make it possible for us to have close contact with nature. In addition to koala, echidna, rosellas, the underwater world within the park is worth exploring.

According to research and exploration of scientists and professional divers, 100 meters below the sea surface is a dream-like marine world, where you can see not only coral reefs, mountain ranges, caves and cobbles as big as huts and houses, but also rare fish species, killer whales, dolphins, seals, and sea lions. The types of corals in the park are so diverse that they can compete with those dominating the Great Barrier Reef.

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Besides scuba diving and snorkeling, you can also choose to enjoy yourself at a beach. You should not miss out on Squeaky Beach, one of the Prom's iconic locations. The rounded grains of quartz sand make a 'squeak' when walked on, and that's why it is also dubbed "Singing Sands." The beach, the emerald seawater and rocks in odd shapes form a wonderland for people of different age groups.





## Busan Sea Festival and Busan International Magic Festival

When summer arrives in Busan, the beaches of Haeundae, Songdo, Gwangalli and others are open to the public one after another. This marks the start of a series of summer activities.

#### Busan Sea Festival The earliest comprehensive tourist event in South Korea

Busan is breezy and cool in summer days. The Busan Sea Festival, which starts in August, offers a lot to local residents and visitors alike. What activities are planned for this year's sea festival? Let's go take a look.

Designed to promote the coastal and cultural city, Busan Sea Festival was first launched in 1996 and has been held for more than 20 years. It

is said to be the earliest comprehensive event for tourists organized in South Korea.

Various competitive activities and public performances with sea-linked themes are staged each year on Haeundae Beach, which is the most visited one in Busan, as well as beaches of Songjeong, Songdo and Gwangalli.

The 21st Busan Sea Festival runs for a week from August 1 to 7 and it offers tourists all the activities for free.



If you are looking forward to the performances, here are the major items on the list: Joint Military Music Concert, 7080 Family Love Concert, Cass Summer Concert, Busan International Hip Hop Festival, Romantic Summer Concert, Music Festival and Busan International Rock Festival.

Also you can enjoy the water-splashing event in Busan. You can both feel the coolness of the water, and loosen the stress you may have had at work.

For your convenience, the organizers have prepared tourist brochures in different languages. An emergency ward is also set aside for safety guarantee.

During the festival, you can also find exquisite decorations on the street, which make good souvenirs for family and friends

#### Busan International Magic Festival A showdown for Top-notch magicians from around the world

It has been 11 years since the first Busan International Magic Festival was held. This year's festival starts from August the 4th and runs through the 7th and will gather celebrated magicians from the world. The venue of this year's major activities is Busan Cinema Center. "Secret of Hands" is the theme of this year's magic festival. No wonder hands and stars dominate the design of the posters.

#### **Busan International Magic Festival**

To guarantee the quality of the magic performances, the organizing committee has screened their videos in advance and will do it again face to face with the magicians at Busan Cultural Center. The competition of the magicians is destined to be fierce!



Bangkok Floating Fair Riding a Canoe to Roam the Paradise Bangkok is the capital and the largest city in Thailand. A friend of mine asked the nickname for Bangkok before; I answered him "The City of Angels," cleverly. Afterwards, I also knew that Bangkok is called "A Military Proclamation" by the Thai People which means "The City of Angels." But if we turn the full name of Thai into Latin it is as long as 142 letters, the meaning is "The City of Angels, the Great City, Buddha's Residence, Impregnable City, the World Metropolis That Was Given Nine Stones, etc."

We like Bangkok not only because it is called "The City of Angels," but also because it an enjoyable paradise. Through the map, we can see the pattern of the land and water. Bangkok is also called "Oriental Venice." There are more than 10 river that winds across the city. Travellers can ride the long tail boat to wander in the canal and experience the lively atmosphere.

Bangkok can't exist without water and the people in Bangkok are even more inseparable from the water. They believe that the gods have lived in each river. The land in Bangkok is low-lying with many rivers; the Chao Phraya River is the mother river of Bangkok, running from south to north. The river divides Bangkok into two parts and finally flows into the Gulf of Thailand.

Water market is a floating market or houseboat as we often say. It is part of the folk custom tourism landscape of Thailand, but also a "business card" of Bangkok. The market is probably the most convenient and most direct place to know Bangkok.

Amphawa water market is often mentioned by people. In this hot and rugged environment, the women on the boat wear distinctive hats and shuttle through a narrow channel and shout loudly. The residents and tourists nearby come in a throng, all of them standing, waving, and bartering with the boat. At that time, there is laughter and a clamor of voices bubbled up.

The variety of snacks here is second to none in Thailand. There are a lot of folk houses that witnessed the history as family hotels; through which, people can experience the life of local people on the water. After the hustle during the daytime, you can find a riverside café, drink a cup of coffee quietly and listen to music that is a completely different feeling.





Why is Amphawa Water Market so distinctive you say? Mainly because the market is the "Township of Fireflies" in Thailand; as night falls, people can leave the noisy water market by taking a trip on a long tail boat. From there they can into the boundless darkness of the dense forests in the Mekong River ever so slowly. When our eyes adapt to the dark environment, the boats gradually hug the shore. Suddenly people can find the area full of fireflies all around the trees, shining just like Christmas trees, giving off a magical feeling!

The most attractive thing that tourists are looking forward to, during the early morning, is that people can give food to the monks who come by the boat. That gives people the feeling that they are getting rid of their inner greed through the prayers of the monks. After the monks accept the food, then they will read a passage and pray for the people. The giver should always maintain his hands clasped together, which shows the respect for the monks. This event in the early morning is the most profound adherence to the traditional culture by the Thai People.

Bangkok Damnoen Saduak Floating Market is also a very popular water market, also known as "Water Theme Park" of the Thai culture. It has a history of more than 100 years. This market quite different from Amphawa Water Market, it is only lively during the weekends. But Damnoen Saduak is busy every day. Especially in the morning, you can feel an atmosphere of water trading in Thailand. The traders on board have been already doing their business, no matter if it is trading, or cooking in the boat, they are very skillful. As long as you make eye contact with the business vendors here, they will row to you quickly. You will have the feeling that you can express your intentions through a quick glance.

In order to protect their own culture and attract tourists, the Thai government built this fair on Lachadamuli Damnoen Saduak Canal, which opened during the Rama IV Period in 1868. In the canal, where tropical trees and lush vegetation line both sides, several boats carrying fruits and vegetables shuttle through the narrow channel. On the boats, the women who wear distinctive straw hats are shouting loudly. During peak time, such kinds of merchant boat and passenger boats will cause traffic jams, causing a lively scene. Other water markets recommended in Bangkok:

#### 1. Khlong Lat Mayom Floating Market

It is mainly the market along the side of waterway, which is very large. Food is sold everywhere and divided into several areas; where you can visit for a long time. It is a good choice to be recommended the boat route or visit the local architecture on the water channel, located very close to the local life.

#### 2. Tha Kha Floating Market

Very authentic water market, it retains the life style of traditional water cities. It opens on 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and the mornings of holidays on a regular basis every month.

#### **3. Taling Chan Floating Market**

This small water market is located in the Thonburi area Bangkok. It is half an hour's drive from Bangkok. Most of the local people prefer to go there because of the weekend market that sells all sorts of snacks. You can take a boat to visit which lasts about 2 hours. During the trip, you will mostly see local people along the way, which gives it an authentic feeling.

#### 4. Don Wai Floating Market

This water market has a full sense of history, spanning back more than hundreds of years. In the past the businessmen were trading here by boat shuttle. If you want to enjoy the panoramic view of the water market, you can take a boat tour on the wharf and appreciate the local houses and rich mansion along the river bank. A small boat will approach you to sell you a variety of snacks so that you can experience the most primitive water market flavor. In addition, you can also feed bread to the fish. There are mainly white fish in the river and the local people believe that seeing this fish can bring good luck.





#### 5. Ayothaya Floating Market

This man made water market is currently a good place for the weekend holiday of the Thai People. There are no selling boats on the water, only some fixed boats but lots of delicious food and funny and great things to buy!

#### 6. Ayutthaya Klong Sa Bua Floating Market

This is a traditional Thai market and also the water market that covers the largest area. The whole water market is antique with many Thai buildings. It is divided into 22 regions, including handicrafts, furniture, clothing, food etc. In addition, you can enjoy the most traditional Thai dance performance here every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Don't forget to taste the special food here, namely, Griddle Cake rolls.

#### 7. Bang Nam Pheung Floating Market

Strictly speaking, this water market is on the both sides of river. The market around the forest brings people a sense of aura. There are a variety of snacks, food, handicrafts and so on.

#### 8. Bang Noi Floating Market

Bang Noi water market, which is not far away from Amphawa Water Market is a place that has a history of hundreds of years. This market is not as noisy as Amphawa, but there are many interesting souvenirs and food. Bang Noi market only opens during the weekends, from 8am to the evening. If you want to experience a more traditional market and do not want to go to a crowded, touristy place, this is definitely your best choice.