

Schedule

Day 1 / Thursday / August 16

7:50: Checkout and loading your luggage (s) in front of your hotel. The bus will leave for the train station at 8:10. Take the high speed train G2201 from Xi'an North Station (departure at 9:33) to Hanzhong Station (arrival at 10:52).

10: 52: Assemblage on the platform and taking bus to Baiyue International Hotel (汉中百悦国际酒店, ca. 2 km), where you will stay during the whole field trip.

12:20: Buffet lunch at your hotel.

13:10: Taking the bus in front of your hotel to the Gangchang-Liping road-cut section (very little walking).

19:30: Dinner at XXX.

Day 2 / Friday / August 17

7:50: Taking the bus in front of your hotel to the Gaojiashan section, ca. 30 minutes climbing along the paved zigzag road after 80 km driving.

11:40: Driving to the Shizhonggou (half hour climbing along a meandering footpath) and Lijiagou (very gentle walking) sections at Kuanchuanpu region and having lunch (lunch bag) in the bus.

16:30: Driving back to Baiyue International Hotel.

19: 30: Dinner at XXX.

Day 3 / Saturday / August 18

8:00: Taking the bus in front of your hotel to the Danangou section, ca. 20-minute gentle walking after 15 km driving.

10:50: Driving back to Baiyue International Hotel.

12:00: Lunch at XXX

13:00: Taking the bus in front of your hotel to historical and/or cultural sites.

19:30: Dinner at XXX

Day 4 / Sunday / August 19

7:30: Taking the bus in front of your hotel to the Lianghekou section (road-cut section), ca. 170 km (3 hours and 30 minutes) driving. Having lunch on outcrops.

13:30: Driving to the Xiaoyangba section (road-cut section with very little walking), ca 15 km (half hour) driving..

15:30: Driving back to Baiyue International Hotel.

19:30: Dinner at XXX

Day 5 / Monday / August 20

9:00: Taking the bus in front of your hotel to the Yangjiagou section, ca. 30-minute walking after 100 km driving. Having lunch in outcrops.

14:20: Driving back to Baiyue International Hotel.

17:00: Checkout and keeping your big luggage(s) in the hotel.

17:00: Party with drinks at fourth floor of Baiyue International Hotel.

17:40: Buffet dinner at Baiyue International Hotel.

19:00: Loading your luggage(s) and taking bus to the train station. Taking G22012 from Hanzhong (departure at 19:49) to Xi'an North Station (arrival at 20:52).

20:52: Assemblage on the platform and taking bus to Northwest University Hotel.

August 21

See off participants for the whole day. You will be asked for your departure schedule beforehand.

Important information

Field trips may involve hazards (e.g. rock fall) to leaders and participants. The trip leaders are committed to taking every precaution to ensure that field trips are run with due regard for the safety of leaders and participants. Above all, field trip participants are responsible for acting in a manner that is safe for themselves and their co-participants.

The weather in Hanzhong in August is hot (up to 40 degrees Celsius), humid and wet sometimes. Participants should be prepared a range of weather conditions and details of weather forecast will be provided by email one day before departure to Hanzhong.

Sampling using hammers and other tools is generally available in each locality on reasonable request. However, metal tools and rock samples may not go through the security check to the train station and thus will be transported by car. Please hand your tools and samples to trip leaders before departure.

Road conditions are provided at the top of the first page (*italic words*) in each field day's instructions. Walking along unpaved roads is essential on Day 2, Day 3 and Day 5, which could be very muddy when raining.