



THE WATERHOUSE CLUB

invites you to join an expedition to experience

China's Incredible Dinosaurs

An expedition to discover China's rich collection of bizarre and spectacular dinosaurs, led by Professor John Long, Strategic Professor of Palaeontology, Flinders University.

Thursday 19th March 2020 to Saturday 4th April, 2020

Expedition Overview

China has, without a doubt, the world's greatest collection from the age of dinosaurs, and is one of the world's richest countries for demonstrating the fossil record of the history of Life on Earth - a must see for all passionate dinosaur enthusiasts.

This expedition to China will focus on the specific fossils that are unique to China, those which cannot be seen at any other museum elsewhere, including feathered dinosaurs, early mammals, spectacular winged pterosaurs and associated life such as insects, fishes, plants, amphibians and bizarre marine reptiles.

We will visit some of the most significant dinosaur sites on Earth and gain privileged access behind the scenes at the world's largest Palaeontological institution, the Institute for Vertebrate Palaeontology and Palaeoanthropology (IVPP) in Beijing. In addition we will visit many of China's major palaeontology museums and some key fossil sites.

As well as the palaeontology experience with John Long there will be opportunities to visit the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Peking Man Cave, Terracotta Warriors and the Panda Breeding Centre.

Professor John Long is an enthusiastic supporter of the Waterhouse Club, world re-known in the palaeontology community, and a highly skilled scientific educator. John has been the scientific leader on several of the Club's Australian and overseas expeditions. John's love of fossil collecting began at age 7. He was previously the Vice President of Research and Collections at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. He is also an author of popular science books. His main area of research is on the fossil fish of the Late Devonian Gogo Formation from northern Western Australia.

Our Expedition Leader

Tim Tolley is the Club's Expedition Leader, who is highly experienced in this role having organised and led many expeditions locally, nationally and internationally.

Our Proposed Itinerary

The Expedition will begin at Shenyang (North East of Beijing) at 5pm on Thursday 19th March 2020 and conclude at Kunming after breakfast on Saturday 4th April, 2020 (dates to be confirmed). You will need to make your own arrangements for travel to and from China, however we will be able to suggest options and a reputable travel agent.

The provisional schedule

Day one: Thursday 19 March 2020. Meet in Shenyang - flights there are from Guangzhou, Singapore and elsewhere. We will meet at 5 pm for welcome drinks and dinner.

Day two: Friday 20 March 2020

AM: **Liaoning Palaeontology Museum** (Jehol Biota)

Day three: Saturday 21 March 2020

AM: Bus (3.5 Hr) to Beipiao, **Beipiao Pterosaur Museum**

PM: Bus a further 1.5 hr to a hotel near Chaoyang

Day four: Sunday 22 March 2020

AM: Bus to Jinshanling (3.5 hr) - an early start this day

Walk part of the Great Wall of China

PM: Bus 1.5 hr to a hotel in Beijing (4 nights)

Day five: Monday 23 March 2020

AM: **Natural History Museum of Beijing #3**

PM: Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, or Cultural art tour optional

Day six: Tuesday 24 March 2020

AM: **Palaeozoological Museum of China IVPP** with Prof Zhu Min

Visit adjacent Zoo/Aquarium - optional

Day seven: Wednesday 25 March 2020

AM: Peking Man Cave Tour **Zhoukoutien** - drive 1.5 hrs. (If open)

PM: If time on return **Natural History Museum of Beijing** optional

Day eight: Thursday 26 March 2020

AM: bullet train to a Xi'an hotel (2 nights)

Visit Stelae museum - optional

Day nine: Friday 27 March 2020

Day to Terracotta Warriors

Day ten: Saturday 28 March 2020

AM: Bullet train to Chengdhu

PM: Bus to Zigong (2 hours) Zigong Hotel (2 nights)

Day eleven: Sunday 29 March 2020

AM: **Zigong Dinosaur Museum** (2+ hours)

PM: walk, food street - optional

Day twelve: Monday 30 March 2020

AM: Bus to Le Shan see Buddha, and return to Chengdu Hotel (2 nights)

Day thirteen: Tuesday 31 March 2020

AM: Panda Breeding Centre

PM: If time, visit Chengdhu museums, Jinsha Site Museum - optional

Evening: Farewell dinner to John Long

Day fourteen: Wednesday 1 April 2020 – We continue our journey with our local Chinese guide

Fly to Kunming. Hotel Kunming (3 nights)

Day fifteen: Thursday 2 April 2020

Chengjiang Fossil Museum UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Maotianshan Geo Park (Burgess Shale equivalent)

Day sixteen: Friday 3 April 2020

AM: day trip by bus to Shilin Stone Forest and Jiuxiang Caves – another early start

Day seventeen: Saturday 4 April 2020

The expedition concludes after breakfast (included in the cost).

Additional options

There is a lot more to see in China including taking a flight to Lijiang, a UNESCO town in mountains at 2400m, fly to Shanghai for a few nights; Yangtze River cruise; and catching the High-Speed Train to Hong Kong.

The Expedition Cost

The cost of this expedition is expected to be in the vicinity of \$6500 per person. A single supplement will be available at a cost of \$1650 per person. This includes a local guide for all travel within China, tips, entrance fees to museums (but not optional visits), accommodation, all breakfasts, all dinners, and eight lunches.

The expedition cost does not include:

- your travel to and returning from China
- a few lunches, drinks except on the welcome night and farewell dinner
- visa fees, vaccinations, insurance and optional visits.

Note:

- *Please note that numbers will be limited. A non-refundable deposit of \$800 will be required to confirm your booking.*
- *While the expedition is fully catered there will be no capacity to cater for special requirements or diets.*
- *It is strongly recommended that you make your own arrangements for travel insurance for your travel to China.*

It is envisaged that there will be a scientific presentation by John Long for expeditioners and other interested Club members later in 2019.

Expedition leader

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Please contact the Waterhouse Club Office or the Expedition Leader if you would like further information.