

China & Hong Kong

Chinese Australian Hometown Heritage Tour

A cultural experience hosted by Kate Bagnall & Sophie Couchman

22 March - 31 March 2017 (10 days)



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Highlights

- Explore the history and heritage of Chinese Australian home villages
- Meet Dr Selia Tan in Candong 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



Your tour hosts

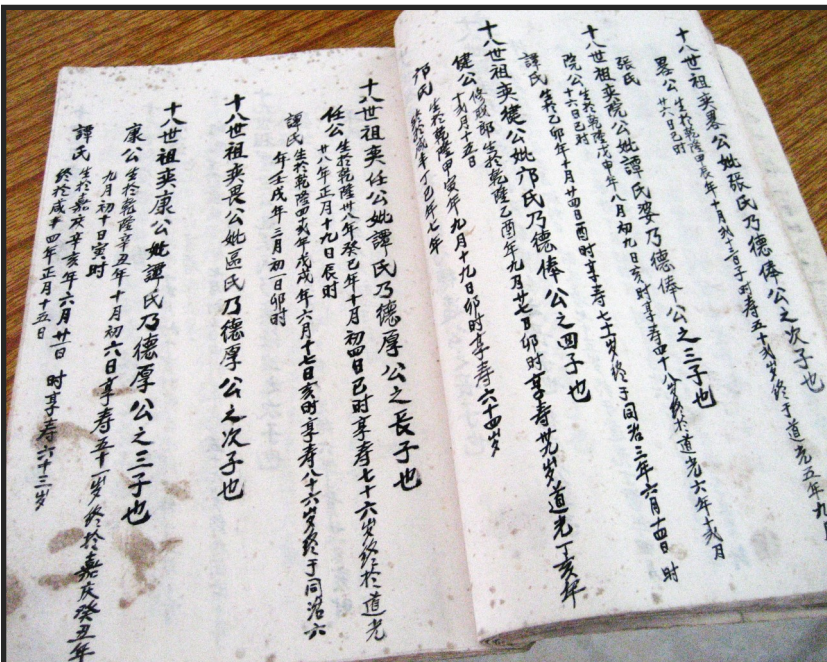
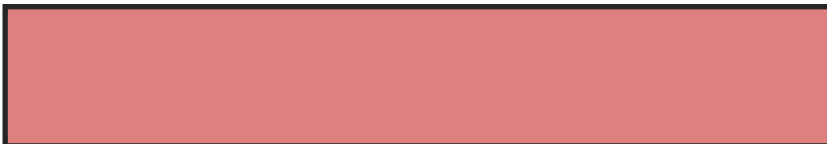


Dr Kate Bagnall is a Canberra-based historian who specialises in Chinese migration and settlement in Australia before 1940. She has a PhD from the University of Sydney and is currently an ARC DECRA Research Fellow at the University of Wollongong. Kate has visited Guangdong about a dozen times, living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

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



On the tour you will share in Kate and Sophie's informed commentary, extensive research experience and love of travelling in China.



Destinations

- Hong Kong
- Jiangmen (Kongmoon)
- Kaiping (Hoiping)
- Taishan (Toishan, Sunning)
- Xinhui (Sunwui)
- Zhongshan (Chungshan, Shekki)
- Zhuhai

Your experience begins here...

Day 1: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 - Arrive Hong Kong

No activities are planned for today and you are welcome to fly in at any time. A shared arrival airport transfer takes you to your starting hotel in bustling Tsim Sha Tsui.

Day 2: Thursday, 23 March 2017 - Hong Kong BD

This morning is free leisure time. In the afternoon meet in the hotel lobby for a heritage walking tour of Hong Kong's historic sights. Tonight you are invited to join your hosts for a welcome dinner. Over dinner Hong Kong historian Dr Catherine Ladds will share her research on foreign communities in China.

Day 3: Friday, 24 March 2017 - Hong Kong | Jiangmen BL

After breakfast travel by ferry to Jiangmen (3 hours), our first stop in mainland China. After lunch visit the Wuyi Overseas Chinese Museum, before an optional visit to the Wuyi University Overseas Chinese Culture Research Centre. In the evening visit downtown Pengjiang to explore and enjoy dinner at your leisure.

Day 4: Saturday, 25 March 2017 - Jiangmen | Kaiping BLD

In the morning travel to Candong in Kaiping to explore its village heritage with architectural historian Dr Selia Tan from Wuyi University. Learn about local conservation efforts and the village's Australian connections. After a traditional lunch, visit the magnificent Li Yuan mansion and garden.

Day 5: Sunday, 26 March 2017 - Kaiping BL

Today explore the Kaiping *dialou* and villages with Dr Selia Tan, who worked on the successful UNESCO World Heritage bid. Places to visit include the Tanjiang river, Chikan town, and Zili and Majianglong villages. In the afternoon join us for an optional traditional countryside afternoon tea.

Day 6: Monday, 27 March 2017 - Kaiping | Taishan BL

This morning travel to Duanfen in Taishan, the ancestral home of Quong Tart and the Mei (Moy) clan, visiting unique sites such as the Mei Family Compound. After lunch join an optional walking tour of the old town of Taicheng or spend the afternoon at leisure.

Day 7: Tuesday, 28 March 2017 - Taishan | Xinhui | Zhongshan BLD

After breakfast visit Shiquli in Xinhui, a village whose connections to Australia stretch back 150 years. Then explore nearby Chen Chong to help solve a history mystery! After lunch at tranquil Yutai Temple, visit the scenic Guifeng Mountain Park and the Palm Tree Museum.

Day 8: Wednesday, 29 March 2017 - Zhongshan BD

Enjoy a special Cantonese yum cha breakfast before visiting heritage sites in Shiqi (Shekki), the old part of Zhongshan city. Highlights are the Xiangshan Commercial Culture Museum and historic Sun Wen West Road. After an afternoon at leisure, visit Sanxi village for a dinner with a historic twist.

Day 9: Thursday, 30 March 2017 - Zhongshan | Zhuhai BLD

This morning visit the Museum of the Former Residence of Sun Yat-sen and the Zhongshan Folklore Culture Museum in Cuiheng. After lunch enjoy a stroll by the sea before continuing to Waisha in Zhuhai, the ancestral home of one-time Sydney residents Choy Hing and Choy Chong of the famous Sun Company department store. Celebrate our final night together with a farewell dinner in Zhuhai.

Day 10: Friday, 31 March 2017 - Zhuhai | Hong Kong B

After breakfast transfer to Jiuzhou Wharf for our return ferry to Hong Kong (1 hour), where the tour concludes. A shared departure airport transfer takes you to the airport to meet your flight home.



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\$3995* per person twin share

Single supplement \$1021 (subject to availability)

Inclusions

- 9 nights twin share accommodation with private facilities
- Land transportation, including shared return airport transfers in Hong Kong
- Meals as specified in the itinerary (9 x breakfast, 6 x lunch, 5 x dinner)
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Tour hosting by Dr Kate Bagnall and Dr Sophie Couchman, assisted by local historical experts

Exclusions

- International airfares
- Visa fees (a China visa is required for Australian and NZ passport holders)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses, laundry, beverages, and meals not specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing not specified in the itinerary or undertaken during free time
- Gratuities (a tipping pool of USD100.00 per person will be collected by your tour hosts on Day 2 of the program)
- Any other items not mentioned above

Important notes

Booking your place

A minimum of 10 tour guest are 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.

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
Final payment:	Balance due by 20 January 2017

*The tour price may change, subject to confirmation of all services. As the tour cost is based on the US dollar, a currency surcharge may be applicable if the US dollar exchange rate falls prior to final payment.

Tour activity level

This trip is best enjoyed with a good level of health and fitness. You will need to walk on uneven ground and irregular paving, climb stairs, and handle your own luggage.

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 for travel to China and Hong Kong.

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