



China Photography Tour

October 9 to 28, 2010

With Tom Isgar & Ric Kessler

\$3995

not including airfare from US (estimate \$1800 for a total of \$5795)

Single supplement \$995

About the Tour This is a tour designed by and for photographers. Although we will make stops at Chinese Government approved tour sites, we will also spend lots of time at great wildlife and scenic spots. China is a country rich with photo opportunities. There are great shots of scenery, people, buildings and bicycles everywhere you point your camera. Non-photographers will find the same visual marketplace charming and amazing. This is our third trip to many of the sites.

You can find lots of our images from China (and other destinations) at the following links:

www.WildImagesPhotography.com

www.RicKessler.com

www.flickr.com/photos/24948886@N05/page2/#photo2357721415

We are more than a year away from our departure. At this time the itinerary and in-country costs have been negotiated and the Chinese tour operator has agreed that the cost will not increase. However, there will likely be small changes as that is the nature of China travel. We are looking at US airfare but airlines do not want to quote for more than one year in advance.

About the Leaders (Tom Isgar and Ric Kessler) We are Florida based professional photographers. This is our third trip to China. We have been professional photographers for years (Ric since the late 60's). While we now shoot digital (Ric – Nikon and Tom – Canon) we both began with film and chemistry darkrooms.

We both lead trips – China, Alaska, Africa and South America. Tom's photography focuses on wildlife, nature and travel. He also does underwater photography and writes for two magazines. Tom has recently been to the Baja, Colombia, Uruguay and Ecuador. He is going to Cuba in October. Ric made two spring trips: one to Alaska to shoot Northern Lights and another to Utah for red rocks and spring flowers. He was recently in Viet Nam for two weeks. Ric is leading a trip to Alaska for bear images in August.

We strive to provide wonderful photographic adventures for those who travel with us.

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Preliminary Itinerary

Day	Date	Destination
01	Oct 09	Miami/Atlanta/LA - Depart
02	Oct 10	Arrive Hong Kong
03	Oct 11	Hong Kong to Guilin
04	Oct 12	Li River cruise to Yangshuo, sightseeing on West Street, explore local culture and photograph Cormorants catching fish
05	Oct 13	Bamboo rafting along Yu Long River, visit Xing Ping fishing village
06	Oct 14	Old market in the morning, transfer to Longji and rice terraces.
07	Oct 15	Photographing in Longji
08	Oct 16	Guilin airport for flight to Chengdu
09	Oct 17	Chengdu - Giant Pandas - Giant Buddha – Chengdu Chengdu Panda Base in the northern suburb of Chengdu. Photograph giant pandas, red pandas, flowers and swans. Visit Moon Bears Rescue park.
10	Oct 18	Chengdu – Ya'an
11	Oct 19	Bifengxia Panda Breeding Center
12	Oct 20	Ya'an-Chengdu
		Panda preserve in morning, return to Chengdu. Visit a typical old town nearby then transfer to hotel in Chengdu.
13	Oct 21	Chengdu/Shanghai/ Huangshan (Tunxi)
14	Oct 22	Yellow mountain, 90KM. Ascend to the peak area by Yungu cable-way, hiking and sight-seeing. Watch sunset.
15	Oct 23	Watch sunrise; hiking and sight-seeing.
16	Oct 24	Choose your spot on mountain for photographing.
17	Oct 25	Leave the mountain and visit Monkey Valley
18	Oct 26	Huangshan/Shanghai
		Private tour bus ride to Yixian County to visit the ancient villages Hongcun and Xidi. Thereafter, bus ride to downtown Tunxi to visit the Old Street before departure for Shanghai by flight.
19	Oct 27	Shanghai/Hong Kong
		Drop off to Shanghai airport fly to Hongkong. Pick up to Wharney Guang Dong Hotel.
20	Oct 28	Hong Kong flight home...

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Sign-Up Now!

Please secure your spot on the trip by mailing a deposit check made out to Tom Isgar:

Tom Isgar
2448 Clubhouse Drive
Sarasota, Florida
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Payment schedule

China costs \$3995, Airfare (estimate) \$1800, Total \$5795:

- \$500 deposit at time of application - may be refundable.
 - \$1765 by February 1, 2010 (Approximately 1/3 of the balance)
 - \$1765 by May 1, 2010 (Approximately 1/3 of the balance)
 - \$1765 by August 1, 2010 (Approximately 1/3 of the balance)
- The third payment will be adjusted based on the actual cost of airfare.

Service included:

- All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- All transportation by tour bus
- Hotel accommodation based on 4 star hotels with Breakfast in the hotel
- English speaking National tour guide and local guide
- All meals (lunch and dinner)
- VIP seat for Sichuan opera face changing and unique local variety show
- International Airfare with Airport taxes (Estimate \$1800.00.)

Service excluded:

- China visa
- Medical costs
- Travel insurance*
- Extra cost in the event of landslides, road blockage, etc.
- Personal expenses
- Photos in the monastery
- Gratuities and Tips to driver, guides, and hotel staff

*Travel insurance is required. The primary purpose of this insurance is to protect your payments. Secondly it is important just in case of injuries, delays, etc. Insurance can be purchased from any provider but we recommend that you use Travelex Insurance 800-228-9792 or online: www.travelexinsurance.com When asked for location number put in 09-0379. When asked for agent code put in Ric Kessler.)