

It's a brief summary of our not long ago just completed "April 2013 Eastern Tibet Cultural/Photographic Expedition"...

"All good things must come to an end"... but for us it starts again and again...

Yes it was a great expedition... not enough words could describe better than few photos: http://photoart.chebucto.org/photos-folder/2013_April_PhotoDiary.pdf although comments from our participants are also great as well...

See what some of us have to say about our journey:

Now that we had a chance to rest up a bit from our trip, we like to say how much we enjoyed the expedition, your company, and the company of the other members of the group. It was a wonderful experience for us and your help in guiding us through is especially appreciated. Yulanda and I want to thank you and your associates for the hard work involved in planning and executing such a wonderful trip. We look forward to being part of another expedition.

~ F Wong, California, USA

Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude for your countless efforts organizing this trip... As a group we were most fortunate to have chosen a trip with you! Where most people less familiar with the location, language and cultural differences would have had an incredibly difficult time overcoming such complications as impassible road conditions due to changing weather patters, you it appear as seamless as your Taiji.

Secondly, I would like to thank you for bringing together such wonderful people to travel with... Traveling can be a very stressful experience for many less familiar to new experiences, climate, changing environments... interacting with different personality types in close quarters for many lengthy hours or just simply being out of their comfort zones. It was a marvelous treat to travel with such great companions, I truly hope they know how absolutely amazing people they are!

Finally... I am writing this as snow is falling from above... Yes, it snows here even as May approaches. Somehow the spring weather we enjoyed in Tibet, Xining and Beijing almost seem like a distant memory. In the very least I can kindly reflect upon the many wondrous experiences we collectively shared during our three weeks abroad: the Bobo festival; the awe inspiring temples, monasteries and palaces; the beauty of the landscape and the people of Tibet (whose warmth and smiles always shine); the relentless torture sessions of amazing food; early morning taiji sessions and witnessing a true living legend Li Laoshi effortlessly deflecting younger and bigger men!

~ René, Alberta, Canada

Yes, it's been a week back home from our adventure and I believe the decompression has completed. With clear mind and rejuvenated soul, we can now fully appreciate the lifelong memories we acquired on our latest expedition to western China. From the never-ending epic landscapes to the cultural institutions, to the people of the regions visited to the meals we enjoyed and to the company of our intrepid troupe, everything we experienced is sure to have touched our lives.

We especially wanted to thank you and everyone who worked with you behind the scenes, ensuring as seamless a journey as possible, while still aiming to get the maximum benefit and enjoyment out of this incredible opportunity to live in this remote, exotic and very special region, at least for a brief while. The days seemed to go by far too quickly.

Also, I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to meet with Li Laoshi. As your humble Taiji student, a chance to meet with the living legend Li Laoshi is almost beyond words. Through you, I've been able to do this twice now and still can't really believe it. Thank you.

We hope... that everyone got at least as much out of our trip as we did.

~ *Jason & Karyn, NS, Canada*

*I am on my way to leave China with all my experiences... our tour, and always my nostalgia...
Now... looking backward... really we got a nice time with our group, so I am chewing my souvenirs as a piece of yak cheese...*

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I would like if you may arrive this mail to the group, I want all of them to know how wonderful was there company for me, and how much I enjoyed this trip to a part of the earth so nature, mystical and difficult in all the senses. That was a task with myself, and I am so happy I overcome it and never will forget all the help from everybody.

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~ *Cecilia, Spain*

Thank you very much for a wonderful photographic/cultural trip to Tibet Autonomous Region. Due to the detailed coordination by you and your team, we got to enjoy the true cultural scene of Tibet. We appreciate very much the efforts you took to ensure that we really see those... seldom seen by any ordinary tour, especially the visit to your friend Madame Pai Mah's home. We came back with colourful memories... not forgetting the meals we had were plentiful and delicious, and Tai-Chi in the mornings certainly help enhance the energy of our daily outings.

~ *GuoChuan & Lena, Singapore*

First, a big thank you for organizing such a wonderful tour of western China and Tibet - an amazing experience...

~ *Colin C, NS, Canada*

Cultural/photographic expedition news:
<http://photoart.chebucto.org/photonews.html>