



Itinerary



15-Day

CHINA

Hainan Island Cycling
and Cultural Tour





Hainan Island

China's Tropical Escape


China's only tropical island province is more than just sun and sand—it's a vibrant, scenic playground for cyclists, foodies, and cultural explorers alike.


A Jewel in the South China Sea




Hainan Island, China's southernmost province, is a lush, laid-back paradise defined by its stunning geography and warm hospitality. Floating just off the mainland and separated by the Qiongzhou Strait, the island spans 35,400 km² and offers a remarkable mix of landscapes—swaying palm tree-lined beaches, and untamed rainforests.





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At the heart of the island rises Wuzhishan Mountain, a majestic peak standing 1,867 metres tall and wrapped in dense forest. From this central highland, the terrain slopes toward golden beaches and sparkling coastal plains, creating a scenic backdrop ideal for outdoor adventure.

Endless Summer: Hainan's Climate

Hainan enjoys a warm, tropical monsoon climate with average temperatures ranging from 22 to 27°C. Its year is split into two distinct seasons: the dry season from October to April (ideal for cycling), and the wet season from May to September.

Why Hainan Is a Cyclist's Dream

There are few places in China that offer such a unique combination of natural wonder, cultural richness, and excellent cycling conditions. Hainan's well-developed infrastructure and welcoming vibe make it a standout destination for both novice and experienced riders.

Nature in Every Pedal Stroke

From shimmering beaches and quiet fishing coves to coconut plantations and volcanic cliffs, Hainan's coastal roads are a visual feast. The island's mountainous interior brings a different rhythm to your ride—with waterfalls cascading down forested slopes, and winding roads with panoramic views.



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A Ride Through Living Culture

Cycling just about scenery—it's also a deep dive into its multicultural heritage. The island is home to the Li and Miao ethnic groups, whose traditions add rich texture to any journey. In villages like Chubao near Wuzhishan where you'll find boat-shaped wooden homes and handwoven textiles.

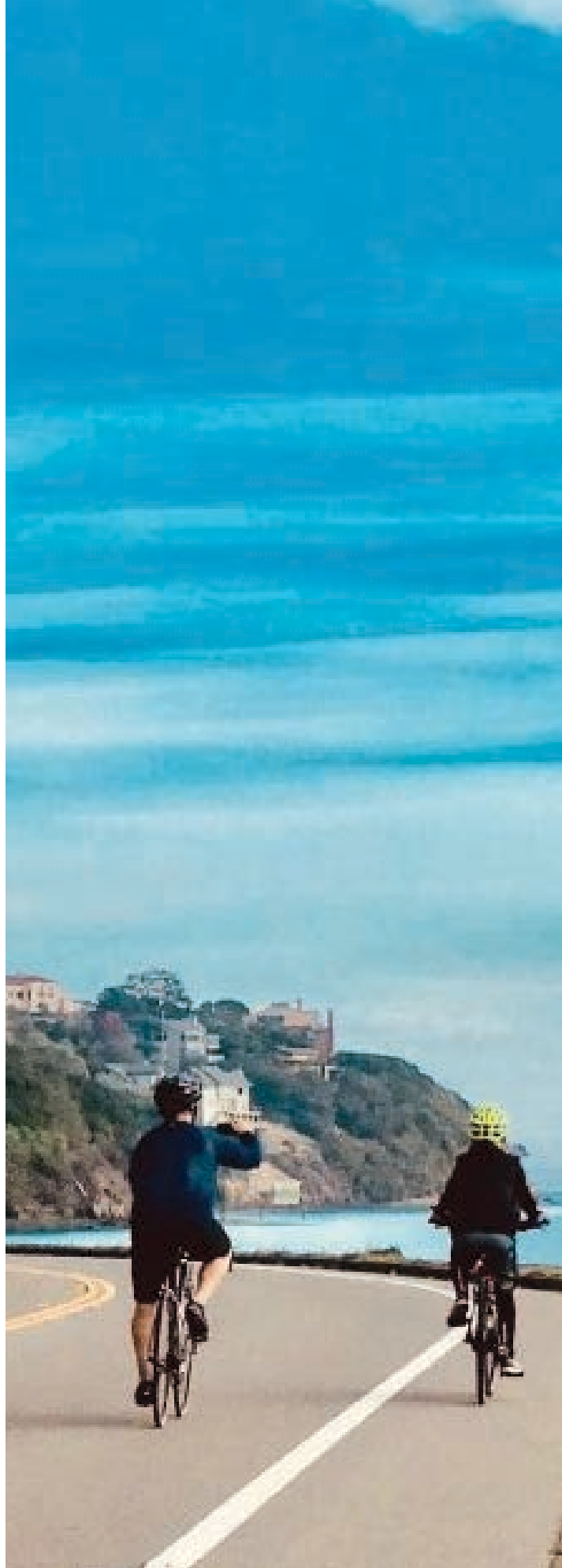
For Every Rider, Every Pace

Whether you're an avid cyclist or a leisurely pedaler, Hainan is accessible to all. Quiet backroads, a lot of dedicated bike lanes, and a strong tourism infrastructure means there is something for everyone.

Eat Your Way Through the Tropics

Hainan's culinary scene is a journey in itself. Its food is fresh, colourful, and grounded in local produce and ocean bounty. Think tender coconut chicken simmered in a creamy, sweet broth. Or delicate seafood caught just hours earlier—grouper, crab, or clams.

Tropical fruits abound - juicy mangoes, pineapples, papayas. Herbs like lemongrass and lime leaves infuse dishes with brightness. Desserts like qingbuliang—a refreshing blend of jelly, mung beans, and coconut milk—offer the perfect cool-down after a sunny day's ride. Even drinks are part of the experience—try fresh coconut water straight from the shell.



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Tour at a Glance:

15-Day Hainan Cycling and Cultural Tour

Day 1 Arrive at Haikou

Day 2 Laocheng-Baoliang Village-Lingao

Day 3 Lingao-Yangpu

Day 4 Yangpu-Qiziwan

Day 5 Qiziwan-Dongfang-Banqiao

Day 6 Banqiao-Yinggehai-Yazhou

Day 7 Yazhou-Ledong-Wuzhishan

Day 8 Wuzhishan-Qiongzong

Day 9 Qiongzong-Xinglong

Day 10 Xinglong-Bo'ao

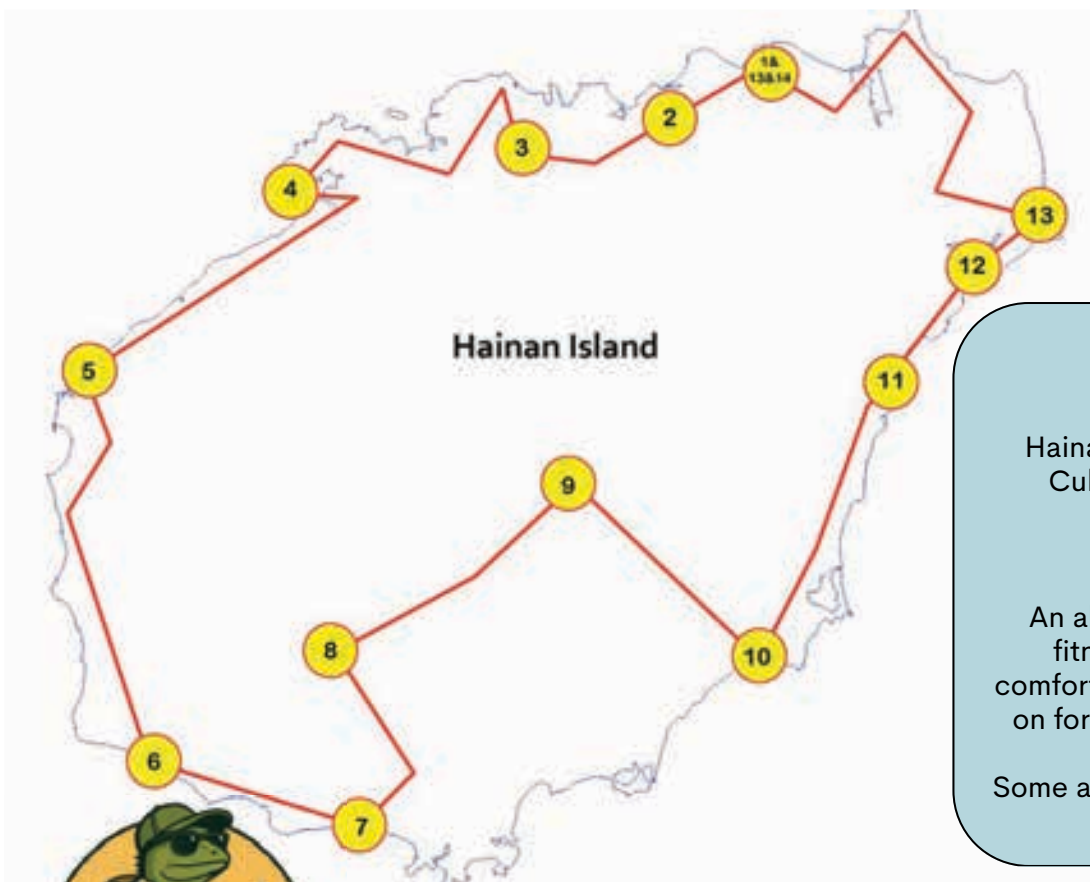
Day 11 Bo'ao-Wenchang

Day 12 Wenchang-Longlou

Day 13 Longlou-Mulan Bay-Haikou

Day 14 Haikou exploration and relax

Day 15 Transfer to Haikou Airport



Tour Grade


Hainan Island Cycling and Cultural Tour is graded


Moderate


An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 45 to 50km on formed tracks and roads.

Some average inclines at times.





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Tour Cost: 2026

NZ\$10,995

Bike Hire

Manual Bike Hire: NZD\$57/day

Electric Bike Hire: NZD\$90/day

Single Supplement

NZ\$1500

- Tours run all year round

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- Starting in Haikou - Hainan Island
- Custom Groups: Group options are available for this tour



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Exploring Hainan by Bike

Hainan Island Cycling and Cultural Tour

A Laid-Back Island Adventure

From ancient villages to volcanic coastlines, this cycling journey across China's tropical gem blends culture, history, and stunning natural beauty—on two wheels.


Day 1: A Warm Welcome in Haikou

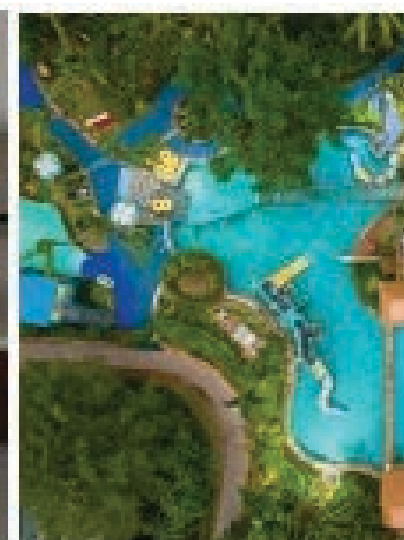
Touching down at Haikou Meilan International Airport, you'll be greeted by your guide and driver for a smooth transfer to your hotel in Laocheng, a laid-back coastal enclave on the western edge of Haikou.


You'll settle in at the Jingting Seaview Hotel, a 4-star property right by the sea. If you arrive early, take a dip in the pool or stretch your legs with a stroll along the beach. In the evening, gather for a welcome dinner where your guide will give you a relaxed overview of the tour and answer any questions you might have.


 **Accommodation** Jingting Seaview Hotel (4★)


 **Meals** Dinner


 **Cycling** None today—just ease into island time.





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Day 2: Laocheng to Lingao via Baoliang Village and Guyin Waterfall

Today, the wheels hit the road. You'll cycle 33km through Hainan's countryside to Baoliang Village, passing rows of banana and pineapple farms along the way. After exploring the 300-year-old village and enjoying a local lunch, it's back in the saddle for another 16km ride to the Guyin Waterfall. From there, choose your own pace—either hop in the support vehicle for the final 25km to Lingao, or continue pedalling all the way.

Tonight's stay is at the Jinshatan Seaview Hotspring Hotel, a touch of 5-star luxury to round off the day.

-  **Accommodation** Jinshatan Seaview Hotspring Hotel (5★)
-  **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
-  **Cycling** 49 km (Optional additional 25km)


Highlights:


Baoliang Ancient Village: Nestled among rice fields and fruit orchards, this preserved hamlet features volcanic stone houses, ancient wells, and old-growth banyan trees. Get hands-on with local life through rice harvesting, coffee pruning, or cultural crafts like Li rattan weaving and tie-dyeing. Don't miss the homemade tofu and sticky rice dumplings.



Guyin Waterfall: Tucked inside tropical forest, this 20-metre cascade—dubbed the "Fairy Waterfall"—is a peaceful detour into Hainan's untouched beauty, complete with birdsong, cool mist, and leafy green trails.



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Day 3: Lingao to Yangpu

After breakfast, ride 9km to the Lingao Cape Scenic Area, home to Hainan's oldest lighthouse and a 7km coastline with crystal waters and soft sands. Then it's onward for a 39km ride to Gungcun Town for lunch.

The afternoon ride follows the sea—42km along a coastal tourism road to Eman Town and the dramatic Longmen Jilang Scenic Area, known for its crashing waves and volcanic rocks. A short 40-minute drive takes you to your hotel in Yangpu, where the evening is yours to relax.

-  **Accommodation** Hilton Garden Inn (4★)
-  **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
-  **Cycling** 90 km

Highlights:

Lingao Cape:

With its French-built lighthouse (circa 1894) and role in the 1950 Liberation Campaign, this headland combines military history with tranquil beach scenery.


Longmen Jilang Scenic Area:


Watch the surf explode against ancient rock formations—the **"Wave Surge"** spectacle is pure, unfiltered nature at its most dramatic.


Yangpu:


A modern port city that also holds ancient stories, Yangpu is key to Hainan's economic future but also home to one of China's oldest salt-making traditions.





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Day 4: Yangpu to Qizi Bay

Start the day with a short drive to the Ancient Salt Fields, where stone pans carved from volcanic rock have been used for over 1,200 years to harvest sea salt the old-fashioned way.

From there, it's on to Paipu Town, where the ride begins. Pedal 30km south to Haitou Town. for lunch, continue 41 km along the coast to arrive at Qizi Bay, where your beachfront hotel and soft sand await.

-  **Accommodation** Jiayuan Holiday Hotel (4★)
-  **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
-  **Cycling** 71 km (about 50km on scenic seaside roads)





Highlights:

Yangpu Ancient Salt Field: These remarkable salt pans offer a living lesson in sustainable coastal craftsmanship—an echo of ancient ingenuity still practiced today.

Qizi Bay: Named for its rounded, chess-piece-like stones, this tranquil bay is divided into three photogenic sections, each offering a different kind of beachside serenity—cliffs, coves, and wide sandy beaches.





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Day 5: Qizi Bay-Dongfang-Banqiao

This morning begins with a short 25-minute drive to Sanjia Town, where the day's ride kicks off. Pedal 15 km westward to the sea, then continue along the coast for another 26 km south to the seaside city of Dongfang, where a well-earned lunch awaits.

Post-lunch, there is time to stretch your legs at the Yulinzhou Scenic Area—a coastal gem famous for fish-scale-like sandstone reefs, wind turbines, and a vibrant blue lighthouse that towers above the sea. After soaking in the views and the sea breeze, hop back on the bike for a 46 km ride south to Banqiao Town, where the day ends with a relaxing seaside stay.



Accommodation

Jerome Hotel & Resort (4★)



Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Cycling 87km

Highlight:

Yulinzhou Scenic Area

Positioned at Hainan's westernmost point, Yulinzhou blends natural drama with historical depth. Explore formations, a golden beach lined with wind turbines, and The Yulinzhou Lighthouse, still guiding ships through the Beibu Gulf. Don't miss the Memorial to Deceased Laborers, a poignant reminder of the island's wartime history.



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Day 6: Banqiao to Sanya via Yinggehai

It's a crisp start as you ride 32km to Yinggehai, home to one of China's largest and most scenic salt fields. After lunch and a visit to the Sea Salt Cultural Museum, it's time to leave. the saddle and drive 1.5 hours to your beachfront hotel in Sanya, a city where the sun nearly always shines.

Settle into your 5-star resort by the sea, take a dip in the large swimming pool, or just watch the waves roll in from your balcony.

 **Accommodation** Jinsha Seaview Hotel (5★)

 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 32 km

Highlights


Yinggehai Salt Field

These vast salt pans, stretching across 3,793 hectares, glisten under the tropical sun and offer a rare look at traditional salt production. Visitors can see hand-harvested sea salt, stroll among mirror-like pools, and even sample salt-infused delicacies.


Sanya

Nicknamed the "Deer City," Sanya is China's tropical holiday capital, known for clear turquoise waters, soft sand, and year-round warmth. It's a perfect place to recharge before heading inland.





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Day 7: Sanya to Wuzhishan via Ledong

Today marks a change of scenery as we head north into Hainan's mountainous core. A short drive brings you to Yucai Town, where you'll start cycling 56km through the island's lush interior to Ledong.


After lunch, drive another hour to Wuzhishan City for a visit to the Hainan Provincial Museum of Nationalities, then we wind our way up the mountain roads for a final drive to your foothill hotel nestled at 600m above sea level, right on the edge of the rainforest.


 **Accommodation** Hainan Yujing Hotel (4★)


 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 56 km



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Highlights

Mount Wuzhishan

Towering at 1,867 m, Wuzhishan—“Five Finger Mountain”—is a pillar of biodiversity and cultural heritage. Its dense rainforest, ethnic villages, and steep, cloud-kissed peaks make it a haven for ecotourism and cultural exploration.

Hainan Provincial Museum of Nationalities


This museum tells the stories of Hainan’s Li, Miao, and Hui peoples through a rich collection of artifacts and exhibitions. The traditional courtyard architecture and permanent exhibits offer deep insight into the island’s ethnic roots.



Day 8: Forest Trails and Cultural Paths

This morning is all about nature. A short trip to the Shuiman River Rainforest Scenic Area offers a guided rainforest walk, with two looping trails through twisting fig trees, towering canopies, and hidden waterfalls.


Then it's back on the bikes for a gentle 18 km ride to Chubao Village, a traditional Li settlement. After exploring its distinctive thatched homes and terraced fields, continue another 16 km to Maoyang Town, then drive about 45 minutes to Qiongzong.


 **Accommodation** Four Points by Sheraton (4★)


 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 34 km





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Highlights

Shuiman River Tropical Rainforest

Boardwalk trails wind through this lush nature reserve, where buttress roots, strangler figs, and the sounds of the rainforest create an immersive escape. A viewing platform offers a grand vista of Wuzhishan's peaks.

Chubao Village

Home to Li people, this mountain village preserves centuries-old architecture made of wood and palm leaves. It's a living example of indigenous resilience, offering visitors a glimpse into traditional life and artistry deep in Hainan's interior.

Day 9: Qiongzong to Xinglong

The last leg of your ride begins just outside Qiongzong, where you set off on a 62 km country-road ride to the town of Xinglong, a vibrant community rich in tropical agriculture.


After lunch, spend the afternoon exploring the Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, where Coffee plants and exotic herbs grow side by side under the sun. The evening is yours to relax and reflect on a journey through one of China's most surprising and diverse regions.


 **Accommodation** Four Points by Sheraton (4★)


 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 62 km





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Highlights

Xinglong

With roots and tropical innovation, Xinglong is known for its coffee, cocoa, and spices —and for welcoming visitors with open arms and unforgettable flavours.

Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden

More than a garden, this is a full sensory experience. Wander through zones of medicinal plants, herbs, and fruit groves, all part of a lush, living tribute to tropical biodiversity.



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Day 10: Xinglong-Bo'ao


After a leisurely breakfast, the day begins with a short 20-minute drive to the sea, where the morning's ride starts. With the sparkling ocean on the right and a freshly paved tourism road beneath your wheels, you'll cycle 20km through one of the most scenic coastal stretches of the tour.



After soaking in the sea views, it's time to pause and unwind on the beach—perfect for some quiet reflection. Then it's back in the vehicle for a short 15-minute drive to an aquaculture farm, where a guided tour sheds light on Hainan's impressive seafood production and sustainable marine practices.


Lunch awaits in Hele Town, a coastal community with a rich tradition in both farming and fishing, followed by an afternoon ride. The route continues with a rewarding 40km pedal to Bo'ao Town, where you'll spend the night in comfort just steps from the shore.


 **Accommodation** Island Forest Seaview Hotel (4★)


 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 60 km





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Highlights

Hele Town:

Home of Hainan's Famous Crab. Located in Wanning City, Hele Town is celebrated for its rich resources and ideal climate for agriculture, aquaculture, and fishing. The star of the local cuisine is the revered Hele Crab, known for its sweet roe and delicate flavour—a prized ingredient in Hainan's culinary scene.

Hele's aquaculture industry is vast and diverse, with highlights including Gangbei shrimp, grouper, red snapper, and shellfish—all farmed under modern, eco-conscious systems. Gangbei Village remains a hub of this marine culture, with sustainable innovations like the Lequn Tail Water Treatment project leading the way.

Hele Zongzi (bamboo-wrapped sticky rice dumplings) and Liulian Village Roasted Duck Eggs are other beloved local treats. The town's aquaculture heritage spans over a millennium, tracing its roots to Fujian fishermen during the Tang Dynasty.

Bo'ao Town:

A jewel at the meeting point of three rivers and the South China Sea, Bo'ao Town is renowned as the host of the Boao Forum for Asia. This international gathering spot draws world leaders and thinkers to its shores, positioning the town as a hub for openness and cross-cultural exchange.

Despite its global profile, Boa maintains a peaceful, coastal charm. Local life still revolves around fishing, agriculture, and age-old maritime traditions. It's a rare place where tradition, natural beauty, and modernity co-exist in perfect harmony.



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Day 11: Bo'ao to Wenchang

The day starts with a short 20-minute drive to the stately Cai Family Mansion in Bo'ao. Built in the 1930s by Chinese-Indonesian entrepreneurs, the mansion blends a traditional Chinese layout with Southeast Asian colonial flourishes—arched windows, wide balconies, and ornate carvings.

After an hour exploring the residence, it's time to ride. The morning's ride takes you 19 km to Tanmen Town, a coastal fishing community perfect for a laid-back lunch.


In the afternoon, the route stretches 48km along a picturesque seafront road, heading north toward Wenchang. The final leg into Dongjiao Coconut Grove is by vehicle, avoiding city congestion.


 **Accommodation** Aijing International Hotel (4★)


 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 67 km





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Highlights

Cai Family Mansion:

Spanning 2,000 square metre, the Cai Family Mansion tells the story of overseas Chinese returning home and bringing the world with them. Its blend of traditional and Nanyang styles captures a unique chapter in Hainan's cultural evolution and stands as a provincial-level heritage site.

Dongjiao Coconut Grove:

Covering over 10,000 hectares, Dongjiao Coconut Grove is more than just the island's most iconic landscape—it's also the source of over half of Hainan's coconuts. With golden beaches, coastal trails, and a 600-year history of cultivation, the grove is a paradise for nature lovers, cyclists, and anyone craving a fresh coconut straight from the tree.

Day 12: Wenchang to Longlou

The morning begins with a drive back to Wenchang's city centre to visit the Coconut Garden, a research and eco-tourism centre showcasing over 100 coconut species. From here, stroll the historic Wennan Old Street, where Southeast Asian-style arcades meet traditional Chinese culture.


After lunch town, it's back to Dongjiao for the day's ride—30 km through lush terrain to Longlou Town, where the Tongguling Scenic Area offers volcanic vistas and sweeping coastal views.

 **Accommodation** Holiday Inn Express (4★)


 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 30 km





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Highlights

Wenchang Coconut Garden:

Run by the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences, this lush 53-hectare garden explores coconut genetics, cultivation, and conservation—perfect for those who want to dive deep into the science behind Hainan’s favourite fruit.

Wennan Old Street:

Lined with restored arcaded buildings dating back to the Qing Dynasty and Republic of China era, this historic street is a sensory delight. Browse traditional snacks, artisanal goods, and rich stories of Wenchang’s overseas Chinese legacy.

Tongguling Scenic Area:

At the northeastern tip of Hainan, this national nature reserve is packed with biodiversity, dramatic coastlines, and untouched tropical forest.



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Day 13: Longlou-Tanniu Town-Mulan Bay-Haikou



Your final ride begins in Longlou Town with a 32 km stretch to Tanniu Town, the heartland of Wenchang Chicken. After a visit to a chicken farm and a delicious lunch, the group travels north by vehicle to Fengpo Town for the tour's closing ride—20 km to the windswept shores of Mulan Bay.

At Mulan Cape, the iconic lighthouse marks the northern most point of the island. The journey concludes with a transfer to your hotel in Haikou.

 **Accommodation** Huangma Holiday Hotel (4★)

 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 **Cycling** 52 km

Highlight:

Tanniu Town:

Tanniu produces 15 million Wenchang Chickens a year and has become a model for agricultural tourism and innovation. Visit a working farm and explore the roots of one of China's most beloved culinary exports.

Wenchang Chicken:

Known for its tender meat and rich flavour, this dish symbolises Hainan's farm-to-table heritage. Traditionally raised on a diet of coconut pulp and grains, Wenchang Chicken is best enjoyed poached and dipped in a fragrant lime-garlic-soy sauce.

Mulan Bay:

Mulan Bay's windswept cliffs, wild shores, and towering lighthouse provide a fitting finale to your island cycling adventure. Popular with windsurfers and photographers alike, the bay showcases the raw, unfiltered beauty of Hainan's northeast.

Haikou:

Back where it all began, Haikou welcomes you with its volcanic parks, bustling night markets, and Southeast Asian-style arcades. Whether relaxing by the sea or exploring old town charm, the capital city offers the perfect backdrop for your final night on the island.



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Day 14: Haikou

Today's adventure begins just outside Haikou with a trip to one of Hainan's most remarkable geological treasures—the Haikou Volcanic Cluster World Geopark. In the afternoon, things slow down with a stroll through the historic heart of the city along Qilou Old Street, where the past lingers in the shade of the arcaded buildings.

 **Accommodation** Huangma Holiday Hotel (4★)

 **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Highlight:

Haikou Volcanic Cluster World Geopark:


Hainan's Fiery Origins


Tucked away in the outskirts of Haikou, this UNESCO Global Geopark is a window into a prehistoric world shaped by fire and time. Over 10,000 years old, the park features more than 40 volcanic cones and five major craters—some towering over villages that still use the dark basalt rock for walls and homes.


The crown jewel of the park is Ma'anling Volcanic Crater, a 222.8-metre-high formation where you can follow stone paths to the rim and take in sweeping views of the surrounding lava-sculpted landscape. Trails wind past lava tubes, tropical flora, and interpretive signs that reveal the geology behind the drama.


Shishan Village, built almost entirely from volcanic stone, adds a cultural layer to the natural marvels. It's a fascinating blend of nature, history, and human resilience—perfect for geology buffs and curious wanderers alike.





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Highlight:

Qilou Old Street:

In the afternoon, we walk down Qilou Old Street, a nostalgic district in central Haikou, where history meets everyday life. These elegant, columned buildings—called “Qilou”—were inspired by Southeast Asian architecture and built by returning overseas Chinese in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Today, the covered arcades offer shade and character as you browse quirky shops, linger over local snacks, or relax with a coffee or tea at a café. It’s a place for both. souvenirs and stories. You’ll find ancestral halls, tiny museums, and local stalls selling everything from handmade crafts to candied hawthorn.

Landmarks like the Tianhou Temple, dedicated to the sea goddess Mazu, hint at Haikou’s seafaring roots. Whether you’re hunting for the perfect gift or simply soaking in the charm, Qilou Old Street is a living postcard of Hainan’s multicultural past.



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Day 15: Haikou


Transfer to Haikou Airport

It takes about 45 minutes to drive from the hotel to the airport.



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Hire: Carbon Fibre - EBikes for your Hainan Biking Tour



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Hybrid E-Bikes
- M22
Speedmaster

20Ah / 720Wh
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We can also provide helmets for our customers to use.
Please bring your own pedals and seat if you feel they
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Giant ATX 660 Bike

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ADVENTURE TRAVEL

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. To get the most out of your Hainan Island adventure it is important that you are mentally flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise.

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AUTHENTIC & UNIQUE

Our licensed local guides provide incredible insights and insider tips, passionately bringing alive unique and off-the-beaten-track experiences for you.

SAFE & SECURE

You are in safe hands. We work exclusively with licensed, qualified drivers tested for their skill and only the highest standards of safety. All the vehicles are regularly tested for safety.

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We never compromise on quality. All our accommodation, services and recommended restaurants are tested by our team. We offer you the most comfortable, high quality accommodation, food and transport.

FULLY SUPPORTED TRAVEL

You will be accompanied by a guide from New Zealand. (T's&C's apply)
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WHAT IS INCLUDED

Accommodation

- We stay in modern 4 star hotels or resorts most nights. We will also stay in local minority village guest houses whilst in Tibet to savour the culture and lifestyle of these very hospitable people.
- Hotels in China are of exceptional standard and are comparable with hotels in more developed western countries. They are clean and tidy with modern facilities throughout.
- Rooms are double/ twin with ensuite facilities. Most rooms have coffee and tea making facilities.

Food

- All meals are included in the cost of your tour in China –
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Lunches are generally in restaurants with a great array of choices.
- Dinner will be the main focus of our evenings – it is well known that Chinese cuisine is some of the best in the world! It is less well known that, usually, each city has its own specialty. We will be trying each town's best food as we make our way along the journey.
- We cater for special diets of all description.
- Bottled water is available for you at all times.
- Chinese cuisine is not just about heat. It is also known for its variety of flavours and cooking techniques, ranging from sweet and sour to smoky and savoury. Chinese cuisine uses a wide array of ingredients and methods such as stir-frying, steaming, braising, and smoking.

Guides

- You will be accompanied by a New Zealand guide (host). Your host will be with you for the duration of the tour. (T&C's apply)
- We will also have a fully accredited Chinese English speaking guide for the duration of the tour. Our guide is very well versed and qualified to comment on all that is Chinese.
- Our driver is also accredited by the Chinese government.



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Visa

- You may require a visa for China. Please talk to us at the time of booking and we can tell you the current situation with visas. Currently - 2025 - if you are a New Zealand citizen you do not need a visa to visit China if you are visiting for less than 30 days.

Transport

- All transport is provided throughout the tour from Haikou airport on arrival to Haikou airport on departure.
- On arrival at Haikou airport you will be met by our Chinese Government accredited guide and driver.
- You will be travelling in a well appointed small bus with very comfortable seating.

Clothing and Luggage

- We provide a comprehensive list of gear for you in the tour trip notes (sent to you on completion of the booking process.)
- A small to medium size suitcase should be sufficient for all your clothing requirements, and ideally on wheels so that it can be pulled along.

All entry fees


- All entry fees to parks and attractions as listed in the itinerary





What Is Not Included

- Flights to and from Hainan, China
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities, tipping is not expected in China but usually gratefully received. It is at your discretion whether or not to reward for excellent service





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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

How big are the tour groups?

- Normally we take a maximum of 12 people on a tour but are happy to cater to larger groups on request if you are planning to get a group together.

Do I have to share a room?

- The tours are priced on a twin share basis (2 people to a room), please let us know at the time of booking if you prefer a queen room (one queen bed) or a twin room (2 separate beds).
- If you are a solo traveller we will room you with another single person of the same gender, or you may wish to pay an additional single supplement to reserve a private room to yourself.

Am I fit enough?

- Hainan Island Cycling and Cultural Tour is graded - Moderate
- An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 45 to 50km on formed tracks and roads.
- Some average inclines at times.

How do we book the tour?

- The deposit is NZ\$1,000 per person to confirm your place and can be paid with a credit card through our website at <https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/make-a-payment/> (we accept Visa or Mastercard with no card surcharges) or
- by internet banking or bank transfer (New Zealand bank account holders only) to Tuatara Tours NZ Ltd account: 01 0797 0308837 00. Please use your surname or tour booking number as a reference when making a payment so we can identify it as yours.

When is the balance due?

- Your final balance is due 90 days prior to departure. We will email you a reminder when this is due.
- You are welcome to pay in instalments as long as your tour is paid in full by the due date. Please email us each time you make a payment so we can confirm receipt.

Travel Insurance

- Travel Insurance is not included in the tour price but is compulsory.
- We require all tour participants to have a comprehensive medical insurance in place.



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Tour cancellation

If a client wishes to cancel a Tour the following charges will be applied: (Unless stated otherwise)

1. 91+ days prior to departure – no fee
2. 90-60 days prior to departure – Deposit Non refundable
3. 59-30 days prior to departure – 30% of total package cost applies. 29-0 days prior to departure – 100% of total package cost applies
4. After tour commencement – no refund available.

These cancellation fees are not negotiable, therefore we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance as soon as you book the tour to cover you in the case that something unexpected happens and you cannot proceed with your tour.



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MAKING AN ENQUIRY

Go to www.tuataratours.co.nz, click the make an enquiry button and submit your enquiry using the form provided.

We enjoy talking to people about their travel interests. So feel free to contact us directly if you'd rather not fill out a form.

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- latest trips
- travel advice
- events & attractions
- and more!

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TUATARA CONSERVATION

Tuatarata Tours are proud to be actively involved in Tuatarata Conservation.

Tuatarata Tours has formally adopted "BP" a male juvenile tuatarata who resides at Orana Park in Christchurch and is part of the conservation programme to ensure the safe future of these amazing reptiles



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Tuatara Tours NZ Limited accepts bookings subject to the following conditions:

Contract

This contract is between Tuatara Tours and you the client being any person travelling or intending to travel on a tour supplied by Tuatara Tours as the operator. The contract, including all matters arising from it, is subject to New Zealand law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts. Only Employees and Directors of Tuatara Tours have authority to vary or omit any of the terms.

Cancellation Policy due to travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government. Should your trip be impacted by a travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government, we will either work with you to transfer your trip to a future date at no additional cost, or provide you with a full refund.

Price

The price is quoted in New Zealand dollars and includes GST of 15%. The price is based on prices at time of publishing and Tuatara Tours hereby reserves to modify without notice those prices in any way considered necessary or desirable.

Organised tour accommodations are based on a twin/double share accommodation. Individual travellers will be placed in rooms together with other individual travellers of the same sex. A single supplement is available on request.

Confirmation of Booking

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the full tour price which is payable 90 days prior to the commencement of the tour. Tuatara Tours or their agents reserve their right to decline any booking at their discretion.

Cancellation

If a client wishes to cancel a Tour the following charges will be applied: (Unless stated otherwise)

91+ days prior to departure – no fee

90-60 days prior to departure – NZD\$300.00 per person applies

59-30 days prior to departure – 30% of total package cost applies

29-0 days prior to departure – 100% of total package cost applies

After tour commencement – no refund available.

These cancellation fees are not negotiable, therefore we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance.

Travel Insurance

Tuatara Tours recommends that the client take out tour cancellation insurance together with all other necessary travel insurances. Obtaining all necessary insurances is the responsibility of you the client and Tuatara Tours can not held liable for any failure on your part to get insurance.

Medical conditions

When you book you must notify us of any medical condition, medical history or medication that you are on.

Changes to Tours

Tuatara Tours will use its best endeavours to ensure that all tours are operated as advertised. It may be that reasonable changes in the itinerary may need to be made where is deemed necessary or advisable by Tuatara Tours. Changes will be advised to the client as soon as is reasonably possible. Where a tour service needs to be changed, a substitute or similar quality or standard will be provided.

Weather

Adverse weather conditions may mean that planned activities cannot proceed as intended. A decision to change an advertised tour based on the weather conditions will be made by a tour guide at the time and is made in the best interest of the group and their safety. Tuatara Tours and or their contracted suppliers can not be held responsible to any changes as a result of the weather.

General conditions

Tuatara Tours, its agents, contractors and guides do not accept responsibility or liability for loss, damage to, or theft of personal belongings (owners risk) or for any expenses, including medical and transport expenses arising from a personal accident, injury, illness, or hospitalisation. Tuatara Tours and their guides reserve the right to make any alterations to the itinerary in the interest of safety, or unforeseen circumstances due to causes such as weather, illness or misadventure. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to keep to published schedules but no guarantee is given. Tuatara Tours will not be held liable for costs incurred by change, delay or the missing of connecting services. Tuatara Tours reserves the right to exclude a person from a tour at any time, if in the opinion of the guide or operator, that person may be likely to risk the health, safety or comfort (including unsociable behaviour) of other clients, him or herself or the environment. In such circumstances, Tuatara Tours will not be obliged to offer any refund or transfer ticket. These terms and conditions apply to each participant including in a group booking. Where a booking is made on behalf of a group or two or more people then each participant in the group must be made aware of and accept these terms and conditions.



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RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In any adventure activity, there is an element of risk involved. Risks in undertaking this activity include (but are not limited to): hypothermia, heat exhaustion, physical injury caused by environment i.e. rock falls, and physical injury caused by self, i.e. falling over.

Tongariro National Park is an active volcanic area, and eruptions from any of the volcanoes can happen at any time. Early warning systems and alarms are in place that indicate times of increased volcanic activity, however events can occur without any warning.

The staff and management of TuataraTours and any of its agency partners take all practicable steps to identify and minimise potential dangers. The Operator makes all arrangements for all tours on the condition that it shall not be liable for any sickness, injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, either directly or indirectly, by reason of any defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, by weather, by any other cause, or through acts of default of a company or person engaged in conveying the passengers, or in carrying out arrangements for these activities.

We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance prior to your trip. By participating in this activity, you are expressly assuming those risks and responsibilities and are, to the maximum extent permitted by law releasing the Operator, its officers, employees, directors, agents and any other person associated with us, from any liability, claims, loss, damages or expenses (whatsoever and irrespective of whether direct, indirect or consequential) caused by any event including but not limited to: personal injury or death; property loss or damage; acts which may be construed as negligible or accidental; any other loss, damage, suffering, emotional or nervous disorder suffered by you or any other person in relation to this activity. You accept that you have been advised to obtain adequate travel insurance for all persons named on the booking.

In participating in the activity, the customer agrees to be bound by the following conditions:

My successors, executors and administrators are bound by the Terms and Conditions;

I agree not to commence any litigation proceedings in any country in relation to the risks and liabilities set out above and to indemnify the Operator against any claims;

I confirm and warrant I am physically fit and suffer no medical conditions, which may affect my ability to participate in the activity;


I confirm I am aware that professional medical assistance may be difficult and/or take some time to access due to the remote areas in which we are travelling;


I consent to receive medical treatment in the case of injury, accident or illness during the activity and to indemnify the Operator against any claims, costs or expenses in respect of the treatment;


I agree that any film, sound, video or other recordings taken of or during the activity will not be used in any production, or advertising without prior consent of the Operator, however the Operator may use such recordings itself at its complete discretion without any prior approval; and

I agree to listen to my driver/guide/host, follow their instructions and make sure any children in my care do the same. Furthermore, the Operator will not be responsible for any personal injury and/or property damage caused by you and any costs for such injury/damage will be your responsibility. You shall indemnify the Operator in relation to such costs.





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