

Amazing Yellow Sea

Bird watching while helping to conserve the migratory shorebirds in China



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Dates: 19 April, 2019 ~ 28 April, 2019, 10 days

Sites: Shanghai: Chongming island
Jiangsu Coast: Rudong ~ Yancheng
Fujian: Minjiang Estuary
Jiangxi: E'mei Feng

Highlights:

Jiangsu Coast: **Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher, Little Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew, Great Knot, Red Knot, Bar-tailed Godwit, Saunders's Gull, Black-faced Spoonbill, Reed Parrotbill** and over 200 migratory shorebirds and woodland birds in the largest intertidal area of China; **A pelagic trip** in Lianyungang will bring you the special experience to the offshore island.

Minjiang Estuary: Chinese Crested Tern,

E'Mei Feng: Cabot's Tragopan, Short-tailed Parrotbill, Dusky Fulvetta, Chinese Bamboo Partridge

Lead by **China Coastal Waterbird Census Team surveyors** who have been working as volunteers for over 10 years.

Cost: US\$ 4,550 **Deposit:** US\$ 700

The Cost Includes: All accommodations, all main meals, internal train/flight as stated in the itinerary, overland transport, entrance fees, water and guidance;

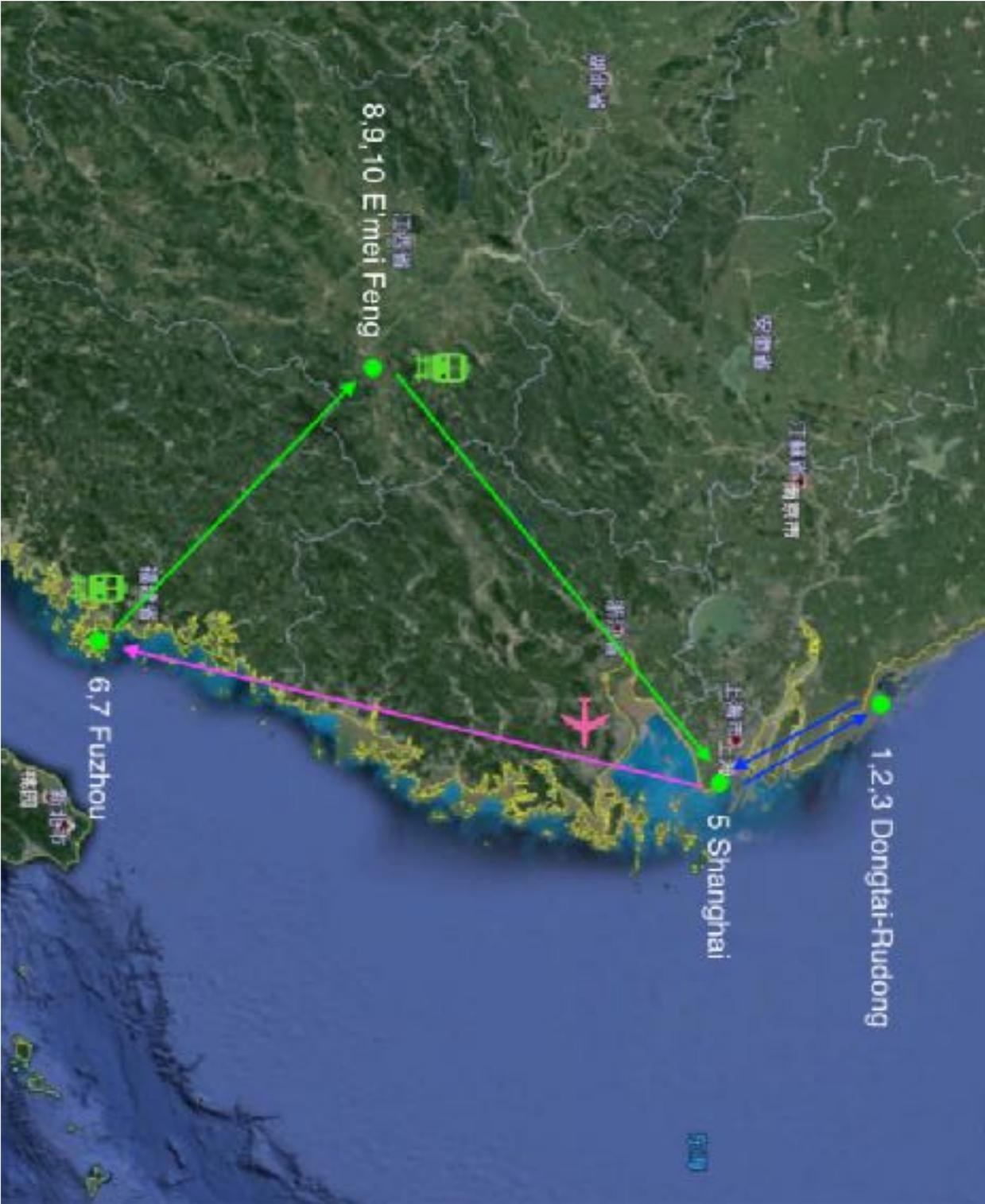
What's not included: International travels to and from Shanghai; tourist visa and international travel insurance; alcoholic drinks, tips and other items of personal nature

Itinerary:

		Activity	Bed	Hours on travel
Day 0	18 Apr	Intl flight arrive Shanghai	Pudong Airport	
Day 1	19 Apr	Hotel Pickup and bus to Rudong	Links Spa Hotel	4
Day 2	20 Apr	Dongtai-Rudong birding	Links Spa Hotel	
Day 3	21 Apr	Dongtai-Rudong birding	Links Spa Hotel	
Day 4	22 Apr	Dongtai-Rudong birding	Shanghai	4
Day 5	23 Apr	Fly to Fuzhou	Fuzhou	1 hour flight
Day 6	23 Apr	Minjiang Estuary	Fuzhou	
Day 7	25 Apr	Minjiang Estuary and Forestry Park	Fuzhou	
Day 8	26 Apr	E'mei Feng birding	E'mei Feng	4 hours by train
Day 9	27 Apr	E'mei Feng Birding	E'mei Feng	
Day 10	28 Apr	half day and return back	Shanghai	4 hours by train

Amazing Yellow Sea tour is a fundraising program, 10% income will be donated to China Coastal Waterbird Census Team. For more information, please contact info@sbsinchina.com or call Jing Li +86 1391 6270 962

Tour Map:



Day 1: Drive to Chongming Island to meet our local surveyor Tengyi Chen (Tengteng) . Chongming Island lies in the mouth of Yangtze River, and people living on the island have long history of hunting waders with an unique technic which can't be found anywhere else in China. Now they have abandoned this as the hunting activities are illegal. Some of them use this skill to help nature reserves to catch waders for banding. Tengteng has been learning from these old hunters for years and he will display this skill to us. After this, we will go on driving to cross the Yangtze River to night at Rudong. We will do some birding if time permits before check-in.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel Link Spa Hotel

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner at Rudong

Day 2~3: We will spend two full days birding and night at Rudong. Rudong is in the southern Yellow Sea. In mid-April many waders will come from the south eg. New Zealand and Australia and southern part of Asia. The southern part of Rudong has soft intertidal mudflat which attracts thousands of Great Knot in early April. Far Eastern Curlew is always one of the earliest to arrive. Especially, we'll look for the **Spoon-billed Sandpiper** which can be recorded as early as mid March in northward migration. Rudong is recognized as one of the most important staging sites for this species in recent years and mid-Apr is the peak time in spring. It's also important for **Nordmann's Greenshank**, Grey Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit etc.

Little Curlew's visible migration reaches its peak in mid- and late Apr and we may see a few hundred everyday.

The breeding Grey-headed Lapwing and Saunders's Gull always arrive in Feb.

Black-faced Spoonbill and the very rare **Baer's Pochard** are in migration and we may encounter a few.

Besides waterbirds, Rudong is also a hotspot for passerine migrants. Although it's still early for most of them, we can still meet some early ones and some wintering birds eg. thrushes, buntings and residents including the endemic **Reed Parrotbill** and **Japanese Swamp Warbler**.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel Link Spa Hotel

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner at Rudong

Day 4: After a morning birding, we will start to drive back to Shanghai and stay

overnight to catch early flight to Fuzhou next day.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel near Shanghai HongQiao Airport

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch box and dinner at Shanghai

Day 5: We will visit the Minjiang Estuary if time permits. Minjiang Estuary used to be one the best site for Spoon-billed Sandpiper, however, with less and less records in recent years. Still, it is one of the most important sites in East China Sea. In spring, there are several couples of Chinese Crested Tern travelling between Minjiang Estuary and Mazu Island (Taiwan) to breed, and this is the best accessible place to see them.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel or equivalent near Minjiang Estuary

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner at Jinfeng town

Day 6: We will do full day birding at Minjiang Estuary.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel or equivalent near Minjiang Estuary

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch box and dinner at Jinfeng town

Day 7: We will go to Fuzhou Forestry Park for full day birding. The park has nicely paved stone walkway and could lead us to some beautiful birds as White-necklaced Partridge, Chestnut Bulbul, Great Barbet, Slaty-backed Forktail, Scarlet and Grey-chinned Minivets, Fork-tailed Sunbird, Collared Finchbill, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Pale-headed Woodpecker etc.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel or equivalent near Minjiang Estuary

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch box and dinner at Jinfeng town

Day 8: We will take the earliest bullet train to E'mei Feng and do half day birding. E'mei Feng is within Wuyi Mountain Nature Reserve range and share very similar species. It is one of the best places to see many Chinese endemic, such as Cabot's Tragopan, Elliot's Pheasant, Chinese Bamboo Partridge and many babblers, yuhinas, fulvettas, laughingthrushes, warblers, Blue-throated Bee-eater, Black Baza etc.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel or equivalent

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch box and dinner at town

Day 9: Full Day birding in E'mei Feng.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel or equivalent

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch box and dinner at town

Day 10: Half day birding in E'mei Feng, and take afternoon bullet train back to Shanghai.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel or equivalent

Meals: breakfast at hotel; lunch in the town and late dinner at Shanghai

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