



Ganzhou Heritage Discovery - A 6-Day Journey into History and Culture

Exploring Hakka traditions, water resources, ancient city design, and the meaning of courage





About This Programme



Ganzhou is known as the cradle of Hakka culture. It is home to a well-preserved Song Dynasty city wall, ancient drainage systems, traditional roundhouses, and rich natural landscapes.

This 6-day journey takes students into historic towns, mountain parks, and cultural museums across the Ganzhou region. They will explore:

- Hakka folk traditions and community life
- Water source protection and environmental science
- Ancient city design and engineering
- Questions of courage, integrity, and what it means to stand up for one's beliefs

Linked SDGs: SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 6 (Clean Water & Sanitation), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption And Production) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).





Programme Highlights



1. Hakka Culture

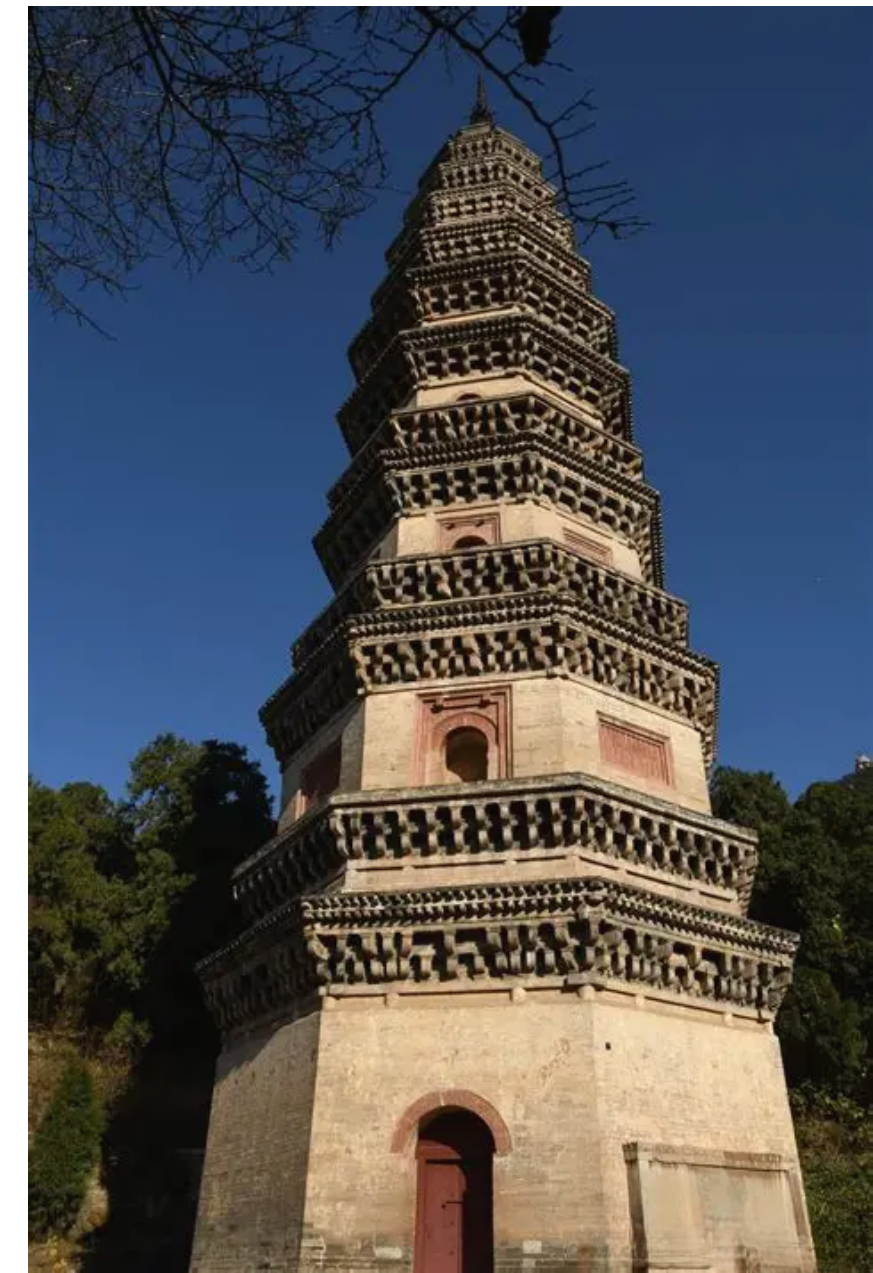
- **Guanxi New Fort** - a fortified Hakka roundhouse with gun turrets and defence walls
- **Hands-on traditions** - oil pressing, rice cake pounding, tea picking
- **World Hakka Folk Culture City** - museums and traditional architecture

2. Dongjiang River Source

- **Cable car + longest glass bridge** in Jiangxi
- **Test water quality** - the river that supplies Hong Kong

3. Song Dynasty Ganzhou

- **Ancient city wall** with 1,000-year-old brick inscriptions
- **Fushou Gou** - a drainage system still working after a millennium
- **Bajing and Yugu Terraces** - poetry by Su Shi and Xin Qiji



Day 1 – Arrival & Hakka Heritage



Time	Activity
Morning	Depart from Shenzhen by high-speed train to Longnan
Afternoon	Opening ceremony + Guanxi New Fort (Guanxi Xinwei)
Late afternoon	World Hakka Folk Culture City (World Hakka Convention Site) – museums, traditional buildings, migration history
Evening	Group discussion: What makes a community unique?

Day 2 – Hakka Life & Nature

Time	Activity
Morning	Qianxin Hakka Town (Qianxin Town) – oil pressing, wine making, rice cake pounding
Afternoon	Tea plantation experience – pick, fry, and taste tea
Late afternoon	Dayu Yashan area – nature walk and observation



Sample Itinerary
(6 days -
adjustable)

Day 3 – Yashan Mountain – Nature & Reflection



Time	Activity
Morning	Aduo Village (rural theme park) – outdoor exploration
Afternoon	Wolong Grand Canyon + glass walkway + Sky Mirror
Late afternoon	Group reflection: How do humans interact with nature?

Day 4 – Sanbai Mountain & Dongjiang River Source Field Study

Time	Activity
Morning	Travel to Sanbai Mountain Scenic Area (Sanbaishan), Anyuan County
Afternoon	Field study at the Dongjiang River source – collect water samples, conduct basic water quality tests (pH, turbidity, etc.), and record observations. Guided discussion: Why is protecting water sources important? How does this river connect to Hong Kong?

Schedule can be adjusted based on group needs.

Late afternoon	Group reflection – each team shares their findings and proposes one action to protect shared water resources
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Day 5 – Song Dynasty Ganzhou



Time	Activity
Morning	Eight Mirror Terrace (Bajing Tai) – city views and map sketching
Late morning	Ancient city wall – brick inscription hunt
Afternoon	Fushougou Museum – 1,000-year-old drainage system still in use
Evening	Travel to Ji'an County

Day 6 – Courage, Integrity & Education

Time	Activity
Morning	Wen Tianxiang Memorial Hall – a story of integrity and standing up for one's beliefs
Late morning	Bailuzhou Academy – compare traditional and modern education
Afternoon	Closing ceremony + return to Shenzhen by train



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Key Destinations



Guanxi New Fort (Guanxi Xinwei) - A Fortress of the Hakka

Walk inside a 200-year-old fortified roundhouse with corner watchtowers, gun ports, and cannon windows. Students see how Hakka families built self-sufficient, resilient communities.





Key Destinations



World Hakka Folk Culture City (World Hakka Convention Site)

A large cultural complex with museums and traditional buildings. This was the main venue of the 32nd World Hakka Convention. Students learn about Hakka migration, customs, and architecture through exhibits and open spaces.





Key Destinations



Qianxin Hakka Town

A scenic resort where students press oil the traditional way, make sticky rice cakes, and pick, fry, and taste tea leaves. These are real working skills passed down for generations – a hands-on lesson in responsible production and traditional wisdom.





Key Destinations



Dayu Yashan Mountain - Nature Observation

Yashan Mountain is named after its twin peaks that form a "Y" shape (like the letter "Y"). Students walk a glass walkway, visit a rural theme park, and explore a canyon. They observe local ecosystems and discuss human-nature relationships.





Key Destinations



Sanbai Mountain Scenic Area (Sanbaishan) & Dongjiang River Source

Take a cable car up the mountain, cross the longest glass suspension bridge in Jiangxi, and collect water samples for basic quality testing. The Dongjiang River supplies drinking water to Hong Kong – students see the source and think about shared water resources.





Key Destinations



Song Dynasty Ganzhou - City Design and Engineering

Visit Eight Mirror Terrace (Bajing Tai), known as the origin of China's "eight views" culture. Walk the ancient city wall to find brick inscriptions, and tour Fushougou Museum – a 1,000-year-old drainage system still in use today. Students learn how ancient engineers solved urban flooding.





Key Destinations



Wen Tianxiang - A Story of Integrity

Wen Tianxiang was a Southern Song Dynasty official who refused to surrender even when facing death. His famous line – "Since ancient times, no one has escaped death. Let my heart shine in history" – is about a universal question: What would you stand for, even when it is hard?

Students discuss integrity, courage, and leadership without right-or-wrong answers





Key Destinations



Bailuzhou Academy - Then and Now

One of the four great academies of ancient Jiangxi, built over 800 years ago on Bailu Islet in the Gan River. Students explore old classrooms and libraries, then reflect:

- How was learning different in the past?
- What has changed? What should never change?





Thank you!

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