



## **Hakka Tour INS-CN16**

Country: China

Duration: 3 days

Accommodation: Included

Meal: As per program

Transportation: Included

The amazing earthen houses of the Hakka people lie in the mountains of rural Fujian province. Their design is plain and easily defended on the outside, with 3 storeys of galleried rooms on the inside - is unique. Their construction which achieves low humidity and resistance to earthquake has allowed them to survive hundreds of years. This trip takes you through the rugged interior mountains of Fujian to see these interesting ancient rural architectures.

### **Day 1: Arrive Xiamen / Yongding (-)**

Your driver will meet you in the arrival hall after the immigration formalities, and take you to your hotel; drive 3 hours to Fuyulou (a five-phenix style building) what is your base for the next few days. The left side of the Fuyulou Earth House has been converted into a cozy Inn. All the rooms are basic and clean. In the afternoon orientation of the neighborhood.

Fuyulou Changdi Inn is located in the side courtyard of Fuyulou. Fuyulou Earth Building was built in 1880. It faces east and occupies an area of 4000 square meters. It is a five-phoenix tulou building (square in shape). It has three halls and four annexes on both sides. The square clay building is located by the river, next to Kuijulou, not far from the famous Zhengchenglou – the king of Tulou Buildings.

### **Day 2: Yongding / Chuxi / Yongding (B)**

After breakfast, drive to Chuxi Tulou Cluster, all Xu's residence, consists of buildings of various shapes such as rectangular, square, circular, oval, and hexagonal. The Tulou building scattered in the village were constructed in the years between Emperor Yongle of Ming Dynasty, Emperor Daoguang of Qing Dynasty, and modern times. The Tulou Cluster is an example of perfect combination and harmony between man and nature.

After lunch, we visit the Chengqi Lou, a circular building with four concentric rings, is located in the very center of the Gaobei Tulou Cluster. It reveals every aspect of Hakka's outstanding contribution to the succession, innovation and development of Chinese Traditional raw earth architecture employed in local residences.

### **Day 3: Depart Yongding - Xiamen (B)**

After breakfast, we leave Yongding in the morning and drive to Zhangzhou. The earliest records about the administrative history of Zhangzhou area should be traces back to the Eastern Jin Dynasty (317-420). We will visit the Hundred Flowers Village, 2.5km from the city, in a sea of flowers. Since Yongle Period in the Ming Dynasty, the village has lived by planning and selling flowers. We will also visit the 800-year-old Ciji Palace, inside the temple is a statue of Wu Tao, a Song dynasty doctor greatly revered by the local people. The palace was held in such high esteem by Zhangzhou natives that those who followed Zheng Chengong on his expedition to Taiwan 300 years ago built a replica of the palace in the city of Tainan.

Afternoon drive back to Xiamen for your onward flight.

**Included:**

- 2 nights accommodation in a double or twin share room with daily breakfast.
- Meals: as mentioned in the program (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner) at locally selected restaurants
- Experienced English speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers
- Admission to all sites stated in the program
- Service charges and government tax

**Excluded:**

- International Airfares
- Entry visas to China
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance (We highly recommend that you purchase an adequate insurance)
- Gratuities for guides and driver
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.
- Other services which are not specified in the itinerary

