

See below the itinerary for Nick & Jan from Mahurangi Macadamias upcoming trip with the AMS to China. We look forward to a report on their return.

2018 AUSTRALIAN MACADAMIA SOCIETY CHINA TOUR



ITINERARY

DAY 1 **Mon 8 October** **DEPART BRISBANE** **Sofitel Hyland Hotel**

Today we meet at 9.30am at Brisbane International Airport at the check in desk for our 12.15pm China Eastern flight to Shanghai.

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES MU716

08 Oct 18	Mon	Depart	Brisbane	12:15	Journey Time - 10hrs 05mins
08 Oct 18	Mon	Arrive	Shanghai Pu Dong	20:20	Non-stop

On arrival we will be transferred to our accommodation.

DAY 2 **Tue 9 October** **SHANGHAI** **Sofitel Hyland Hotel**

Shanghai, 上海

Located in the centre of China's eastern coastline at the entrance to the Yangtze River delta, Shanghai has a long history as a trading port and gateway for visitors entering China. Shanghai is the largest city in China by population, with approximately 24 million residents. It is a modern city under the direct jurisdiction of the central government and the largest economic and trade centre in China. Average temperature for October is 16°C – 23°C with 56mm average monthly rainfall.

Today's activities include a presentation from our China agency, HAVAS, about the market, the key consumer drivers in the snacking category, the impact of technology, the importance of online sales channels and an overview of the Australian macadamia campaign. We will all get a quick lesson in how to navigate the China social media scene using wechat and weibo.

Meals included:

Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 3 **Wed 10 October** **SHANGHAI** **Sofitel Hyland Hotel**

We have an Austrade hosted tour of key macadamia markets including a department store, a traditional wholesale market and a supermarket. Austrade staff will explain the market dynamics and some of the recent trends, including what makes Australian brands stand out and some tips for being successful in China.

Meals included:

Breakfast & Lunch



DAY 4 **Thu 11 October** **SHANGHAI – NANNING** **Wanda Vista Hotel**

This morning we have an early start, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Nanning.

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES MU9339

11 Oct 18	Thu	Depart	Shanghai Pu Dong	07:15	Journey Time - 3hrs 10mins
11 Oct 18	Thu	Arrive	Nanning	10:25	Non-stop

Nanning, 南宁

Also known as the “Green City”, it is the capital of Guangxi province and gateway to southwest China. Situated along the Yongjiang river, it is a melting pot of different cultures. Nanning is a sister city of Bundaberg and recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the relationship. Average temperature for October is 20°C – 28°C with 66mm average monthly rainfall.

In Nanning we will be met by the Guangxi Macadamia Growers Association and have an overview of the industry in Guangxi. Orchards in this province are quite different to those you will see in Yunnan and elsewhere in China. They are more established, generally larger and use more mechanised management. This will be a real highlight of the tour.

Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 5

Fri 12 October

NANNING AREA

Chongzuo International

Today we visit Fusui Macadamia Farms. Established in 2005 this farm comprises 400 ha of macadamias (around 130,000 trees) producing about 850 tonnes nut in-husk. It is reported to be the largest “flat” macadamia farm in China. Land slope is less than 25 degrees so the whole farm could be operated mechanically. The business is involved in processing, purchasing, distribution and technical R&D as well as production.

We will also visit the Shangsi Yi Cheng Agricultural Technological Development Co. Established in 2014, the company owns 333 ha of macadamias on flat land with up to 120,000 trees. In keeping with most large Chinese macadamia farms, the business is also involved in processing, purchasing and distribution. Both farms will have owner representatives and local macadamia experts on hand to answer questions and provide detailed information about production practices and costs.



Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 6

Sat 13 October

NANNING – KUNMING

Sofitel Kunming

Today we trip out to De Tian Waterfall on the China/Vietnam border, rated as Asia’s no.1 waterfall. It originates from the Guichin river in Vietnam which then winds back into Guangxi forming the fourth largest waterfall in the world.

After travelling back to Nanning in the afternoon we head to catch the high speed train to Kunming. Known as one of the most beautiful high speed railways, the line passes charming lakes, picturesque mountains and ethnic villages.

On arrival in Kunming we will transfer to our hotel.

Meals included:

Breakfast & Lunch



DAY 7

Sun 14 October

KUNMING - LINCANG

Sofitel Kunming

Kunming, 春城

Kunming is called the “City of Eternal Spring” and is the capital of Yunnan province, which has a population of approximately 48 million people. Yunnan is situated on the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and forms China’s southwest border with Myanmar. Average temperature for October is 12°C – 21°C with 79mm average monthly rainfall.

This morning we travel to the legendary Stone Forest. The forest covers an area of over three hundred square kilometres and was formed 270 million years ago when an immense body of water worked its way against the limestone sediment of the sea floor. The peaks and pillars of the Stone Forest are breathtaking. Then we return to Kunming ready for our afternoon flight to Lincang.

Meals included:

Breakfast & Lunch



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CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES MU5959

14 Oct 18	Sun	Depart	Kunming	16:10	Journey Time - 55mins
14 Oct 18	Sun	Arrive	Lincang	17:05	Non-stop

On arrival in Lincang we will be transferred to our hotel and register for the IMS pre-tour.

DAY 8

Mon 15 October

LINCANG – STUDY TOUR

Yunnan Mengding Hongbo Hotel

Lincang, 临沧

Lincang City is so called because it sits along the Lancang River and is the home of the Han and Wa ethnic groups. The Tropic of Cancer runs across the city, lending a subtropical climate which also combines with the cooler temperatures of the adjacent Nushan & Hengduan Mountains. Average temperature for October is 15°C – 24°C with 99mm average monthly rainfall.

SYMPOSIUM PRE TOUR: The farm tour will visit orchards in Yun, Yongde and Zhenkang counties of Yunnan. There will be a mix of cooperative and corporate farms, all are at altitude and on slopes not seen in Australia. We will also visit a 3 million plant nursery and one of the best macadamia processing facilities in China. A lunch at the Chinese end of the Burma railway and a cultural display during dinner at a traditional paper making factory are also included. You will not see macadamias like this anywhere else.

Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY 9

Tue 16 October

LINCANG

Hecheng Ferretti Inter. Resorts Manor

On arrival back in Lincang we will check in to our hotel and register for the Symposium to be held at the Lincang Events Center. This evening we will attend the Welcome banquet put on by the Lincang Government and attended by up to 600 delegates from across China and around the world. Free buses from the hotel to the Symposium will be provided each day.

Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



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DAY 10 **Wed 17 October** **LINCANG – SYMPOSIUM** **Hecheng Ferretti Inter. Resorts Manor**

Symposium Day 1. Full program as per <http://www.ims2018.net/en/program.html>

Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 11 **Thu 18 October** **LINCANG – SYMPOSIUM** **Hecheng Ferretti Inter. Resorts Manor**

Symposium Day 2. Full program as per <http://www.ims2018.net/en/program.html>

Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 12 **Fri 19 October** **LINCANG – SYMPOSIUM** **Hecheng Ferretti Inter. Resorts Manor**

Symposium Day 3. Full program as per <http://www.ims2018.net/en/program.html>, ending with a Conference gala dinner.

Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 13 **Sat 20 October** **LINCANG** **Hecheng Ferretti Inter. Resorts Manor**

This will be a free day to enjoy Lincang at your leisure. The Symposium will offer ideas of local sites that you may want to visit.

Meals included:

Breakfast

DAY 14 **Sun 21 October** **LINCANG - HOME** **On Flight**

Today we farewell China! We will transfer to Lincang Airport early in the morning for our multi leg flight home.

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES MU5962

21 Oct 18	Sun	Depart	Lincang	10:10	Journey Time - 55mins
21 Oct 18	Sun	Arrive	Kunming	11:05	Non-stop

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES MU9715

21 Oct 18	Sun	Depart	Kunming	12:30	Journey Time - 4hrs 10mins
21 Oct 18	Sun	Arrive	Shanghai Pu Dong	16:40	Via Liupanshui

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES MU715

21 Oct 18	Sun	Depart	Shanghai Pu Dong	22:15	Journey Time - 10hrs 00mins
22 Oct 18	Mon	Arrive	Brisbane	10:15	Non-stop

Meals included:

Meals on flights

DAY 15 **Mon 22 October** **ARRIVE BRISBANE**

After an eventful trip we arrive back home to Brisbane at 10:15 am.

Items to note:

Hotel Amenities:

All hotels in the bigger cities will have good amenities, including free Wi-Fi (sometimes only in the lobby), plenty of bottled water, flushing toilets and phone reception. At each hotel its advisable to take a business card from the reception in case you need help returning via taxi etc, locals will not speak English at all. The food provided will be traditional Chinese meals, but most hotels will have a “Western Breakfast” option. You may take snacks along if you wish, especially when tripping around more regional areas. It is standard practice in China for hotels to hold your passport on check in and return it once you check out.

Farm Visits:

Farm amenities could be less than favourable, so items such as hand sanitizer, toilet paper and sensible shoes will be handy. It is ok to take photos, but polite to ask locals if taking a photo of them directly. Definitely no photography is allowed if any police or military personnel are in the vicinity. All tours and farm visits will have an English-speaking guide and translators, but locals will not speak English including taxi drivers.

Luggage:

There are complicated rules for taking batteries into China. Do your own research but here are a few tips. You cannot travel with batteries in your checked luggage, it will need to be in your carry on. Loose batteries (AA, AAA batteries etc) must be seated in a device or original packaging so that opposite terminals don't touch. Lithium batteries such as power banks within the range of 100Wh – 160Wh are permissible and this must be clearly printed by the manufacturer on the battery. The international travel limit on aerosols, liquids and gels in carry on is restricted to 100ml or less containers. Ensure all luggage is well labelled, including day bags.

Communication

Mobile phone reception will be available in major cities but will be unreliable in regional areas. International roaming will need to be arranged before departing Australia and on Telstra costs around \$10 per day. Facebook does work in China but only some of the time, Google, Google Maps and Gmail will not be available. We ask you to download **WhatsApp** (the green phone icon) so the group can communicate with each other while in China. DFAT advise travelers to China to assume all communication is visible to authorities and monitored. Please ensure that communication isn't sensitive and certainly not critical of China in any way.



Credit Cards/Cash

All hotels we are staying in will take international credit cards as will some local retailers. Having some local currency is advisable as some places we will visit will only take cash. The Chinese currency is the renminbi (RMB) with the basic unit being the Yuan (¥). You can arrange this before departing Australia or exchange AUD in Shanghai on arrival. The current exchange rate is about 1AUD = 5¥.

Dress Code

There is no specific dress code for events, but it is advisable to take smart casual clothing for official conference dinners.

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