

DALIAN HIGH LIGHTS FULL DAY TOUR (July 6, 2008)

Departing from Hotel , Visit Tiger Beach Park& Pole Aquarium to view kinds of polar animal and the fantabulous show in ocean theatre, Driving through costal way to view the beautiful scenery in The Coastal Road, Take a walk at Xinghai Square to see City Century Sculpture, Take a walk at Russian Culture Street, Bus tour through ZhongShan square and mail streets in Dalian, photo stop at Green Hill to have a panoramic view of the downtown of Dalian and the Symbol of "Soccer City". Conclude the tour and return to Hotel.

Quotation: 1PAX:RMB800/P.P

2-5PAX:RMB480/P.P

6-9PAX:RMB250/P.P

group of 10 persons or more:RMB200/P.P

Inclusive: Air-conditioned tour bus, professional English guide, entrance fee (RMB 115), a bottle of drinking water, insurance.

(1) Tiger Beach Ocean Park

It's a AAAAA national tourist spot situated in south of the city. The name of Tiger Beach comes from a beautiful legend, yet the actual versions you hear from the locals vary. New highlights include a polar aquarium, a world's biggest coral exhibition hall and a water-skiing course.



(2) Pole Aquarium

A trip to polar regions shall be an unimaginable experience to average people, yet coming visitors here to the Polar Aquarium find themselves in a crystal ice-snow world anytime of the year. The aquarium was opened in 2002, animals both from the south polar and the north polar regions, including polar bears, penguins, polar belugas and sea elephants share neighborhood here. Altogether the aquarium has 11 species of 153 polar animals and it also boasts of 3,000 fish. Standing in a 360o channel one seems to live together with the multitude of fish. A showcase of 300-odd sharks and performances by dolphins also deserve high recommendations as well. In the sea animal section, one can touch fur seals, sea dogs, and sea lions. It is currently the largest polar aquarium in the world.



(3) Tiger Beach Square,

located in the middle part of southern shore scenic zone, covers an area of 15,700 square meters. The largest Stone Tiger Statues in China stands in the square, which is designed by Mr. Hanmeilin- a famous Chinese artist and sculptor. 6 stone tiger statues heads eastward as they are roaring angrily.



(4) Binhai Road

If you come to Dalian by plane, when your plane flies over the city, look down and you may find what looks like a dancing silk ribbon inlaid between the

southern mountains and sea -- it's the Binhai Road, otherwise known as the "Coastal Road". It offers a delightful sightseeing route and is one of the must see attractions of the town. The coastline of Dalian stretches for 1906 km. Ten major scenic spots dot the Southern Seaside Scenic Area, in addition to 10 major bathing beaches -- All can be accessed by the Binhai Road. In 1988, the Area was ranked as one of the China's Major Scenic Areas. The road starts from Haizhiyun Square at its east and ends at Heishijiao at its west, the whole length extends 42.5 km. It is the best route for hiking and going for driving in town: on the mountain side grow thriving trees, flourishing flowers, and on the other the steep and rugged cliffs quicken one's health and a vast expanse of calm, blue, or misty, rolling water delights one's eyes. The air of the region is so fresh that tourists coming here apply the name of "natural oxygen bar" to it spontaneously.



(5) Xinghai Square

Xinhai Square was erected in 1997 to commemorate the reversion of Hong Kong. It sits at the center of the Xinghai business district, and maybe is roughly as big as two Tianānmen Squares in Beijing. The design of the square combines Chinese tradition and modern concepts: A tall, straight and pure-white marble ornamental column stands at the pivot of the square, ranking the largest across the country. The column is 19.97 meters high, with a 1.997 diameter, indicating that it was built in the year HK returned to the motherland. The base of the column has 8 carved dragons, and the arch is carved with another huge dragon, implying that Chinese are descendants of the dragon. To the north of the square lies Xinghai Convention & Exhibition Center and to its south is the sea. Nearby the sea is located the city centennial sculpture. The sculpture is just like an opened book, and on it is written the history of the city, showing that the locals are confident to open a new historic

page and march into the new era. The square has become a major stage for city galas like the Fashion Festival and the Spring Festival Fireworks & Firecrackers Gathering. On the other side, if you know the history that only several years ago, the site of the square was covered by a large-scale stinking dump and at that time the land-value of it was under RMB1000, while at present the value has risen to over RMB10,000 -- what will you think of the city's creativity?



(6) Zhongshan Square

Built up in 1899 by Russians, this's the oldest square in Dalian. Its name evolved from the "Nicholas Square" under Tsarist Russian concession, to "Big Plaza" within the Japanese colonization, and then "Zhongshan" (the formal name of Mr. Sun Yat-sen) after the Liberation (1945). About 100 years ago, a group of Russian architects fascinated with France culture came to Dalian with the construction blueprint of Paris. They dreamed about rebuilding an oriental Paris here, hence the architectural style of the city was formed--to take squares as the center and radiate outwards, with Zhongshan Square being the focal point. The square is also the first musical square in China. In 1995, 36 sets of audio systems were equipped around it. At every dawn and dusk, people crowd here to play Chinese chess, kick shuttlecocks, dance, do Taijiquan or see an outdoor movie, watch an entertainment show or enjoy concerts accompanied by the flowing music in the air.



(7) **Russian Street**

Russian Street is about 1000 m north of the Zhongshan Square, and not far away from the Tianjin Street shopping circle. As the first avenue of the city, it was constructed 100 years ago when Dalian commenced its construction. Now the street has been renovated to accommodate the tourists. The 430-metre-long street consists of 20 Russian and European style buildings.

