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Jan 11, Wayne Purcell,

I'm currently a volunteer with Changqing National Nature Reserve in Shaanxi Province, China. I would just like to highlight that the information provided regarding Changqing and its website on p99 (under Environment – Wildlife 'Searching for the elusive Giant Panda by David Andrew') is slightly misleading. Changqing has had both English and Chinese versions of its website (English at <http://www.cqpanda.com/english/index.htm>) for the last few years. Changqing has quite a few staff that speak good English and is actively trying to improve its services to cater for western tourists.

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May 10, Bastiaan Bijl,

The location of the Dutch embassy is not correct on the Sanlitun map. The correct location can be found on the website of the Dutch embassy in in China: www.hollandinchina.org. The embassy is located next to the UN embassy, on Liangmahe Nanlu #4. The embassy can be reached by taking a metro to Liangmaqiao metro station (Liangmahe on the map, also incorrect). The location depicted on the current map is the residence of the Dutch ambassador to China.

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Aug 09, CARINA FABISAK,

You mention the "Beijing Underground City" as a sight. We just went there today and unfortunately it has been closed - permanently (as someone had been kind enough to add in pencil underneath the sign)

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Aug 09

I am writing to let you know that I attempted to find the Beijing Underground City but 4 taxi drivers didn't know about it. They said they had never heard of it. My friend and I walked around near Tiananmen Square trying to find the street but no luck. Other than that, China has been a blast.

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Aug 09

The Underground City is closed.



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| 136 | <p>Jan 10, JUSTIN O'HEARN,
In the Beijing section the Beijing Underground City is listed as an attraction that was 'closed at the time of writing' so we took a shot. When we showed up it was still closed and talking with a few locals we were told it had been that way for 2 years with no plans to reopen. The signage is peeling pretty badly and the building is in disrepair with little left to indicate that this was even an attraction at one point. You may wish to review the information given in the guidebook and perhaps take it out entirely.</p> |
| 136 | <p>Jan 10
Beijing: underground city: is permanently closed, the government will rebuild the area, develop new buildings...it is a pity. I walked to the place and it was already closed</p> |
| 136 | <p>Oct 10, Russell Osborne,
Regarding the Beijing Underground City, you quote it as 'hopefully should have reopened by the time you read this', having been tried to go there this morning, I can confirm that it is still closed and looks likely to be for the foreseeable future.</p> |
| 136 | <p>Apr 11, Alex Matos,
Beijing Underground city - We we're very curious about this one, unfortunately after wandering around for a while we finally found it with a big sign "The underground city is closed for tourists". So by March 2011 the underground city was still closed...</p> |
| 145 | <p>Jan 10
Summer Palace cost Y20 for basic admission (not Y40). This has got to be the best value sight in the country.</p> |
| 146 | <p>Nov 10, Carol Kempe,
Beijing - Summer Palace: There are a number of new subway (underground) lines and line 4 goes directly from the center of Beijing to the Summer Palace. It is the last but one stop. This mode of travel is much much faster than the suggested bus. In fact, in light of the many subway lines now running, perhaps you could revamp your directions for getting to places in Beijing as it was very easy by subway.</p> |
| 148 | <p>Jul 10, Nathalie Unterbrink,
Bus to Beijing Botanical Gardens from subway stop Pingguoyuan is number 112, they changed the number or something. 318 does not run there.</p> |
| 153 | <p>Feb 10, FRANCISKA TILLEMA,
Red lantern hostel and RL West yard have changed their phone numbers.</p> |
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Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 NR. 92 93 Xiao Wang's Restaurant does it really exist twice? We searched for both we could only find one. Food compare to other places on this price level not so fantastic

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Jan 10
 Beijing: DaDong Roast Duck Restaurant - a duck now costs Y198

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Apr 11, Alex Matos,
 Běijīng; Beijing Dadong Roast Duck Restaurant; Famous Peking Duck but the price in the guidebook of Y98/duck is actually Y198/duck

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Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Beijing Nightclubs. Mix cost most of the time 50 Yuan entrance Thursday free for ladies. On the other side is another club. Almost the same a little bit smaller and less posh. Entrance free without the weekends.

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Nov 09, BRIAN ENGEL,
 The acrobatics show times in Beijing were wrong (as a result I couldn't end up seeing one).

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Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON,
 BOXED TEXT : BORDER CROSSINGS : GETTING TO VIETNAM : As of April 2009 The "T5" train only goes as far as Nanning where it terminates. Also as of April 2009 you CAN still take the Train from Nanning to Hanoi. Train # T875 departs at 2115h on Mondays and Fridays ONLY! But know : The cost is Y550 for the only type of Sleeper available. Border formalities begin at 0030h and can take upwards of 2+ hours ! The "T6" originates in Nanning NOT Hanoi, and it does return to Beijing.

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Aug 09, BARBARA GALLAGHER,
 Watch out for cabbies outside tourist areas, drivers speak some English, approach only westerners & quote prices 3-4 times higher than metered fares (go to the street & catch a metered cab).

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Jan 10
 Just wanted to offer some information regarding how to get to Mutianyu (a section of the Great Wall). The book says you can take bus 980 to get to Mutianyu. There are actually a few bus 980s-the "slow" 980 takes you to Hairou (where you can catch a mini bus to mutianyu). the "fast" 980 does NOT take you to the great wall.

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Sep 10, Terence Parker,
 Simatai Great Wall section is, unfortunately, now closed to the public for 'repairs'. From looking at posters this probably means the creation of tacky façades but nonetheless there are police road blocks at entrance points to the wall, so it's out-of-bounds or if adventurous you'll have to find another route in. There is no completion commitment date at present.



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| 170 | <p>Nov 09, BRECHTJE SPREEUWERS,
We wanted to do the walk from Jinshanling to Simatai and took on advice of the Lonely Planet from Dongzhimenstation bus 987 to Miyun. But what happened is that both the driver as the ticketwomen in the bus after one hour said that we had to get off (not yet arrived in Miyun) for Jinshanling Great Wall. We got off at that bus stop and were attacked by taxi-drivers who where holding a paper that said: 'The version of the lonely planet you are using is old, this is Miyun and taking a taxi to Jinshanling is the only possible solution to come there.' Luckily me and my friend can both speak Chinese and said that they were talking rubbish. After 15 minutes the second 987 bus came and we asked if this really was Miyun, they said YES and drove further. We still couldn't believe it, so after another 15 minutes we forced ourselves in the bus 987 (complaints from the driver) and came of course after 10 minutes in Miyun. So it worries us that all the bus drivers are saying to tourists that they have to get off at that bus stop (and then have to take a taxi). We can speak Chinese and solved it, but a lot of people wouldn't ofcourse!</p> |
| 179 | <p>Jul 09, JONAS GERSON,
The Renaissance Hotel is now the Radisson Hotel</p> |
| 181 | <p>Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF,
Under Hebei you will find Shijiazhuang (a place I wanted to go to). The girl here at the hostel had a laugh, as you seem to have mixed up the Chinese characters spelling shijiazhuang. It's all Chinese to me, so let someone who speaks the lingo check it out.</p> |
| 181 | <p>May 10, Lonely Planet staff,
The first two Chinese script characters for Shijiazhuang are reversed. They should read 石家庄.</p> |
| 182 | <p>Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF,
While I was still thinking about going to Shijiazhuang, I tried to secure a bed in the City Central Youth Hostel. Now, when I called no one spoke English, so I asked a Chinese girl to talk to the folks of this hotel. It appears the hotel is NOT allowed to take foreigners. I am not sure why, but that is what the person that spoke to the hotel over the phone told me.</p> |
| 209 | <p>Aug 09, EVA JOHNSON,
The Tai An train station is called Tai Shan...from the top of Tai Shan you can actually see the layer of brown smog that hangs over the city of Tai An, so the views aren't nearly as nice as they could be...</p> |
| 209 | <p>Nov 09, BONNIE FOX,
A minor update to the information about Tai Shan - the fee for the minibus from the Midway Gate to Heaven down to Tianwai village has now risen to 30 CNY, and is no longer 18 CNY as you state. I did not take it up so I don't know if this fee has also changed but I expect so.</p> |



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214	Aug 09, EVA JOHNSON, QUFU: the all inclusive ticket for the three confuscious sights isn't listed in english...none of the tickets are listed in english...the only reason I knew anything was because of the numbers...
215	Nov 09, BONNIE FOX, Qufu. You state that the bus station in Qufu is to the south of town, just outside of the city walls. It is shown as number 22 on your map. This bus station is no longer operational and there is a new bus station - the Qufu New Bus Station, about 3/4km out of town to the west towards Yanzhou. I got a bus from Yanzhou, which incidentally costs 5 CNY each way, not 5 and 3.50 as you state. Anyway, I expected to get off the bus just outside of the city walls but these were nowhere in sight which was very confusing. I got a taxi from this new bus station to the YHA which cost 13 CNY, but on my return I got a pedicab which only cost 5CNY. This needs to be updated as it is confusing and does not correspond to the information given in the book.
216	Nov 09, BONNIE FOX, Also in Qufu - I visited on 24 November - the price for visiting all three sites (Temple, Mansions and Forest) was still 150 CNY and there was no reduction for the low season (16 Nov to 14 Feb) as stated in your book. My Chinese is nowhere near good enough to enquire as to whether this lower price still exists at all and when.
218	Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF, The Yan Temple is being restored and is off limits to visitors for what seems to be some time. I managed to sneak in with a bunch of 'ting budong's' (don't understand), so the puzzled workmen left me in peace after a while. It was nice to actually see what the restorers are doing to an old building, I mean, normally you only see the finished product which looks - let's be honest - like it came out of the plastic bag yesterday. The Yan temple is partly restored but I found some wonderful buildings with crumbling paint and rotten wood. The restored parts look exactly like well..... just about any temple in China nowadays. Bright reds blues and greens and not a shred of atmosphere...The temple seems to be called differently (not Yan Miao or some such name) so I'll go out later and I will send you the name they use here.
218	Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF, Qufu I promised I'd follow up on the Yan Temple in Qufu which I though was named differently. Well it seems LP is right and I am wrong: it is named Yan Temple after all.



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| 219 | Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF,
Zouchen The Mencius Temple and Mencius Mansions in Zoucheng have not received a complete overhaul yet - thank god. I got there early this morning from Qufu and I only counted two megaphone-guided tourgroups, screaming their way through the courtyards. To get there from the bus station take a taxi, which will only cost you 5Y (flagfall is 5 - it takes less than 10 minutes from station to temple). You get to see both Temple and Mansions for 40Y (a combo-ticket) of which the Temple is nicest. Now let's hope this quiet place will not be restored to death like everything else in China. |
| 219 | Nov 09, ANTHONY PUGH,
Qufu: They have moved the bus station which means a 15-20 yuan taxi to the Drum Tower. |
| 221 | Jan 10
QINGDAO - the correct address is given for the PSB, and the directions for finding it by bus are not wrong (but not very clear); however, the map shows its location about 2 km west of its real location. Also, it stays open until 12 in the morning. |
| 221 | Jan 10
QINGDAO - The Foreign Languages Bookstore is now a Xinhua Bookstore. It was being refitted when I went and so I don't know about the choice of books. |
| 241 | Aug 10, Hans Sondern & serge Anni,
Soft-sleeper ticket Office 101 does not exist anymore |
| 245 | Jun 10, Kyra Kane,
Shànghǎi: China Telcom; Entrances are covered in metal grates and the interior was demolished. |
| 247 | Aug 09, GAVIN PARNABY,
Shanghai is hosting an international expo next year - Haibai the cheerful mascot looking like an animated character is everywhere. Unfortunately this means that much of the city, especially near the Bund, is in work - the sightseeing tunnel is closed as is the Peace Hotel. River cruises were still running as normal however. |
| 247 | Oct 09, LANCE HALL,
Stayed with my cousin in Shanghai. Shanghai is getting ready for Expo 2010 at the moment so The Bund is one big construction site. You can't get to the other side of the road to get a good snap of the Customs House for example. Had to go over to the Oriental Pearl and use my most powerful zoom lens to get photos. |
| 252 | Jul 10, Jan Polatschek,
Ohel Moishe Synagogue: New Telephone Number 65126669 |



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Sep 09, KELLY KNOWLES,
 I would like to note the closing of the sex museum in Shanghai where an insect museum now stands in it's place.

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Sep 09, JEFF DITTER,
 The sex culture museum is currently closed due to the massive ongoing renovations in Shanghai. It is supposed to relocate, but I can't find out anything.

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Nov 09
 Just wanted to let you know that the China Sex Culture Museum is no longer located in Shanghai. It was closed last year or so.

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Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 China Sex Culture Museum is closed, and has been for some time apparently

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Jan 10
 The China Sex Museum address you have listed says 2749 Riverside Ave. I am not so sure that is correct. Another website says No. 2789 Bin Jiang Da Dao, Pudong, Shanghai. I tried to find it the other day and could not find 2749 Riverside Ave.

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Feb 10
 I am currently in China and went in search of the Chinese Sex Culture Museum, Riverside Ave Pudong, Shanghai, as listed in what I think are the last two editions of Lonely Planet. I just wanted to let you know that this museum no longer exists.

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May 10, Emma Petrini,
 Shànghǎi: China Sex Culture Museum; The museum has closed down

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Aug 10, Daniel Paulsen,
 In Shanghai we planed to visit the China Sex Culture Museum. After some hours search we found out, that the museum closed in 2008 (2 years ago).

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Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 Broadway Mansions note should refer to p259 not p273

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Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 Typo in URL for Chinese Cooking Workshop (missing k)

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Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 Peace Hotel still under construction, and looks like it will be for some time

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Aug 10, Jonathan and Noa Perry,
 Shanghai: Paul: was closed today august 20th 2010 at least between 11:45 and 13:00. Does not look like it is being renovated. No sign with explanation. Was disappointing.



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Sep 10, Annette Noordzij,
 September 11, 2010 we were in Shanghai and visited 68 East Jingling rd but found the building is empty. Apparently the Friendship Store at this address has closed down.

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Jul 10, Robert Brooks,
 Shanghai: Friendship Store; Store is closed, moved elsewhere

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May 09
 I wanted to let you know that your 2009 China Edition book has inadvertently caused me to have a very cultural, albeit unplanned, experience on the Shanghai to Nanjing train ride. In the 'getting around' section of Shanghai you mention that while most trains depart from Shanghai's Central Station that if you are going to Nanjing then you will depart from Shanghai's Southern Station. I followed this advice and to best describe the experience I'm attaching an excerpt below that I wrote to my family. What I did find out is that about a year ago many many express trains (not just the 4 you mention in the book that was JUST published) were added each day b/w Nanjing and Shanghai...but you have to catch them at Shanghai's CENTRAL station...if you catch the trains to Nanjing from the South Station you will be in for some experience

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Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Shanghai: Maglev train: Discount if you have an airplane ticket or the transport card p. 273

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Nov 09, JOHN PASCOE,
 Around Shanghai: Zhujiyajiao - Shanghai Sightseeing Buses have services only once a day at 9am NOT every half-hour between 7:30am and 3pm.

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Aug 09, EVA JOHNSON,
 the entrance fee for the mausoleum has been combined with the entrance fee to the linggu temple scenic area in nanjing...as a result the price has doubled...it's now 80 yuan...

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Aug 09, EVA JOHNSON,
 It's impossible to follow the road straight (as you have on your map) to the Sun Yatsen Mausoleum ...you can't walk through spirit way without paying the fee for the ming tombs scenic area (which has gone up to 70 yuan)...there are quite a few entrances to this area there is more than one tomb to see...

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May 10, Zhang Fan,
 JIMING TEMPLE: 'built in AD 527 during the Three Kingdoms Period.' AD 527 was not during the Three Kingdoms Period but during Southern & Northern Dynasties



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Dec 09

The shuttle bus to the airport in Nanjing does not leave from 180 hanzhong lu, there is a bank office. Around the corner is a ticket office for booking flights, but the buses leave from the coach terminal about 500 meter further on the right (about 150 before the bridge, walk pass the regular busses) every hour for 20Y.

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Aug 09, GAVIN PARNABY,

I took an overnight down to Nanjing and was set upon by ripoff taxi drivers charging me Y100 for a ride downtown! Watch out for these characters. I didn't have this problem anywhere else in China.

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May 10, Cheryl Wallace,

JIANGSU- Nanjing: Taxis are now Y9 and charge an "oil fee." We tried arguing on the "oil fee," but the sticker in the green taxis seemed to say that there really was an Y1 oil fee. We couldn't read all the Chinese, so just be warned in case it is a scam.

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May 10, Cheryl Wallace,

There are now 3 metro lines running through Nanjing. You could purchase tickets for all three lines, but I am unsure if the third line is completely up and running.

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Nov 09, PETER DAHLER,

The map of Zhejiang shows the Hangzhou airport in the wrong place: it should be South-East of Hangzhou towards Shaoxing.

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Jan 10, AMANDA KING,

The woods walk you recommend behind west lake in Hangzhou? Good in theory. But now there *are* signs in English (I was there October 2009 during the Mid-Autumn Festival) and the arrow directions are *very very* confusing, especially because the signs were posted where it was not clear which branch they were pointing towards, as there were often multiple branches going in the same direction. We asked everyone that we ran into when we were getting in the general direction of the first cave where it was, and nobody had any idea -- we even asked in Chinese and got different answers every time. So we ended up just wandering around the woods, which was nice -- but we could never even find the first place you all recommended to see.

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Nov 09, YOTAM GINGOLD,

Hangzhou: it looks like the vegetarian restaurant in the book, Gongdelin Vegetarian Restaurant, has closed.

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Dec 09, RUTH SIMISTER,

The one vegetarian restaurant listed for Hangzhou does not exist (anymore...?!)



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- 312** Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 Ajisen restaurant not there, looks like it never opened. Is Amazon BBQ restaurant.
- 312** Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 Reggae Bar has moved to 131 Xueynan Road 8657 5749
- 314** Apr 11, Alex Matos,
 "Moganshan" - After reading the chapter on Moganshan we decided it would be a great day trip from Hangzhou. After taking the bus to Wukang the only option to continue to Moganshan was by hiring a private driver that dropped us off at the entrance gate, gave the wrong change and took off. From the entrance gate to the main village it's was a good hike uphill. Noting we went there in November it resembled a gost town with almost all the hotels closed except for 2 which didn't serve any food (we were starving by then) and ended up having a bag of chip for lunch from a stall that sold tea and snacks... Getting out of Moganshan was another nightmare with no buses or taxis or minivans around... as no other option presented we started walking down towards the place we the driver had dropped us off and luckily enough we found a taxi passing by after dropping someone else off... That was our only lucky break! SO my advice is not to visit Moganshan in low season or go with a tour group...
- 339** Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 Guancai Lou is under major reconstruction and unlikely that readers would have access.
- 347** Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 The main entrance is not near Wuyi Mountain villa, this is a mistake. It is way South of there. Description of Scenic Area omits to mention how to get around, which is with a Y70 ticket that covers the buses and the silly "Tsch-Tschu" train
- 348** Jan 10, ANDREW HUMPHREY,
 Couldn't find Bamboo Palace restaurant, and no taxi driver had heard of it!
- 361** Aug 09, STEFAN RATSCHAN,
 In Dandong I had contact with pickpocket thieves in the park along Yalu river. This might be useful for readers.



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| 362 | <p>May 10, Ben Cohen,
I am an American tourist that has just traveled to North Korea with Explore North Korea Tour Group, based in Dandong, China. I want to correct the information you provide in the Lonely Planet China Guide. It says that "CITS runs tours to the DPRK which are only aimed at Chinese tourists." That is not true. There is an agency called Explore North Korea based in Dandong which cooperates with CITS, and offer tours to western tourists as well. Explore North Korea offers comparably cheaper tours to North Korea for western tourists (about as half as expensive as Koryo Tours) For non-American western tourists they offer train rides through North Korea, enabling you to see a totally different view of the North Korea countryside, and my fellow tourists enjoyed it very much.</p> |
| 364 | <p>Oct 09
The bus from Dandong to Dalian costs 83yuan, not 33, as in the guide.</p> |
| 369 | <p>Oct 09
If you go to Changbaishan northern slope, then the paths from which you can get to Heaven Lake itself are closed, they have been for a year already - so it is worth checking their status. The only option to see the lake is to buy a ticket for the 4WD that drives you to the rocks above the lake. When the weather is good then you have a great view on the lake, but if it's cloudy or foggy then you can't even see the lake. The drive up/down can be like an extreme version of roller coaster - 4WD's drivers don't admit such a thing as brakes exist.</p> |
| 369 | <p>Oct 09
Changbaishan park has a student discount, student's ticket costs 50yuan, but I am not sure if they accept international student cards. I have a Chinese one that works.</p> |
| 380 | <p>Nov 09, PETER DAHLER,
Changchun Airport is some 30 odd km NE of the city.</p> |
| 387 | <p>Jan 10, AMANDA KING,
I went to Harbin and went to the Ice and Snow Festival during late January this year and the ticket for entry was 200RMB.</p> |
| 388 | <p>Oct 09
Harbin, Cafe Russia: it could be mentioned in the guide that the entrance to Cafe Russia is on xitoudaojie, not on zhongyangjie I didn't find it in the beginning at all.</p> |



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Nov 09, DAN STRAW,
 The hutongs north of Gulon Xije have all been demolished, and as a result most of the restaurants have closed. It doesn't look like there are plans to demolish those south of Gulon Xije. There are some restaurants on the road parallel to the south of Gulon Xije which I'm sure are just as cheap and manky as those which were demolished.

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Nov 09, DAN STRAW,
 The bank marked as 2 has closed, there's a new branch of bank of China 200 metres north up Caochangchen Jie Da Beijie.

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Nov 09, DAN STRAW,
 Datong's being extensively reconstructed in the centre at the moment, so a few things have changed. The internet cafe marked as 3 on the map has been demolished

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Apr 11, Alex Matos,
 On the Datong map I believe the street called "Xinjian Beilu" has changed it's name to "Weidu dadao".

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Jan 10, TIHON MARIANNE,
 Internet café and China construction bank on Xinjian Beilu is now an empty hole.

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Jan 10, TIHON MARIANNE,
 CITS phone number 7124482 doesn't work anymore but the mobile phone number is ok.

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Jan 10, TIHON MARIANNE,
 Datong Fandian Luguan: the taxi couldn't find the place and Mr. Gao from CITS said it's closed.

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Jan 10
 DATONG - PSB opens in the afternoon at 3 (not 2).

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Apr 10, Nate Cavaliere,
 CITS is not immediately right of the station. That location was closed and the office was actually several blocks away from the station, tucked into an unlisted hotel.

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Jan 10, TIHON MARIANNE,
 Feitan hotel: the building and the sign are still there but the hotel is empty now.

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Jan 10, TIHON MARIANNE,
 Babyface nightclub has disappeared, internet café above it as well.

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Jan 10
 DATONG - Feitian Hotel: currently closed for refurbishment



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400	Apr 10, Nate Cavaliere, Feitian Hotel; This place was closed. It was under construction and I was told it will reopen with a different name, but by the looks of the place it will take years.
400	Apr 11, Alex Matos, Dàtóng: Feitian Hotel; The name of this hotel has changed to Jianhe International Inn
401	Nov 09, JOHN PASCOE, Buses to the Hanging Monastery outside Datong terminate in Hunyuan, NOT at the monastery itself. The extra distance is then covered by taxi.
401	Nov 09, JOHN PASCOE, Shanxi, Datong: Getting There and Away: Bus - the Yungang Caves bus no longer leaves from outside the train station, you have to get a bus from the train station to Xinkaili (a bus depot on the outskirts of Datong), then another bus to the caves.
401	Jan 10 DATONG - Yungang Caves: The site is undergoing development. Amongst other things this means that no buses can get to the caves. The 3-2 was not running. We had to take the 4 from the train station to the bus station (unknown which one - about 45 minutes) then the 3-1 to the Yungang turnoff, and then get a ride on a motorbike (Y10 one way with 2 passengers) to the caves. Probably best to arrange pickup as well or risk being stuck there.
406	Feb 10 The big Bank of China is now a bit west of where LP map shows it is, at the spot where the map says it is, there is an office of ICBC instead. There are offices with ATM of both Bank of China and ICBC a few blocks south of the train station on Jianshe Nanlu.
406	Feb 10 The big Bank of China is now a bit west of where LP map shows it is, at the spot, where the map says it is, there is an office of ICBC instead. There are offices with ATM of both Bank of China and ICBC a few blocks south of the train station on Jianshe Nanlu.
409	Jul 09, JOLANDA VAN DONGEN, Getting from Ping Yao to Beijing: There are new and fast trains on this route! You have to take a bus to Taiyuan (about 2 hours) and take one of the 12 superfast trains to Beijing that will take you there in 3 hours! The direct train from Ping Yao to Beijing will take 12 hours! Price including the bus is about the same as the ticket for 12 hour train. The superfast trains all start with a "D". Only thing on the D-train: no hot water meaning no hot tea and no hot noodle soup. (we were the only ones who did not know all the Chinese brought food and drinks they did not have to heat).



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Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF,
All major sights (i.e. the temples) have English captions, explaining this and that, but you can get a guide as well though not much English is spoken. There IS an entrance fee if you want to visit the numerous temples - it is, in fact, the same ticket you have to buy to see the underground castle (the tunnels): 40Y, so you can do a combo. A guide IS needed inside the tunnels for you WILL get lost and then they'll have a mummy to showcase in a couple of years.

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Aug 10, Bella Shah,
The village name is posted as Li Ja Shan (in addition to the Chinese). The hike up from the road is about 20 minutes, however, the trail splits a few times (which was not included in the book). To reach Li Ja Shan, you have to hang right. It curves a few times and then opens into the cave village. I'm not sure where the other trails lead exactly, but as far as I could tell it only led you past individual cave homes.

Also, to get to Qikou, coming from Pingyao, I did not have to transfer to a different bus station at Lishi. If you get off at the station, and ask the ticket counter you can catch a bus to Qikou.

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Aug 09, CLAIRE PHILLIPS,
The mosque entry is now 25RMB

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Mar 11, Fox Hu,
Han Tang Inn; The place had moved for more than 1 year. The map is incorrect. Now this hostel is in the totally different place. No.7 Nan Chang Alley to the south of Xin Cheng square; Suburb: Bell Tower

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May 10
Lao Sun Jia @Dong Dajie doesn't exist anymore: has been torn down and awaits rebuilding into ?

421

May 11, Pieter Lerou,
Xian: Wǔyī Fàndiàn; It took us a lot of effort to find the correct address until we realised that this cafeteria has closed. It's now a shoe-shop.

422

Aug 09, CLAIRE PHILLIPS,
The fountain shows are at 12, 2, 4, 6, 8:30 (Winter), 9 (Summer).

423

Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
Terracotta army also has a 50% discount for students. We didn't find the audio guide helpful.

423

Jan 10, AMANDA KING,
something you might want to add about the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an: They have found a 4th pit but have yet to begin the excavation.



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| 424 | <p>Nov 09
 Terracotta Warriors - the tickets must be bought in the car park. It's a long walk to the entrance and even longer walk back if you haven't bought your tickets.</p> |
| 425 | <p>May 11, Pieter Lerou,
 Xian: Huaqing Hot Springs; Price of the cable car (return) is now Y70.</p> |
| 438 | <p>Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Tunxi: There is another bus stop close to the Huangshan International Youth Hostel on Beihai Lu... so far we know most of the buses from Shanhai stopp there. p. 438 you should mark this stop in the map.</p> |
| 443 | <p>Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Tunxi: All the villages have student discount 50%. That makes independent trips much cheaper compare to the deals with the hostels. If you are not a student the deals from the hostels are cheap and great sometimes even cheaper than to do it independent.</p> |
| 446 | <p>Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Huang Shan The entrance fee isn't correct it was much higher. I think 260 for an adult Students still get discount but it was over 100. Not 100% sure about the price but I think it was 130. Cable car prices are correct.</p> |
| 446 | <p>May 10, phillip ekkels,
 this feedback concerns the map of Huang Shan as provided in this edition on page 446. It seems that the location of the long distance bus station in Tangkou has moved to the west of the village (instead of the east as indicated on the map). It is currently located about 15min walk from the entrance/shuttle bus station to the Huang Shan park.</p> |
| 463 | <p>Aug 09, GAVIN PARNABY,
 The Mingyuan hotel in Luoyang no longer seems to put out bowls of apples for new arrivals, but the staff are just as friendly as you say. They do however organise trips to Shaolin, being a day trip that takes in the Songyuan Academy, the family home of the celebrated monk Xuan Zhang and several other Buddhist sites in the region. It's well worth doing but Songshan would repay at least two days' exploring.</p> |
| 463 | <p>Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF,
 The Qiyun Pagoda is undergoing renovations and is shrouded in dust-netting. It is off-limits to mortals. The WH Temple itself has become a bit of a Buddhist Wonderland in my opinion, but I guess that's the norm nowadays in China. They upped the entrance fee to 50Y.</p> |
| 463 | <p>Dec 09, RUTH SIMISTER,
 The bus to the White Horse Temple in Louyang was an absolute nightmare to find! iBus 56 doesn't go from the bus station but from the road going south of the station on the right hand side heading away from the station.</p> |

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463	Dec 09, RUTH SIMISTER, The directions for the HI youth hostel in Louyang were insufficient because the street number is actually a hospital! You need to just carry on down the same main road and it's on the same side as the hospital (there's a sign above on the side of the building).
465	Aug 09, GAVIN PARNABY, The Ba Ma Si temple now closes at 17.30 instead of 19.00, which was a nuisance, but the Longmen Caves are now open until 2200. However the Xiangshan Temple closes earlier, which makes the full (and hefty) admission price a bit questionable.
465	Aug 09, DAVID KERKHOFF, Luoyang and the Longmen Caves. Now they have upped the entrance fee from 80Y to a cool 120Y. The earliest cave (Guyang Dong - p467) is stuffed with scaffolding and you can't see a thing.
469	May 11, Hanna van Egmond, From Xinxiang we went by bus to Guoliangcun, which took about 3 hours all the way. When we arrived (or assume it was Guoliangcun), a girl in the bus told us that Guoliangcun was closed because of govermental problems, and that foreigners could not enter Guoliangcun. We didn't want to leave the bus because we didn't believe the story, but the busdriver wouldn't drive through until we left. An other girl actually packed my backpack from the luggageroom in the back en brought it to the front of the bus, showing us we really had to go out. The girl went with us and wanted to help us, so she screamed. There where ticket-offices, but they where closed (but it was 17.30h, we wanted te spend the night there). The girl wanted to help us with a hotel, arrange a tour that would sneak us into Guoliangcun. Of course we refused all this and told we wanted to go back to Xinxiang directly. She told us that there where no buses anymore. Luckily we didn't believe her, and after a short while, the same bus we came with came back. The girl had dissapeared after we refused her help. The other girl (from After a 10 minute drive, the bus stopped at an other bus and everybody had to leav



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Nov 09

Kaifeng, Henan Province: Kaifeng Institute for Research on the History of Chinese Jews: According to Lonely Planet, the above institute is located in the Kaifeng Museum, which has a small exhibition on the history of Jews in Kaifeng on the fourth floor. However when I was there today none of the employees gave any sign of knowing what I was talking about when I asked for it. The number given in Lonely Planet is a number within the museum itself and whoever answered the phone appeared clueless when I mentioned to put me through to the extension indicated by Lonely Planet. I have searched elsewhere on the internet and the only indication of the above Kaifeng Institute for Research on the History of Chinese Jews seems to be the same as LP's with the same number and the same address (that of the museum).

471

Jan 10

KAIFENG - Iron Pagoda Park now costs Y30. Po Pagoda isn't hidden down alleyways anymore and there's no need to follow the red arrows - the whole area between the pagoda and the road/train line has been torn down and you can walk straight to the pagoda through/around the rubble.

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Feb 10

Kaifeng At the time of my visit Yanqing temple was going through restoration – they still sold me the ticket for 10 yuan, but there was nothing to see and the construction workers were following me and my also foreign friend around.

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Oct 09

Foreign Language Bookstores in Wuhan: The information about the foreign language bookstore mentioned in Lonely Planet China is slightly incorrect. The English books can be found on the 4th floor and when you reach that floor the books are on the right, hidden behind the cash register. Also the store is quite hard to find because there is no English name sign outside of the store. To help improve the chances of someone finding the store, the following description might help a bit. If you are coming from Wuluo Lu the store is on the left side of Zhongnan Lu. Go past the shopping-mall and the store is located in the next block of stores. The building it is located in is a tall building, but the store itself is not very well marked. Bus 15 stops on Zhongnan Lu.

478

Aug 09, CLAIRE PHILLIPS,
 WUHAN The museums are closed on Mondays!



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480

Mar 10
 The train ticket agency in Wuhan (number 35) moved to another place: Zhongshan dadao 889. Opening hours: 8 to 20. Phone numbers: 61351016 or 63378266.

486

Oct 09, MEAGHAN STOLK,
 The CITS has moved from the right-hand side of the large China Construction Bank building at the first big intersection.

486

Oct 09, MEAGHAN STOLK,
 In my opinion the directions in the Yichang section are misleading. In the Orientation section it implies that Yunji Lu runs south from the train station, when it is more accurate to say it runs west. I would write that you could descend the steps from the train station and continue in the same direction (west) down Yunji Lu to run towards the river.

487

Dec 09
 Yichang Airport bus: Call first! The bus only leaves irregularly. A taxi to the airport costs 80. Alternative: Take bus 101 or 103 to Xiaoting and take a taxi from there.

509

Jun 10, Kyra Kane,
 There is a 100 Yuan entrance ticket to Heng Shan-- just to go onto the mountain, it seems (i.e., in addition to the minibus or cablecar fee).

540

May 10, Malcolm Battle,
 The information regarding the Hong Kong Wetlands Park shows the opening times as 10:00 -17:00 daily, note # the Wetlands Park is closed on Tuesdays (and always has been) except for bank holidays which fall on a Tuesday.

546

Jul 10, Rhonda Lerner,
 Hong Kong: Please add ".hk" to the Star Guest house website address.

555

Jul 09
 Hong Kong: Sunmark Camping Equipment in Hong Kong is no more. A local resident told me an alternative shop is being build.

583

Apr 10, Ralpa Jacobson,
 GUANGZHOU: MAPS & INFORMATION : Bookshops: "Newpage" IS on the 4th fl of the Guangzhou Book Center. But I did NOT see any signs saying the 4th fl IS actually called "Newpage". However, the 4th floor is actually just one of SIX{6} floors at the Guangzhou Book Center. Yes, it DOES have "pricey { Most EVERYTHING in Guangzhou, especially Tianhe District IS "pricey" } Imported magazines, etc. But it also has some LONELY PLANET Guide Books. And on the FIRST {1st} floor off to the RIGHT after you enter, there are LONELY PLANET Guide Books in CHINESE!!

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May 10, Dennis Nicoll,
 Guangdong: The map shows the 7 days Inn (#33) to the west of the metro station. In fact it is east of the station.

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- 587** Jan 11, Laura Hornikx,
 The temple of the six Banyan Trees costs Y5 instead of Y15 and is not in the indicated place on in the map on page 584: one block down. It is under that litte street, not above.
- 590** May 09, AMIT SHACHAF,
 gungdzhuo- china the youth hostel that was near to the train station in the cits building is not there anymore, we had tried to find it for hours and we was just sent from one place to another 'till we realised that it's no longer there
- 591** Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON,
 GUANGZHOU: Guangzhou Riverside International Youth Hostel IS there. Better directions : Yes take Metro Line #1 to Fangcun. Use Exit "B1". When you reach arrive at the top of the stairs immediately turn RIGHT down the alley for 20m till you arrive at Luju Lu. Go LEFT for 2 blocks until it ends at the Bar Street. Turn RIGHT for 400m.You will see it on your right.
- 594** Apr 10, Ralpha Jacobson,
 PUBLIC TRANSPORT: METRO: As aforementioned, Line # 5 IS up and running. Note that Line # 4 ONLY closes / shutdown at 2100h. Also "supposedly" by the end of 2010, a "Light Rail" Line will connect Guangzhou and Zhuhai. "Stay tuned".....
- 595** Jan 11, Laura Hornikx,
 Guangzhou is expanding quickly, so the White Cloud hills are no longer 15 km north of the city. They are now attached to the city. They can be reached by cab from metro stop Xiaobei or Taojin. It is also a short walk from those stations, 15 minutes or so. The Lu Lake lies on the bottom of the hill, so I think the cable car is somewhere in the map on page 585.
- 608** Apr 10, Ralpha Jacobson,
 SHENZHEN: There IS an English "Daily" Paper called: "Shenzhen Daily". I say "Daily " because I was told that it IS published "Daily ". But... The same place I bought the Paper one day did NOT have it the next. However, they DO have a Website : www.szdaily.com in English.
- 621** Oct 10, Theo van Leeuwen,
 There is now a special bus service to the park twice a day starting at the top end of Renmin Dadao. On the bus stop www.66664545.com was shown, which is their telephone number.
- 629** Oct 10, Theo van Leeuwen,
 Since 2007 it is possible to go by train from Haikou to Sanya, 80 yuan, 3.5 hrs, several times a day.
- 636** Oct 10, Russell Osborne,
 Reed Flute Cave, Book states entrance price as being Y60, this has now increased to Y90.



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Jul 09, ANTHONY REINDL,
 I am at Xiaoyanglou international hostel in Guilin. They wanted me to let you know that the contact email that is given is a personal email and a better contact email is xiaoyanglou_youthhotel@hotmail.com

639

Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Guilin AIRPORT bus: Only the last bus from Guilin to the airport runs at 9pm. The bus from the airport to the city runs late. We took at 11pm. This I think is a big mistake. Please note this that buses run late from the airport to the city

639

Nov 09, JOHN PASCOE,
 Guangxi, Guilin, Getting There and Away, Train: - it says that services include Nanning (5 hours) and Kunming (8 hours). It takes about 8 hours to reach Nanning and 18 hours to reach Kunming! I know this because I was counting the hours whilst riding hard seat class! If your book had had the correct information I would've booked a sleeper and saved myself a hellish night!

639

Mar 10, Ruben Versmessen,
 It took us 19 hours to get from Kunming to Guilin with the nighttrain instead of 8 hours. If there is some kind of superhighspeedtrain, i think it's better to mention it.

640

Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 GUANGXI: Dragon Rice Terraces Hostel: We didn't really search but we had the feeling nobody know the hostel which you have in the book. Cheaper hostels available. without bathroom for 30 in a double room with bathroom 50 or less good quality p. 640.

641

Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Dragon Rice Terraces There are "direct" buses from Ping'an to Guilin. Ask when you buy the ticket for Guilin. there is a direct ticket the bus from Ping'an stops a bus to Guilin you have change the bus but it takes only 1 minute. So you don't have to go to Longsheng!!! Wrong in the book.

641

Aug 09
 here is Yang's guesthouse(business) in China. it is published on may in 2009 on page 641 of 11th edition wrong telephone number, correct number is :8583126

641

Mar 10, Barbara Heusi,
 The activity 'ballooning' is no longer possible in Yangshuo due to a deadly accident last year with some foreigners.

642

Jun 09, FELIX OLIVER WAGNER,
 Yangshuo Black Buddha Caves and Water caves: tickets much cheaper with most of the hostels, only 70 for everything



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643	Nov 09, JIMENA VELASCO, Yangshuo: I came here for the nice scenery and also to take Chinese classes. In one of your editions you mentioned that a school called "OmeCa" run Chinese classes for foreigners; however that is not the case. They do not provide classes;
645	Oct 09, DANA TRYTTEN, In the "Li River" section under "Around Yangshou" the guidebook discusses the hike between Yangdi and XingPing. Upon arrival in Yangdi on the bus from Yangshou (Y8) our bus was bombarded with people trying to sell us rides on bamboo rafts. We only wanted to cross the river to begin the 4-5 hour hike but the raft operators would not negotiate with us directly - only through the pushy salespeople. They started at Y50 to cross the river, and we worked them down to Y20. We then struck a deal for Y30 for the first two river crossings, although the raft operator did not honor his agreement to pick us up at the second crossing. It was obvious to everyone involved that the raft operators were overcharging for this river crossing. The second crossing was Y10 for two, and at the third crossing, we were able to cross on a government owned boat for Y4 each. In XingPing we took a motorized bamboo raft back to Yangshou for Y150, and were surprised the ride took almost two hours.
670	Jun 09 LP gives the impression that the Caves are a 30/40 minutes boat ride in the cave. In fact it is much longer than that: first a boat ride along a river outside then some walking up to the caves and through a bamboo forest before getting to the boat in the caves. All wonderful but it took nearly three hours.
670	Jun 09 The biggest tourist attraction in Guizhou are the Longgong caves and the Huangguoshu Falls - both a must to see. However Lonely Planet gives the impression that you can do both in one day. We did but it's not as easy as it seems. It is straightforward to get to both as LP says directly from Anshun but even when we went in July to the caves in the morning there was no-one travelling to the falls. We did get a minibus via our unofficial guide in the caves to take us for 100Y. We thought it excessive at the time for what should have been a short journey but in fact the road between the two is long and it is not the road where you can pick up Anshun-Falls buses



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Jun 09

Our minibus driver took us to the Falls "Ticket Centre" where we were forced to buy a ticket for a mighty 180 CNY (LP says 90 CNY). And then we found we were in the middle of nowhere. This was clearly a place for tour buses and the 180 CNY was in fact a two day ticket. So somehow you need to get to the Huangguoshu Falls directly. Again going directly from Anshun is the cheapest quickest and certain way to get there. But despite the problems we encountered both caves and falls made it all worthwhile.

675

Jun 09

One other piece of information: contrary to what everyone says (including LP and Chinese locals) we found it easy to book sleepers to Shanghai at Kaili railway station. Trains can now be booked 10 days in advance (previously 5 days) and all hotels and hostels will generally do it for you for a small delivery charge.

678

Oct 10, Cai Jinming,

Yunnan is the 8th largest province behind XinJiang, Tibet, Gansu, Qinghai, Inner Mongolia, Sichuan and HeilongJiang.

684

Aug 09, JEANNIE IVANOV,

I just wanted to give a bit of feedback on a rather unpleasant journey in China in case it's of use for future editions: my boyfriend and I bought tickets for the sleeper bus from Kunming to Ruili on the Burmese border, excited about traveling the historic Burma Road as well as visiting one of the most porous borders around. We had a bad start at Kunming bus station when a very aggressive man tried to charge us 150 Yuan for 'luggage fee' before we got onto the Ruili bus, and threatened to call the police if we refused to pay. He didn't, of course, once we'd ignored him three times he wandered off and we saw him accosting another European couple near a different bus, but he was by far the most threatening tout we've come across in 7 months of travel round Asia. Then on the night bus on the way back, the locks were cut off our bags, the sides slit, and our camera and lap top were stolen. We were asleep for no more than 2 hours because three times we stopped for police checks and were collectively herded off the bus while they searched through it. When we reported the theft to the police in Dali (who were extr



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Dec 09

There is a permanent scam going on at least in Kunming. It is so massive that you can see warnings in several hostels in and around of that city. Some unfortunate souls - like me - read these notes only after the incidents. It goes the like this: You take the bus (for me this was "Long Distance Bus Station" - which is number 51 on your map - to Yuan Yang) and buy the tickets (107 RMB). Near the bus or in the entrance hall a local guy (a small skinny one) approaches you, introduces himself as the "bus manager" and starts with the usual nice talk (accepts cigarettes etc.). Shortly after he would claim that - due to the increasing fuel price - you need to pay additional 10 RMB to get your luggage (a backpack) into the buse's luggage compartment. If you question him then he would point to a written "10" on the back of you ticket (there is no RMB sign after the 10). If you pay then he is very helpful and will even put your luggage into the bus etc. It is completely evident that almost everybody is involved, as the actual bus driver witnessed all of it and did not say a word, and the lady in the ticket office was not better either when I tried to ask for he

684

Dec 09, DANNY VERHEIJ,

Kunming: The lovely old district Guandu, mentioned in in the boxed text, unfortunately no longer exists! Needless to say, another part of old China gone foregood.

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Feb 10, FRANCISKA TILLEMA,

CITS has moved to number 328 Beijing Road.

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Feb 10, Franciska Tillema,

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Jun 09

Yunnan: The Hump Hostel "...Loads of extras including a simple breakfast." Well yes, but that ended 2 years ago...

685

Jun 10, Col Palmer,

Kunming: To get to Cloudland Youth Hostel it says to catch bus 64 and get of at Yunan Daily News Stop. In pinyin the stop is called YUN NAN RI BAO SHE. Which means, 'Yunan Daily News' but if you don't know Chinese you wont know that. Travellers need to be looking out for YUN NAN RI BAO SHE.

687

Oct 10, Cai Jinming,

a number of the Chinese characters for food are wrong. Please see the correct spelling below:

Guo qiao mi xian 过桥米线

Ru bing 乳饼

Chashugu (茶树菇) is not the most famous mushroom in Yunnan, I suggest Jizong (鸡枞) which tastes like chicken.

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Aug 09, CLAIRE PHILLIPS,

Kunming: In high season/when festivals are on, there are many buses to Dali/Lijiang running at all hours of the night.

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Feb 10, FRANCISKA TILLEMA,
 Getting to Vietnam: the border is open 8AM to 6PM, the same as the Vietnamese side 7AM to 5PM. Buses to Hekou leave from the long distance bus station in Kunming at 9.45AM price 136 RMB. If you miss the border opening hours 'sleeping in Hekou' is not included in the LP. Please do so. If you cross the border hanoi is still 10 hours away. You can sleep in Lao Cai or Sapa.

696

Feb 10, SABINA CARLSSON,
 My main reason I went to yunnan was to go to yuanyang to see the rice terraces. In your book it says that the bus is 86 yuan and takes 6-7 hours but the price is now 128 yuan and they said that it was more expensive now cos they have built a new south bus station (that is further out of the city) and bought new vehicles. So when we got there we saw only nice new buses except for one, of course the bus to yuanyang. It was the nastiest bus i have ever travelled with and I've been in india and laos. Further more it took 10 hours to get there! Then we met one guy that said that the night bus was slower than going day time so today when we went back from yuanyang to kunming we took the afternoon bus at 4 pm to make sure we didnt get on one of those nasty sleepers again. But again the one bus that looked like it was gonna fall apart was the bus we were taking and it was a sleeper. It went at 4 pm and took 11 hours and 15 min. Its frustrating having to pay more because they built a new station and bought new buses but u still get an old one! I will never travell by bus in China again.

697

Oct 10, Cai Jinming,
 bus n°4 and 8 go from XiaGuan to Dali.

702

May 10
 Marley's Cafe is closed en awaits new owner. Cafe de Jack doesn't exist anymore. Caffeine Club cannot be found in the indicated street, housenumber doesn't exist, phone is answered by someone who doesn't know this Club

703

Dec 09, DANNY VERHEIJ,
 Dali: Busses to Xizhou leave from the west gate, and not the south!!

704

Sep 09
 I have a warning for those travelling to Zhonghe temple - up Zhonghe Shan mountain - Dali. On entering the temple one is offered some smokesticks, invited to make a wish and a little ceremony is started. After that you are asked to be seated behind a desk and fill in a form (in Chinese!). The "helpfull" priest tells you what to write down, including some numbers (in my case: 100-50-50) which afterwards appears to be the amount of money (in Yuan) you are to donate! The circumstances (temple priests) make you feel obliged to do this, so think twice before entering the temple (which isn't that beautifull) or filling in the form.



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- 704** Mar 10, Ruben Versmessen,
 Cang Shan; The chairlift up to Cangshanmountains is only 35 RMB. If you wanna do the 10 km hike from temple to temple, make sure you are at the second lift at least 15 minutes before 6pm because when we arrived around 5.50pm, it was closed already. They started the whole thing again just for the 3 of us, lucky us!
- 705** Jun 09
 Another mistake you made in the lijiang section was when talking about the Naxi most of the information seem to really be about the Mouso from Lugu Lake as is the Mouso not the Naxi who have a matriarchal society and uncommon marriage customs where the women can take many lovers during her life and the fathers are not responsible for their own children but are responsible for helping raise their nieces and nephews
- 708** Oct 10, Theo van Leeuwen,
 Prague Cafe, the potato pancake "as big as your head" has shrunk to the size of a foetus head. The prize is now Y 30. When I showed the item to the lady in charge she started to laugh and said that was a long time ago.
- 709** Jun 09
 Also you put Sexy Tractor as an Irish bar. Since at least 2007 said bar is owned and managed by Chinese who have turned into another run of the mill, loud, annoying bar in China.
- 709** Jun 09
 Since july 2008 Frosty Morning in no longer an english run bar but a mexican bar-restaurant called Frosty Morning Taco- Bar I know this quite well, since I'm the current owner of Frosty Morning.
- 709** Oct 09, JEROME LUEPKES,
 The train to Xiaguan (for Dali old town) is finished and operational. There is one train a day, the L9015 which leaves at 13:45 and gets there at 17:26, it costs 34 Yuan. Once there, to get to Dali old town (which is 18 kilometers away) take the number 8 bus just outside the front of the station and to the right. To get to the Lijiang train station, hop on the number 13 bus which travels north-west for about a quarter of an hour (the cost is 1.5 Yuan). There is nothing out there but a hastily erected shed (that's the station), so buy food in town before setting out. Tickets can be bought at the station (opening hours are 9 – 13:45 only) or at a booking office in Lijiang (ask at the tourist information booth near the Yulong Bridge and Waterwheel for directions).
- 713** Jul 09, WILL GEORGE,
 Tiger Leaping Gorge: Also there appears to be no public buses from Lijiang to the start of the trek, and you may find negotiating some transport difficult.



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| 714 | Nov 09, JOHN PASCOE,
Tiger Leaping Gorge: While we're on the subject of the gorge, the ferry crossing to Dabai and Daju (number 18 on the map on page 714) doesn't run during the months when the river is uncrossable. I'm not sure exactly when those months are, but it wasn't running when I was there in September. It's lucky I didn't just follow the guidebook and actually asked a local about it - I saved myself some pointless walking! |
| 715 | Oct 09, JEROME LUEPKES,
Correction: The view from the Halfway Lodge (or Guesthouse as it's now known) toilet is not blocked, and is the most spectacular view of the mountains while attending to once business. |
| 716 | Nov 09
I recommended a friend to Tiger Leaping Gorge and he did it last week. He came back with the following news. Margo's cafe is closed because Margo was killed in a trekking accident in Tibet a few weeks ago. Sean went to claim her body and apparently got arrested (no information or details on what/why). Sean's daughter is running Seans Guesthouse, so that is still open (albeit with a "funny atmosphere") but Margo's is shut so no luggage storage. All this is heresy, obviously, but my friend is not stupid and not the type of make stuff up. |
| 718 | Sep 09, SEBASTIEN BEAUCHAMPS,
Shangri La Ganden Sumtseling Gompa: entrance is Y85 / Y55 (student) and no longer Y30 as indicated - the local bus 3 supposed to drive you all the way actually stops next to main brand new entrance of temple and make all tourists (chinese and foreigners) get off and get ticket there. Then you have to go on a small bus with chinese guide and comments through a very loud speaker obviously. No religious atmosphere in the temple at all, only souvenirs and drinks shops for chinese tourist - Chinese han have converted this old tibetan monastery in a disneyland of buddism with no real interest... |
| 718 | Mar 10, Ruben Versmessen,
Songzanlin monastery; Bus 3 dropped me and my travel partners in front of the tourist entrance where u have to take a bus to the Songzanlin monastery. A ridiculous 85 RMB (yes indeed!) is asked but it's easy to avoid if you walk around the building and walk to the monastery instead of taking the tourist bus. There's always a door open to enter the monastery itself. |
| 719 | Aug 09, CLAIRE PHILLIPS,
SHANGRI-LA: The temple admission is now 85RMB - you can't even get close to the temple any more. |
| 719 | Sep 10, Janis Kirpitis,
Yunnan: Address of "Kevin's Trekker Inn" is not correct in the book. It isn't 'Tuanjie Lu', but '138 Dawa Lu' instead! |



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Mar 11, Sarah van den Bos,

As a girl on my own it was one of the most uncomfortable trips in my whole year travelling alone. I was the only tourist (and one of the only women) taking the bus from Kunming to Luang Prabang and I was stared at for the full 17 hours. Being in a bus with almost only men, this gets very intimidating. There was no English on the bus which meant: nobody could tell me how long it was gonna take, when we'd arrive, when there'd be a break and we hardly stopped at a place where there was a toilet. They stopped many times at the side of the road, but being stared at for 17 hours with your clothes on, doesn't make it a comfortable option to pee on the side of the road!

When buying the ticket I asked how long the trip would last, but it took almost double that time. So maybe also worth mentioning that the trip can take 17 hours. When arriving I was dropped off outside of Luang Prabang. It looked like a small bus station but as it was 10pm, there was hardly anyone there. I think I've been incredibly lucky getting a friendly tuk-tuk driver (a man at the shop called him for me

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Mar 10, Ruben Versmessen,

Leshan Grand Buddha; entrance fee is already 90 RMB

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Sep 10

Leshan: Three things: 1. The cheapest hotel you mention in your guide is out of business or has moved. Taoyuan Binguan is closed permanently. I had a look around at some different hotels but couldn't find something worth mentioning.

2. The visa-extension office has moved to 548 Feng Huang Road, 3rd floor. Tel: 0833-2499048. I had no trouble getting an extension after 1 day. This location is approx. 3 km north of the old location mentioned in your guide.

3. I took a bus from Chengdu Xinnanmen station to get there. I wasn't dropped off at any of the stations mentioned in the guide, but at some station along the Dadu river. It was easy enough to get downtown (bus 1 stops there) and to the Giant Buddha (bus 13 runs there as well), but I was confused for a little while. I don't have exact information on the location of this station.

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Sep 09, SEBASTIEN BEAUCHAMPS,

Leshan - The bus 13 goes from the bus station to the Big Buddha - Therefore it is possible to make a very quick stop over to see the Big Buddha, dropping the backpack in the station and taking the bus 13 (Y1)

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Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON,

ATMs: On the map on page 773, listing #2 IS correct. There is also an ATM across the street and slightly to the right from Listing #1. A third ATM is located in an alley off the WEST side of Yanhe Xi Lu, just SOUTH of Listing #5, the China Post.



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773	Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON, KANGDING : MAP : The CORRECT spelling for Xi Dajie is : Xida Jie.
773	Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON, KANGDING : Listing # 16 Taxis to Luding is actually located at the corner of the road to the Bus Station { Sichuan - Tibet HWY} and Xinshi Qian Jie. There are also Taxis and Minivans to Tagong and other places at this same location.
773	Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON, INFORMATION : I do not know about the Agricultural Bank. But the China Construction Bank has 3 24 ATMs that ARE Foreign Credit card "friendly".
773	Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON, NOTE : If you are traveling WEST from Kangding there is NO place to change money after you leave Kangding. If you are going to Yunnan, Shangri - la is the first place you will be able to change money. If you are staying in Sichuan / going on to Qinghai, load up BEFORE you leave Kangding !! Xining will be your first place to change money in Qinghai.
774	Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON, Sally's Knapsack Inn has changed and moved on. The place is now called : Chiruman Youth Hostel.
781	Nov 09, TIM KLINK, In Maningango the Room Rates in the Hotel dropped for the dorms, as they right away offered me 10 Yuan per night.
793	Oct 09, RAHMAT RAHARDJA ONG, I was in Sichuan Province from 16 September until 30 September 2009. I travelled from JiuZhaiGou to ChengDu by bus. The bus ride now takes a min 13 - 16 hours due to road repairs caused by the major earthquake last year. I think it will last another year. my suggestion is because one of my bus mates was supposed to catch a plane but were not aware of the major roadworks. He ended up not catching the plane.
802	Aug 09, CLAIRE PHILLIPS, CHONGQING: Cable car now 5RMB
803	Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON, Chongqing Three Gorges Youth Hostel is now called : Sunrise Backpack Hostel.
805	Sep 09, RALPHA JACOBSON, CHÓNGQÌNG: The CORRECT hours for the Airport Bus going TO the Airport are: 0600h - 2000h. NOTE : For no "apparent" reason it seems that in the morning the street where the office is on is closed to vehicular traffic. So you will perhaps have to walk one block to actually get to the ticket office.



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| 832 | <p>Aug 09
Upon our arrival in Kashgar we tried to find a travel agent by the name of 'Elvis' whom you recommend in your guide. However he was hard to find and in the process of looking for his business we came across another ad for a local travel agent claiming "I'm not Elvis but I can still help you". We mistakenly thought that 'Elvis' and 'not Elvis' were one and the same man just making a joke of his fake name. As it turns out, they are not the same men at all but we only found this out after booking two trips with 'not Elvis'. His real name is Mohammad Yusuf and while he is an accredited tour guide operator he failed to provide us with a real tour guide on our trips to the Taklamakan Desert and Karakul Lake. All he did was set us up with a non-English speaking driver without a tour guide license, and Chinese authorities caught the driver and scolded him at a security checkpoint near Kashgar for not having the correct license, all while we were still in the vehicle. He only provided a proper guide to accompany us past the first checkpoint, but left us after that. Long story short, Mohammad Yusuf is operating a</p> |
| 834 | <p>Nov 09
Train from Kashgar to Urumqi leaves at 3pm rather than 1:46pm (Oct 2009)</p> |
| 836 | <p>Oct 09
Lake Karakul: no one can take public bus there. PSB will pick you off the bus and will send you home. You need to join a group with a licensed tour-guide. They will provide you a special Permit for (not that one from PSB –this is not needed for non-Chinese travellers) and might get off the car/taxi/minibus after first checkpoint. Pricing add 100Y per persons on a starting fee of 400Y and divide by persons. Your group might consist of you on your own.</p> |
| 849 | <p>Jun 09, KESTER NEWILL,
Gansu Museum is now free but you need to show ID to get your free ticket.</p> |
| 849 | <p>Jun 09, KESTER NEWILL,
The guide mentions 'endearing old temples along the Yellow River'. But really there is only one temple by the river (White Cloud Temple which was renovated in 2008). There are more temples in the grounds of White Pagoda Hill Park (also renovated in 2008) and Wuquan Park (Taoist and Tibetan temples in fact).</p> |
| 850 | <p>May 10, Dennis Nicoll,
We were looking for the Boton Coffee Shop in Lanzhou. It is in the correct place on the map but the hotels are not. The Lanzhou Legend hotel is not at 13, it is at 14. The hotel at 13, behind the Boton Coffee Shop is the Lanzhou Hotel.</p> |



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| 851 | <p>Aug 09
GANSU Lanzhou: There is an airport bus to the centre of town. From there it is a short taxi ride to the bus station. The police have instructed the bus station not to sell tickets to Xiahe to foreigners even if you have a hotel reservation. However, they will sell tickets to Lanxia (you must provide two photocopies of your passport and visa - there is a photocopy shop across and down the street). From Lanxia you can get a bus to Xiahe and there we had no problem with the police.</p> |
| 851 | <p>Apr 11, Alex Matos,
zhou ding ji; Lánzhōu & Southern Gānsù; We couldn't find this restaurant but found in it's place an entire block of buildings razed to the ground.</p> |
| 852 | <p>Jun 09, KESTER NEWILL,
Taxi meters start at Y7 for the first 3km</p> |
| 858 | <p>Nov 09, TIM KLINK,
By now there are way more buses running to Yushu from Xining. I could choose from 6 buses with seats, and like 8 sleepers or so (Notsure how many) But there are different prices. The Seats were 141 Y the Sleeper leaving between 13:00 and 17:00 were 172 Y and the late leaving sleepers are 198Y also I think they are more expensive because the buses were newer. As I ended up taking the ride 3 times cause I forgot my money in Xining and so had to go back there and back to Yushu I ended up taking all 3 types of buses and would personally recommend the sleepers that leave earlier, as the bus is older and therefore the box you put your feet in is open to the sides which really helps if you're taller than a dwarf.</p> |
| 858 | <p>Nov 09, TIM KLINK,
Very often, espeacially from Xiahe to Tongren, the time needed for the trips drop rapidly. Xiahe - Tongren was only a 2 hour 15 Minutes ride.</p> |
| 866 | <p>Aug 09
Dunhuang Mogao Caves - the entry ticket includes a guide but it is well worth paying the extra Y20 for a guide who speaks a foreign-language as their groups are much smaller. French and German are even better than English - you will probably get a private tour!</p> |



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Jun 10, Woo Peiyi,

The long-distance bus station has moved to about 2-3km out of town. From the T-junction of Xin Long Bin Guan (which is next to Sha Zhou Market BBQ section), in the direction of Mogao Caves. Bus 1 and Bus 4 will also reach the long distance bus station. Taxis (Y5 to town) hang around the long-distance bus station and they will offer to take tourists anywhere from Mogao Caves (they offered Y140) to Yadan National Park (they offered Y300). Overnight sleepers to Urumuqi costs Y180 and leaves at 6pm everyday.

The long-distance bus station beside You Hao Bin Guan is still in operation, but it sells only tickets to nearer destinations such as Gua Zhou and Yadan. There is a daily public bus (it looks like a mini van) that leaves at 7.30am and 2pm to Yadan National Park (Y76/person) from this bus station. It will first go to Yadan National Park, followed by the Han Walls, the Yumen Guan (Jade Gate Pass) and then the Western Thousand Buddha Caves. We went on a weekday and we were the only passengers on the bus, making it hardly any different from booking the entire bus.

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Jun 10, Woo Peiyi,

Trains do not connect directly to Urumuqi and instead locals will tell you to take a taxi (Y30) to Liu Yuan (130km away from Dunhuang) and board morning trains (frequent departures from 6am-8am, 8pm-10pm) bound for Urumuqi.

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Jun 10, Maria de Lange,

The last month we have been traveling in China and your guidebook has been very useful! I just gave it to another traveler at the Mongolian border, so I'm not 100% sure about the page number, but I'm sure you will find the section I mean. It is the textbox about traveling from Hohhot to Mongolia, in the chapter about Inner Mongolia.

The textbox explains that you can apply for a 30 day Mongolian tourist visa at the consulate in Hohhot. We are a Dutch couple (25 and 28 years old). Our experience was that the consul did not want to give us a 30 day visa, only a 14 day non-extendable visa. It was a very unpleasant experience, going to the consulate, since everybody (who arrived later) was first served and we were served as last and the consul did not want to explain why he could not give us a 30 day visa. (On the LP forum we read about Norwegian people who also couldn't apply for a 30 day visa in Hohhot).

Today we got the Mongolian 30-day tourist visa without any problems in Ereen. They work very fast and didn't ask a single question. The visa costs 495 yuan if

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Jan 10

MANZHOULI - Jixiang Luguan: Either the address or directions to this hotel must be wrong. I suspect it is the address.



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903	Jun 10, Kyra Kane, Qinghai: mosque (qingzhen dasi); entrance fee is 15 yuan (book says it's 25).
904	Sep 10, Amdoboy, Qinghai: Shopping: Amdo Café, tel. 8213127 moved from Datong Jie to Ledu Lu nr. 19 (East of Guojicun). 9am - 8pm
904	Apr 11, Alex Matos, Xīning; We were looking for the Amdo cafe on Anduo Kafeiwu but it was nowhere to be found... a few days later walking towards the Tibetan Connections (which were closed around March 2011) we found the same Amdo café, not entirely sure but I think it was on Gonghe Lu.
944	Aug 10, Robert Brandl, I have a warning regarding the beaches of Qingdao at night. After having been to the International Beer Festival a Chinese friend and I went to the "Bathing Beach of Stone Old Man" when it was just getting dark. The beach was quite busy and after a while a men came shooting some glowing thing in the air that looked a little bit like fireworks. As we realized somewhat later this was only done to distract us from someone else taking my friends handbag. We didn't even realize it (although we were not drunk I have to add) until we wanted to leave again. Please print this warning in your guidebook as this is quite a sneaky way of theft.
946	Nov 09, DAVID LAMB, EMBASSIES & CONSULATES: The correct phone number for the Canadian Embassy is: 010-5139-4000.
957	Apr 11 Here's some more info on Chinese visas: in Hong Kong it's fairly easy to obtain one, but they only issue 1-month visas for 150 HK\$. So no 3 month visas, no multiple entry. I don't know whether this has been covered in the 12th edition but I though I'd better just mention it.