

Adventure Traveling and Bicycling: Vietnam and China

Summary

Want to take an adventure of a lifetime? Discover never before heard of places, participate in events never thought possible, and meet interesting people; it's all possible with adventure traveling. Join us for this discussion and learn the details. Then see highlights of trips to Vietnam and China in an interesting multimedia format of moving photos narrated with the music of the particular country.

Forum:

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| 1. Why travel anyway. Isn't it safer to just stay home? | 5 - 10 minutes |
| 2. What is adventure traveling about? | 10 - 20 minutes |
| 3. Vietnam Tour highlights, video, and aftermath discussion. | 30 - 45 minutes |
| 4. China Tour highlights, video, and aftermath discussion. | <u>20 - 35</u> minutes |
| | 65 -110 minutes |

Bicycle Vietnam

It has been 34 years since the communist takeover of South Vietnam and its reunification with its people in the North. America made a significant investment during the 60's and early 70's to keep the South open to western and capitalist ideas. Yet despite the loss to the North, Vietnam today has a rapidly growing and market driven economy; tourism thrives, and the people are anxious to meet other people from far away places. We'll take a journey back to Vietnam to see the people, culture, and history from the very old, to the very recent, and the very new from the perspective of a group of bicycle travelers from around the world. Join us for this moving slide photo presentation, narrated and enriched with contemporary Vietnamese music.

Bicycle China

Since the death of Mao Tse-Tung in 1976, China has created a new generation of leadership that has rewritten the books on what communism has to be. Gone is the centrally controlled economy and planning. In China's future, it is now considered glorious to be rich, and the masses need to learn to control their own financial destiny. Join our touring expedition as we cycle through the many villages and small towns of Southern China towards Guilin. Visit Xian in central China to see the Terracotta warriors, and travel to Beijing in Northern China for a walk alone along the Great Wall, and visit the historical sites of Tieneman Square and Forbidden City. We'll view moving images of everyday life in varying regions all narrated with Chinese music.

About the Speaker

Bob Goldberg has been participating in commercial bicycle adventure tours for over ten years in the United States and around the world. With the use of digital photography, and special photo software he has put together an entertaining slide show covering many of the experiences and highlights of places rarely seen by tourists in their conventional travels overseas. He is a participant in local bike rides and clubs such as Seattle Bicycle Touring Club and Cascade Bicycle Club. He works as an actuary for Safeco, and is a volunteer tutor for the Seattle Public Library and the Youth Tutoring Program, and math instructor for the Education Access Network's SAT/ACT programs.