

**Preliminary programme for the OUGSME Field Trip to the Shandong Province and Beijing, China, from Monday 1st August to Wednesday 10th August, 2011.**  
**The estimated cost is Euro 590,00, which includes food, accommodation, local transport and entrance fees for the geoparks. Not included are flights, entrance fees for the touristic/cultural locations and drinks.**

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Sunday 31st July and the Monday 1st August	Flight to Beijing, then to Qingdao (Also known as Tsingtau) on Shandong Peninsular, some 500 km south-east of Beijing. Overnight stay in Qingdao.
Tuesday 2nd August	Travel by bus to Yishui, visit the underground grand canyon, developed from a huge karst fracture, 6.1km long with an underground fluorescent lake, 25000m <sup>2</sup> and lava stalactites, wonderful stones and other spectacular features, together with fireflies which live only in the dark and damp caves. Overnight stay in Pingyi.
Wednesday 3th August	Visit the Gold Geopark, including: 1, Baokeng, which belongs to the Guilaizhuang Gold Mine, with a surface deposit of breccia containing gold. 2, Industrial Square, to look at different mining techniques and their development in China. 3, Space-time tunnel, a journey through geological time exposed in a shaft. 4, Original rock wall, showing the original tectonic setting. Overnight stay in Pingyi.
Thursday 4th August	Travel by bus to Qufu the birthplace of Confucius with a guided tour of the Confucius Temple. Travel by bus to Tai'an, overnight stay in Tai'an.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> August Saturday 6th August	Visit the Taishan Geopark and Longwan Geopark, around Mount Tai. Mount Tai was formed in the Archean, by extrusion pressure from both south-west and north-east, resulting in uplift. It is China's most ancient metamorphic stratum, the 'Taishan Group'. Uplift is still occurring and increasing in velocity, the current rate of uplift is 0.5 mm per year. The Longwan Geopark belongs to Culai Mountain, a sister of Mount Tai, some 30km to the south-east of Mount Tai. The area is abundant in granites of all types, with traces of geological hazards. The visit will include a typical stratotype section of Archean Greenstone Belt, the Taishan lithographic group of green amphibolites, the Dashangou lithographic formation and the Neoproterozoic Fuping group of gneissoid tonalite, gneissoid granodiorite and other gneisses of tonalite-granodiorite composition. Overnight stays in Tai'an.

Sunday 7th August

Travel by bus to Jinan and visit the Baotu Spring. The spring gushes at a rate of 70,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water, per day. Jinan, is situated on the border of a mountainous area to the south and plains to the north. The mountainous area is composed of limestone, while the impermeable clay soil of the plains covers igneous rocks. The groundwater flows from north to south where it collects in the limestone, a large amount of groundwater at high pressure wells up from cracks in the limestone, to form the springs. The most famous is the Baotu Spring. There are further springs nearby and other places of historic interest,  
Travel in the evening by bus to Beijing, overnight stay in Beijing.

Monday 8th August and  
Tuesday 9th August

Beijing, with guided tours of the 'Forbidden City' and the 'Great Wall'.  
Overnight stays in Beijing.

Wednesday 10th August

Flight home.

\* Please note:

All participants will be required to organize their own flights to and from Beijing and the connecting flight from Beijing to Qingdao. Due to the length of the flight, you will probably need to start your journey to Beijing on Sunday 31st July, in order to reach Qingdao on Monday 1st August. Flights should be available for under Euro 1000,00. You will also have to obtain a tourist visa for the P.R. Of China.

Accommodation will be in shared double rooms, single accommodation may not be available everywhere, if it requested, there will be a supplement of about Euro 200,00. All geological sites are open to the public, generally with easy access. If entrance fees are payable, these are included in the tour price. Not included are the entrance fees to the 'Forbidden City' and the 'Great Wall'. **Hard hats** will **not** be required.

Participant numbers will be limited to **12**, plus the tour organizers, and guide, due to the size of the bus for local transport. The guide for the geology is Yuan Chen, she is a student of Prof. Cen from Beijing University, in her 6th year.

More useful information can be found on the 'Mount Taishan Geopark' website: '[www.taishangeopark.com/](http://www.taishangeopark.com/) English'  
The programme is preliminary and subject to minor modification.

Participants attend at their own risk and Personal Accident cover is their own responsibility. It is also recommended that members arrange adequate Health and Travel Insurance.

- Events including an overnight stay are generally subject to the Package Travel Regulations (1992). This programme does not constitute a Brochure under these Regulations.