

## **Northeast Thick Black Soil Region Scientific Expedition**

Route Summary: Total 5 days, total distance 1500 km, field time approx. 4 days.

Primary focus: Chernozem (Black soil), Volcanic ash soil, Dark brown soil, Meadow soil, Albic soil.

**[Day-1. June 12th:]** Fly from Nanjing to Harbin. Transfer from airport to hotel. Check into the Jinggu Building on Central Street. Opportunity to admire Harbin's Byzantine architecture, experience the pedestrian street, and enjoy the scenic beauty of the Songhua River.

**【Dinner: Northeast China specialty - Iron Pot Stew】**

**[Day-2. June 13th Morning:]** Harbin City Visit & Inspection]

(1) **【Central Street】** Stroll along Central Street, featuring 71 buildings of various European architectural styles and the longest commercial pedestrian street in Asia. Experience walking on the solid, exquisite, smooth, and fine stone pavement, immerse yourself in an architectural art gallery, and feel the infinite charm of this century-old street full of exotic flair.

(2) **【Flood Control Monument】** A symbol of the Harbin people's victory over the raging floods.

(3) **【Popular China Eastern Railway Bridge - Glass Skywalk】** Located on the east side of Stalin Park along the Songhua River, the Binzhou Bridge glass skywalk combines thrills and scenery. It is not only one of the earlier railway bridges over the Songhua River but also a famous cross-river bridge in Harbin, and the city's oldest existing structure spanning three centuries. Although trains no longer thunder across it, the bridge's silhouette is particularly enchanting under the sunset.

**【Lunch: Northeast China specialty - Dumpling Banquet】**

**[Day-2. June 13th Afternoon:]** Depart from Harbin for the Chinese Academy of Sciences Hailun Agricultural Ecology Experiment Station (220 km).

Inspect the National Field Station and Chernozem (Black soil) profiles. After

inspection, check into the Xidu Hotel.

**【Dinner: Northeast China specialty - Stir-fried Dishes】**

**[Day-3. June 14th:]** Proceed to Wudalianchi (approx. 160 km). Inspect Volcanic ash soil profiles. Visit the spectacular landscapes of the newer volcanoes.

(1) **【Heilongshan (Black Dragon Mountain) or Wenbo Scenic Area - Water Scenery Line】** Take a sightseeing electric cart (approx. 25 min ride). Heilongshan is the youngest volcano, formed after eruptions in 1719 and 1720. Heilongshan and the adjacent Huoshaoshan (Burning Hill) were born from smoke and fire, leaving behind remarkably clear and comprehensive volcanic landforms for posterity to view and appreciate. View the mountain summit crater, sea of lava rocks, Water Curtain Cave, lava vent, secondary crater, “Kaitian Li”, “Laojun Pine”, lightning strike sites, etc. Huoshaoshan erupted during the same period as Heilongshan. The entire volcanic cone is composed of accumulated black, brown, and purple pumice and basalt. If the Heilongshan Scenic Area is closed, visit the alternative site “Wenbo”. Wenbo was formed by water accumulation after lava collapse on the lava plateau. It includes three lakes: Jingbo, Bibo, and Libo, with a total length of 1200m. Wenbo is a pearl on the volcanic lava flow and is located in the high-magnetic core area of the Wudalianchi Geological Park. Check into the Wenquanshui Du Hotel in the evening.

**【Lunch: Northeast China specialty - Stir-fried Dishes Dinner: Northeast China specialty - Stir-fried Dishes】**

**[Day-4. June 15th:]** Travel to the Beidahuang Group Hongxing Farm for inspection (approx. 124 km). Afterwards, proceed to Yichun (179 km).

**【Lunch: Northeast China specialty - Stir-fried Dishes Dinner: Northeast China specialty - Stir-fried Dishes】**

**[Day-5. June 16th Morning:]** Inspect Dark brown soil and Korean Pine Forest in Yichun.

**【Wuying National Forest Park】** Yichun is renowned as the “Hometown of Korean

Pines”, and Wuying is a “green gem” within this hometown. It is ancient and magical, primitive and glorious. It is called ancient because the Korean pines in its primitive forest are relic species from the Tertiary period; magical because the negative oxygen ions released by the primitive forest have high medicinal and health benefits; primitive because the oldest pines in the forest are over 600 years old; and glorious because this area was once a rear base for the Northeast Anti-Japanese United Army. Scenic spots within the park include Songxiang Bridge, Tianci Lake, the “Shaoqi” Forest Train, Huxiao Mountain, Bird Forest, Forest Bathing Area, etc.

【Lunch: Northeast China specialty - Stir-fried Dishes】

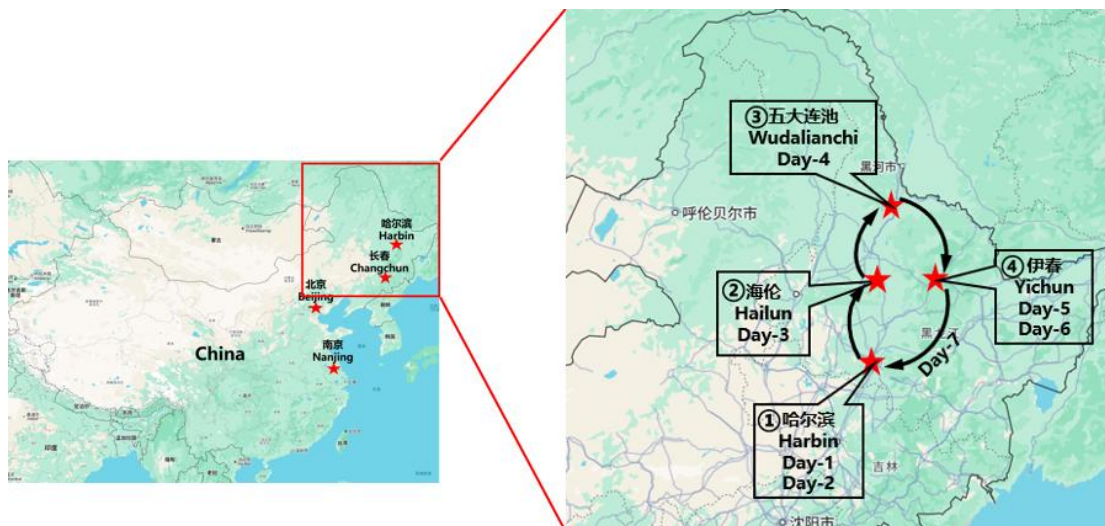
**[Day-5. June 16th Afternoon:]** Return from Yichun to Harbin. Transfer from Harbin to the airport for the return flight.

**[Quotation Includes: Calculated for a group of 50 people, total 5 days & 4 nights]**

USD \$880 per person/RMB ¥6,265 per person

<b>Entrance Fee</b>	Flood Control Monument, Popular China Eastern Railway Bridge - Glass Skywalk, Water Scenery Line, Wuying National Forest Park
<b>Meals</b>	As Mentioned in itinerary
<b>Hotel</b>	As Mentioned in itinerary (or equivalent)
<b>Traffic</b>	The plane ticket from Nanjing to Harbin Air-conditioned tourist bus
<b>Guide</b>	English Speaking Guide
<b>Insurance</b>	Tour Insurance

Note: The quotation does not include personal expenses during the trip. This quotation is for reference only. Hotel information is for reference. Final details subject to confirmation upon actual booking!!! Thank you for your understanding!!!



Route