

Statistics (Totals/Locations)

Miles Biked: about 400.25 miles

Miles walked: about 52 miles

Days: 15 days

Countries: China

Total Expenses: ~\$1167.23 US (only recorded prices, probably about 1/2 of actual expenses)

Days 0, Friday, April 27, 2001 to Saturday, April 28, 2001

1. April 27, 2001- Finished packing for my trip to China at 7:00 PM and drank beer with Paul until 2:00 AM

2. April 28, 2001- Flew from Portland Oregon to Vancouver, BC to Beijing, China

Expenses: \$649.00 USD– Air fare

Days 1, Sunday, April 29, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 23.7 miles; Total miles 23.7 miles

Location: Beijing, China to Huairou, China

Points of interest:

1. Trouble finding a road to get away from the airport, had to follow bikes on a dirt road to a paved road.

2. Could not find any of the town names on my map. Very tough figuring out the symbols on the map.

3. Found motel, but was told I could not stay there since I was a foreigner. That motel was only for Chinese people. The man who ran the motel had me follow him to a hotel that accepted foreigners.

Expenses: 360 Yuan– bike storage and lodging

Accommodations: Slept at Beijing Longshan Hotel in Huairou, China

Days 2, Monday, April 30, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 44.22 miles; Total miles 67.92 miles

Location: Huairou, China to Great wall at Mutianyu and then back to Huairou, China

Points of interest:

1. I had trouble navigating in China. The road map was tough to read and my compass drifted a lot.

2. Visited an un restored portion of the Great Wall at Mutianyu.

3. I saw someone dumping what looked like raw sewage into a ditch near the road.

3. I had not seen any other foreigners since I left the airport in Beijing.

Expenses: 197 Yuan – food, lodging and Great Wall entrance fee

Accommodations: Slept at Beijing Longshan Hotel in Huairou, China

Days 3, Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 58.88 miles; Total miles 126.8 miles

Location: Huairou, China to near Badaling, China

Points of interest:

1. Had a lot of trouble navigating, my 2 compasses were as much as 90% off from each other.
2. I checked out Ming Tombs and it was the first place I had seen foreigners since I left Beijing.
3. Went for a short ride on a Camel.
4. The Great Wall at Badaling was crowded and totally restored.
5. Meet some bikers from Mongolia at the Great wall and we took some group picture together.
6. Camped out near the Great wall, only time I camped in China.

Expenses: 160 Yuan – Souvenirs

Accommodations: Camped near Great Wall, not a legal campground.

Days 4, Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 59.71 miles; Total miles 186.51 miles; walked about 5 miles; total walking miles 5 miles

Location: Near Badaling, China to about 10 miles south of Beijing, China

Points of interest:

1. Visited Great Wall at Juyongguan, lots of people gathered around to check out my bike.
2. I heard people speaking English, first English-speaking people since I left Canada.
3. I checked out the Summer Palace in Beijing and a large crowd gathered to check out my bike.

Expenses: 209.8 Yuan – food, lodging and transportation

Accommodations: Slept at Yannan Lu Ming Chun Hotel about 10 miles south of Beijing, China

Days 5, Thursday, May 3, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 35.73 miles; Total miles 222.24 miles; walked about 4 miles; total walking miles 9 miles

Location: About 10 miles south of Beijing, China to Beijing, China

Points of interest:

1. Saw lots of overloaded bikes.
2. Visited Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden city.
3. Visited the temples in Tiantan Park (Temple of Heaven)

Expenses: 520 Yuan – food, lodging, supplies and Forbidden City entrance fee

Accommodations: Slept in a motel room at Lu Song Yuan Hotel in Beijing, China

Days 6, Friday, May 4, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 41.7 miles; Total miles 263.94 miles; walked about 5 miles; total walking miles 14 miles

Location: Beijing, China

Points of interest:

1. Went to Yonghegong Lama Temple (Tibetan temple).
2. I also checked out the Bell Temple, lots of bells.
3. I went to the Summer Palace and walked around the grounds.
4. I told a waiter at a restaurant I was from Canada and he said he liked Canadians, but not people from the USA.
5. Someone stole my bike odometer while the bike was locked to a post.

Expenses: 199 Yuan – lodging

Accommodations: Slept in a Dorm room at Lu Song Yuan Hotel in Beijing, China

Days 7, Saturday, May 5, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 0 miles; Total miles 263.94 miles; walked about 5 miles; total walking miles 19 miles

Location: Beijing, China to Shanghai, China

Points of interest:

1. Took a taxi to airport and packed up my bike for flight to Shanghai.
2. Flew to Shanghai and took a taxi to a low-cost motel in Shanghai.
3. Went out to eat with a man from England.

Expenses: 405 Yuan – lodging and transportation

Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 8, Sunday, May 6, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 19.44 miles; Total miles 283.38 miles; walked about 3 miles; total walking miles 22 miles

Location: Shanghai, China

Points of interest:

1. I walked around town (mostly Nanjing Road)
2. Assembled bike and cycled around.
3. Visited Yuyuan garden/temple and the Jade Buddha.
4. Took a boat ride on the Huangpu River.

Expenses: 67 Yuan – food and lodging

Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 9, Monday, May 7, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 18.94 miles; Total miles 302.32 miles; walked about 3 miles; total walking miles 25 miles

Location: Shanghai, China and Suzhou, China

Points of interest:

1. I took the train to Suzhou and rented a bike to cycle to the Grand Canal.
2. Sat with 7 Chinese people playing a strange card game on train to Shanghai.
3. Kids were bumping into me and asking for money. I think they were trying to pick pocket me, so I kept pushing them away.

Expenses: 94 Yuan – bums, lodging and transportation

Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 10, Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 8.41 miles; Total miles 310.73 miles; walked about 5 miles; total walking miles 30 miles

Location: Shanghai, China

Points of interest:

1. I biked for over 8 miles using my compass I thought I was going southwest and ended up where I started.
2. I went shopping on Nanjing Road.
3. I took the ferry to Pudong and found it more pleasant than Shanghai. They kept away the bums.
4. I had a couple of beer at the brew pub in Pudong.

Expenses: 283.5 Yuan – food, lodging, supplies and transportation

Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 11, Wednesday, May 9, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 0 miles; Total miles 310.73 miles; walked about 8 miles; total walking miles 38 miles

Location: Shanghai, China and Hangzhou, China

Points of interest:

1. I took the train to Hangzhou and walked around the lake.
2. I ended out getting a little lost in the rain and got soaked.
3. The train back to Shanghai was very crowded and did not have reserved seats.

Expenses: 132 Yuan – lodging and transportation

Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 12, Thursday, May 10, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 19.99 miles; Total miles 330.72 miles; walked about 3 miles; total walking miles 41 miles

Location: Shanghai, China

Points of interest:

1. I met a man that was going to start a cycling tour.
2. I cycled to Waigaoqiao harbor and saw about 50 marching Chinese soldiers with Machine guns as I was looking for the east China Sea.
3. I biked through very poor neighborhoods where people stared at me.
4. At the motel the shared TV had CNN on it was talking about how bad the US/

China relationship was going. I was glad that most people thought I was from Canada.
Expenses: 555.3 Yuan – food, lodging, supplies, Souvenirs and transportation
Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 13, Friday, May 11, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 69.53 miles; Total miles 400.25 miles; walked about 1 miles; total walking miles 42 miles

Location: Shanghai, China

Points of interest:

1. I took the Dongjin ferry to Pudong and biked south for 33.69 miles.
2. I had an interesting hand sign conversation with a man on a ferry about my beer belly.

Expenses: 59.1 Yuan – food, lodging and transportation

Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 14, Saturday, May 12, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 0 miles; Total miles 400.25 miles; walked about 8 miles; total walking miles 50 miles

Location: Shanghai, China

Points of interest:

1. Walked end to end on Nanjing Road.
2. I checked out Jingan temple and the small garden at Jingang Park.
3. Took the high-tech Tourist tunnel under the river between Shanghai and Pudong.
4. I packed my bike for the flight home.

Expenses: 67 Yuan – food and lodging

Accommodations: Slept at Pujiang Hotel (like a youth hostel) in Shanghai

Days 15, Sunday, May 13, 2001

Daily Bike Miles: 0 miles; Total miles 400.25 miles; walked about 2 miles; total walking miles 52 miles

Location: Shanghai, China to Vancouver, BC to Portland, Oregon to Hillsboro, Oregon

Points of interest:

1. Took a cold shower so I would be clean for my flight home.
2. I was charged for my bike on the airlines and should not have been.
3. Ate dinner with Paul in Portland and he gave me a ride home.

Expenses: 211 Yuan and \$89 USD – food, departure tax, bike luggage fee and transportation

Accommodations: Slept on airplane and at home in Portland.

Monday, May 14, 2001

I was at work by 8:00 AM.