

Chinese Tourists Go as far as the South Pole



Travelling and tourism is a fast growing pastime in China. Increases in income and improvements in the country's economic situation have enabled Chinese citizens to travel.

The Chinese National Tourism Administration has stated that the 5 most popular places to visit for Chinese people are currently Argentina, Venezuela, Bangladesh, Andorra and Uganda. The reason for these particular places being so popular is the lifting of strict visa stipulations and the granting of the Approved Destination Status.

However, the epitome of the growth in China's tourism industry and subsequent spending is a planned 24-man trip to the South Pole on Feb. 7 next year. During this excursion, each tourist is expected to lay out an astonishing US\$ 10,000, a figure estimated to be the highest in all local tour agencies. The party includes 2 millionaires from Shunde and a real estate manager from Guiying. They plan to land on the Antarctic continent on Feb 18 to celebrate the first day in the Chinese lunar calendar. Later the group intends to travel south to Brazil and Argentina.

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