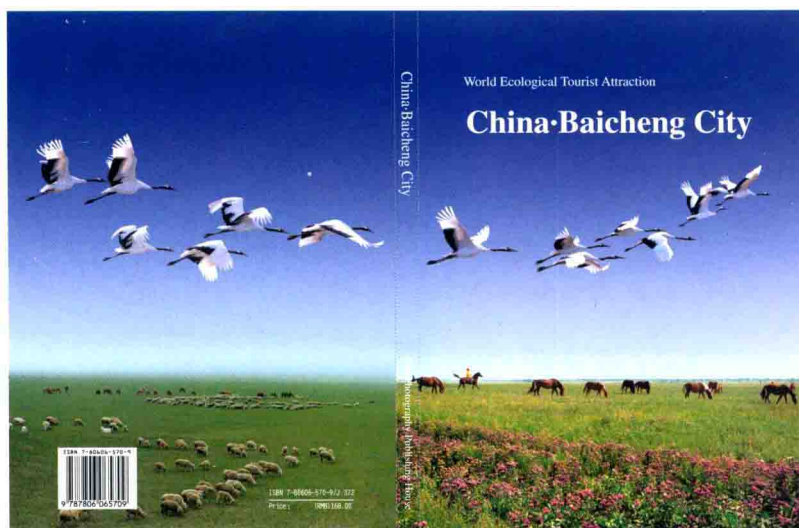


World Ecological Tourist Attraction

China·Baicheng city





Beicheng City, a splendid pearl at the juncture of the vast Kerqin Grasslands and Songliao Plain, is a legendary land cranes are infatuated with. Nenjiang River surges and Tao River meanders through the area. On the ground there is the golden corn belt; under the ground there is oil field which is called black gold for its value. Beautiful ecological scenery and magnificent humanistic views abound in Baicheng City.

With an area of 26,000 square kilometers, Baicheng City is a region-level city in the northwest of Jilin Province, governing nine counties, cities and districts including Zhenlai, Tongju, Da'an, Taobei District, Baicheng Economic Development Zone, Da'an Economic Development Zone, Chaganhaote Tourism Development Zone and Baicheng People Run Economic Development Zone. It has a population of over 2 million belonging to several nationalities, such as the Han, Mongolian and Hui.

Baicheng City enjoys long history, convenient geological location, fast communications and transport as well as rich natural resources. Situated at the juncture of Jilin and Heilongjiang provinces and the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region, it is a necessary pass way for people from southwest of Heilongjiang and northeast of Inner Mongolia. It is also a historically formed regional commodity distribution center and economic exchange center as well as a key hub on the 4th Eurasia Bridge which the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) devises and supports. Railways connect Baicheng with such big cities as Beijing, Changchun, Jilin, Harbin, Shenyang and Dalin. Highways radiate in all directions with every city and every village covered. As to waterway, Baicheng has a good Da'an Port on Nenjiang River, from which Khabarovsk Port of Russia can be reached. It has complete modern communications means such as light fabric, microwave communication, SPC switching exchanges, etc. Its area of arable land per person, pasture, forestable land and water all rank top in Jilin Province. It has utilizable pasture area of 13,500,000 mu and reed area of 2,140,000 mu ranking second in the nation. Mineral resources abound such as petroleum (natural gas), white clay, pearlite, mineral water, etc.

Baicheng City is a desirable spot for ecological tourism. It is a newly

The Land Cranes Infatuated With

emerged tourist city featuring ancient, plain and natural beauty. Now it has set up 40-odd scenic spots. Visitors can see steeds galloping across the broad prairie in spring; watch cranes dancing against green water and blue sky in summer; hear birds singing in reeds in autumn; and view fishing in iced river in winter. Xianghai, a nature reserve confirmed by the United Nations, is known to be Crane's Home, with ecological diversities of lakes, ponds, reeds, marshes, grasslands, yellow elms, etc. The unique ecological view wins acclaim from Chinese and overseas tourists who say that "Mt. Changbai in the east and Xianghai in the west are two great tourist attractions in Jilin Province". Momoge National Nature Reserve is a fascinating place with charming lakes, vast grasslands and interesting folk customs. The well-known Moon Lake, in the shape of a full moon, is as beautiful as Chang E (a fairy on the moon in Chinese mythology). Fishing boats scattering on the lake form an idyllic scene. The forest park in down town area is full of crystal clear brooks, bridges, green pines, chirping birds and fragrant flowers. Bees hum and butterflies dance on Jiangjiadian Prairie, and Great Qintala Prairie stretches as far as the eye can see. Baicheng City has one UN wetland reserve, two national natural scenic areas and six national hunting fields. Visitors may enjoy the wonders of prairie and the uniqueness of ecological view at the same time.

Marching into the new century under the guidance of the 'Three Represents' thought, Baicheng carefully implements the development strategy of the Fourth Congress of the Jilin Provincial Committee. Its national economy develops very fast, foreign exchanges are more frequent, city building progresses continuously, and various enterprises enjoy comprehensive development. The agricultural production conditions are improved greatly and Baicheng has become one of the major national bases for the production of commercial grain, husbandry products, fresh-water fish, oil-crops, sugar-crops and flue-cured tobacco and the processing of special agricultural products. Such special local products as Red Steppe from Tongyu, rice from Nenjiangwan of Zhenlai, Dayingge green gram from Taonan, watermelon from Heishui, white goose from Da'an and dry red pepper from Taobei are known both in China and abroad. Baicheng has complete industrial branches and ad-

vanced technical equipments and has formed an industrial system with textile & clothing, automobile accessories, machinery and building-material, foodstuff, pharmaceutical, paper-making and printing industries in the lead, and several competitive enterprises and brand products. The city streets have formed a framework featuring three road rings and cubic intersections. The facilities for drainage, gas supply and heating are complete. Park and apartment complex construction is in the ascendant. Various social enterprises such as education, science and technology, culture and sanitation have been improving. Now there are more than 10 star-level hotels, two four-star hotels, one radio and TV tower, culture center and other services. A new Baicheng City with pleasant environment, beautiful scenery, complete functions, polite and clean atmosphere, good service and social order is unfolding itself before visitors.

Currently Baicheng City has developed many tour products like prairie tour, Inner Mongolian folk custom tour, wetland tour, lake and pond tour, forest tour, bird-observing and hunting tour, fishing on the ice tour, agricultural visit, scientific exploration and adventure, historical, religious and cultural remains tour as well as sports and fitness tour, and has set up over 20 tour routes.

On the long march in the new century, Baicheng City will work toward a city with automobile parts, textile and pharmaceutical industries in the lead, assuming the role of regional commercial and trade center as well as ecological-friendly tourist spot. It will implement the tourism development strategy of "great tourism, big industry and fast development" to optimize economic structure, enlarge economic volume and enhance economic benefits. Determined to make use of China's entry into WTO, it will give full play to the comparative advantages, constantly improve investment environment, foster new economic growth points, promote fast, steady, and healthy economic and social development, and endeavor to build Baicheng City into a great tour city with national influence and international fame.

People from the prairie are simple, frank and hospitable.

Baicheng City, a great spot for ecological tourism, extends the warmest welcome to you.

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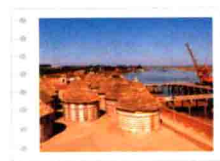
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City of Ecological Tourism





Scenery of Northeast China



Bird view of rivers

Baicheng City is a fascinating land of cranes with vast grasslands and winding rivers, among which Nenjiang River and Tao River meander through the area like two magnificent jade belts.



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Galloping horses welcoming to the spring

In spring, the gentle wind sweep across the green grass and horses gallop on the endless grassland.



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Summer on the prairie

In summer, the whole Beicheng City is covered and surrounded by grasslands. Clouds flow leisurely in the sky and flowers are in full bloom. Herds of cattle and sheep

wander on the grassland, forming an indescribably beautiful scene. Visitors marvel at the scenery and are reluctant to leave.



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Cranes dancing for good luck

In autumn, various birds sing sweet songs in the reeds. The red-crowned cranes, whose longevity ranks top among birds, are faithful in love and only have one mate in their lives.



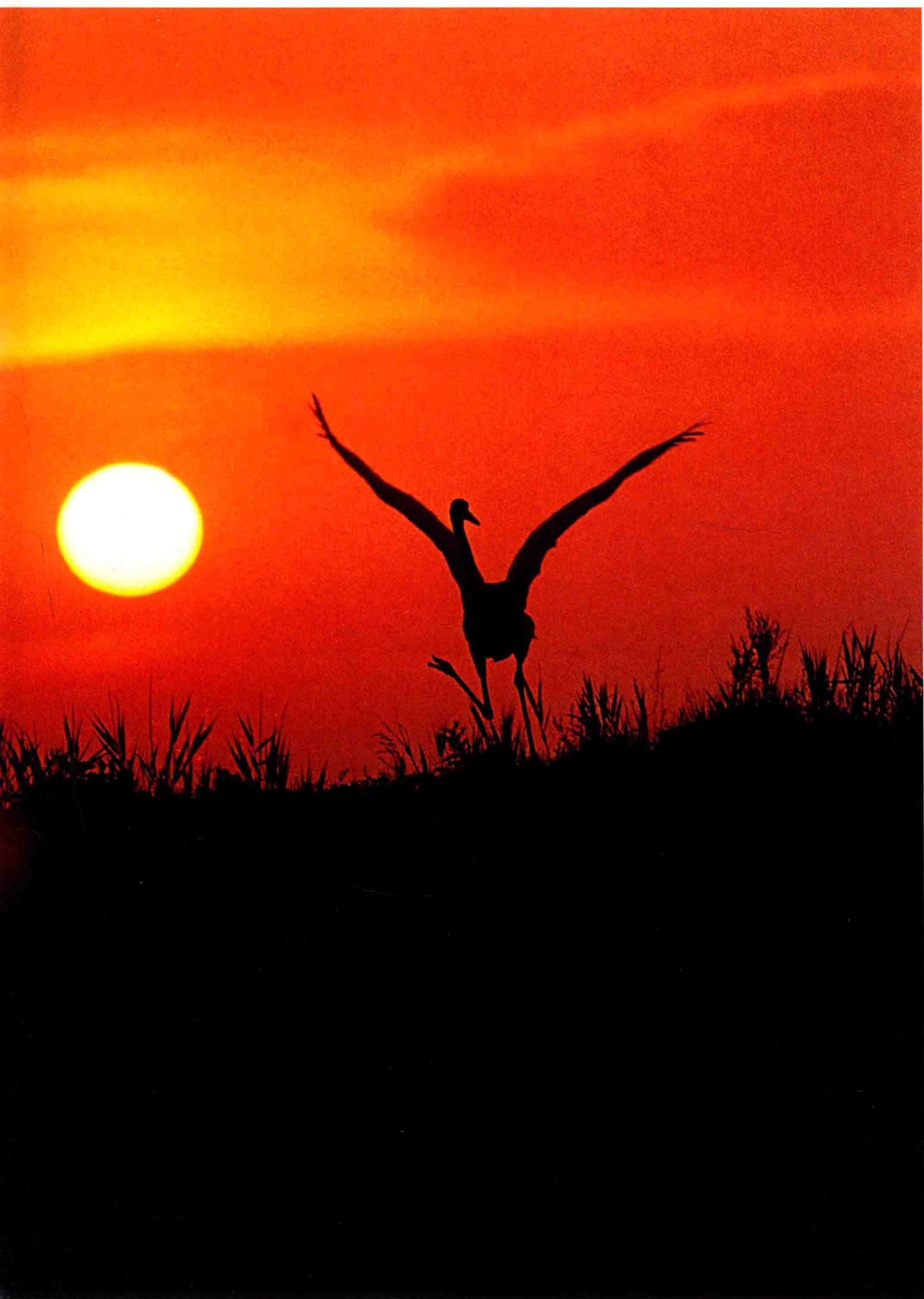
Wetland Scenery

Xianghai—United Nations Wetland Reserve

Baicheng is an exemplary ecological development area appointed by the state, owing two national nature reserves of Xianghai and Momoge, the largest wetland in the same latitude of the Northern Hemisphere. It demonstrates diverse ecological scenes such as lakes, ponds, reeds, yellow elms, marshes, wetlands, birds and animals. The whole area is full of ancient and natural beauty. Under the blue sky and by the green water, numerous birds begin singing when rosy clouds appear in the horizon. The harmony and integration between man and nature are marvelous.

Xianghai is a United Nations wetland reserve situated in the southwest of Baicheng City and covering an area of 1,055 square kilometers. It has 595 species of wild birds and animals, among which 17 are specially protected by China and the world, and 6 are cranes with wetland ecological protection quality index, accounting for 40 percent of the world crane species. Xianghai Natural Reserve plays an important role in protecting valuable and rare wild plant and animal life, natural ecological environment of wetland and saving endangered large wetland birds. It is full of diverse ecological scenes such as lakes, ponds, reeds, marshes, grasslands, yellow elms, etc.







1. Flying at dawn
2. Return at sunset
3. Leisurely walk

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