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Architectural Design Department One
Trip to Shennongjia
Travels in China
在中国旅游

Beijing
Shanghai
Shennongjia
Suzhou
During our second weekend in China, Avik, Reina, and I visited the water town of Suzhou at the recommendation of our coworkers. We visited many historic gardens and temples, took a gondola ride, and saw I.M. Pei’s final work, the Suzhou Museum.
“You can’t visit China without seeing Beijing,” said our coworkers. Reina, Avik, and I took a five day weekend, following some project deadlines, to visit Beijing. We soaked up the history, both ancient and recent, and even made a trek out to the Great Wall.
I was invited by my department on a 6 day trip to the Shennongjia Forestry District in the Hubei Province, to attend the wedding of Bai Gong, my architect mentor at Xian Dai. Unknown to me when we left for Shennongjia, I was to play the role of Bai’s best man. The other days, we spent hiking through the countryside and local towns, feasting on foods even my coworkers could not identify, and singing the night away around a bonfire.
The majority of our time in China was spent in Shanghai, the location of Xian Dai Architectural Design’s offices. The city is a vast collage of neighborhoods and steadily blending cultures.
One of the fastest growing transit systems in the world, Shanghai’s subway system first opened in 1995. It is incredibly easy to navigate.

Paired with its bus system, Shanghai has a very effective and affordable public transit system.
Shanghai

Shanghai Tower: Summer 2011

Shanghai Tower: Summer 2012
Shanghai is the 4th largest city in the world in terms of population, with 18 million people living in the city proper, 1000 square miles.

New York has 8 million people living in its city proper, 305 square miles.
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Founded in 1952
The largest architectural/engineering firm in Shanghai
Previously known as Shanghai Modern Architectural Design Co.
Approximately 3,300 employees
Has completed over 30,000 projects since its founding

My Role at Xian Dai

8 week internship
Generally worked 9-5, 5 days a week
Designed early schemes for a geological museum, business club, and four restaurants for various clients around China
Built massing models using Sketchup, contributed to master plans using AutoCAD, and developed diagrams with Illustrator and InDesign
Contributed design ideas to a master plan for the city of Baotou that was presented to government and city representatives
Worked on a team of about 9 for the Baotou project
Had daily - weekly design reviews / crits with my architect mentor or other designers
Worked directly with a rendering company
Developed and presented slides on the process of becoming and architect in the USA and architecture curriculum
Design Projects

设计项目
Baotou, a large city in Inner Mongolia, is being assessed for redevelopment by the Chinese national government and the city council. Xian Dai’s responsibility in this project was to provide a master plan to submit for government review including: a zoning proposal, block by block FARs and height limits, and renderings depicting what the architecture of the city might be like. The next iteration of the master plan is currently in development.
Baotou

包头
My main responsibility for the project was to develop a proposal for the cultural district just south of the government building and offices. Most of the work was to develop a schematic proposal for a geological museum. The cultural symbolism of the building is very important to the government.
Baotou Geological Museum
包头地质博物馆
A private developer wanted to build a business club on a plot of land purchased from the government. Some of the program he initially requested, such as a full driving range, would not fit on the site. Aesthetically, the architecture references the vernacular architecture of the region and looks towards a large mountain to the northeast. Hefei is the largest city in the Anhui province.
Hefei Business Club
合肥商务会所

一楼
二楼
三楼

独立式会所
办公
娱乐
别墅

1100 m²
2150 m²
550 m²
550 m²

2150 m²
2550 m²
2550 m²
2550 m²

7500 m²
11000 m²
6500 m²
11000 m²

现代设计
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Four Restaurants in Pujiang New Town

Pujiang is a new development that is being built just south of Shanghai. Four restaurants, connected by a second level boardwalk were developed near the harbor. The restaurants are also connected to a large mall that lies across the street via a skywalk.
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四家餐厅在浦江新镇
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UO Summer 2012 Interns: Avik Banerji, Scott Soukup, Reina Satoh
At the Summer Palace in Beijing