

ON THE SPOT IN CHINA

Thirty years of change

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Thirty years of change

I first went to the People's Republic in April 1976 and have been visiting almost every year since. A camera has been my constant companion, and during the last few years I realised that I could go back and attempt to reproduce photographic shots from as far as possible exactly the same spot. These are the results.

Beijing

- Location

- Chang'an dajie
- Just east of Tiananmen Square and west of Nanchizi
- Looking East

- Dates

- April 1976
- August 1984
- April 2005







Beijing

- Location

- Chang'an dajie
- Just east of Wangfujing crossroads
- Looking East, from East Wing of Peking Hotel

- Dates

- April 1976
- April 2007





Beijing

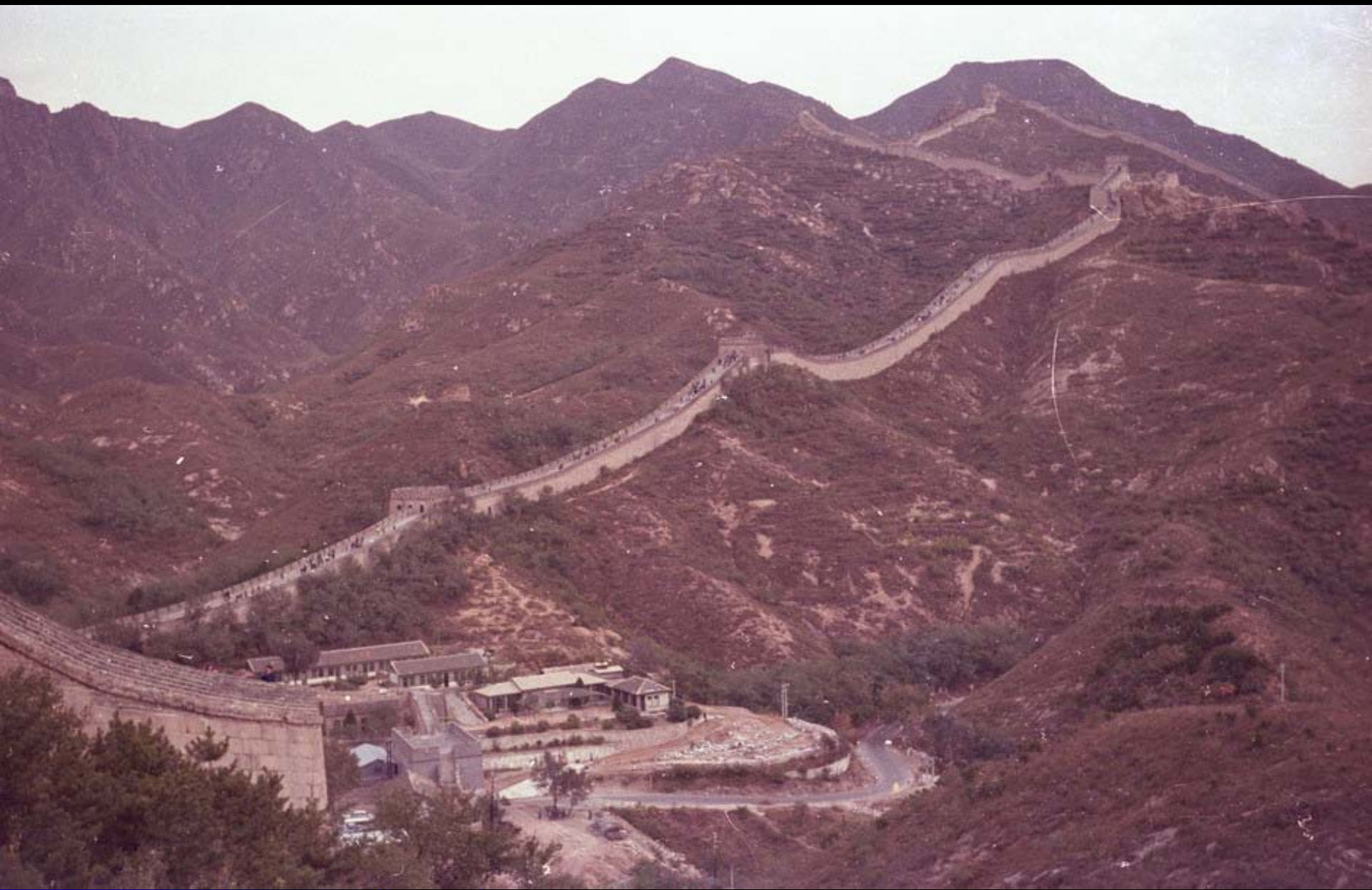
- Location
 - Chang'an dajie
 - Telegraph Building
 - Just east of Xidan crossroads
 - Looking east
- Dates
 - February 1979
 - April 2007
- Notes
 - Site of Democracy Wall 1978-1979





Beijing

- Location
 - The Great Wall, Badaling
 - Dates
 - April 1976
 - April 1976
 - October 1978
 - September 2002
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Beijing

- Location

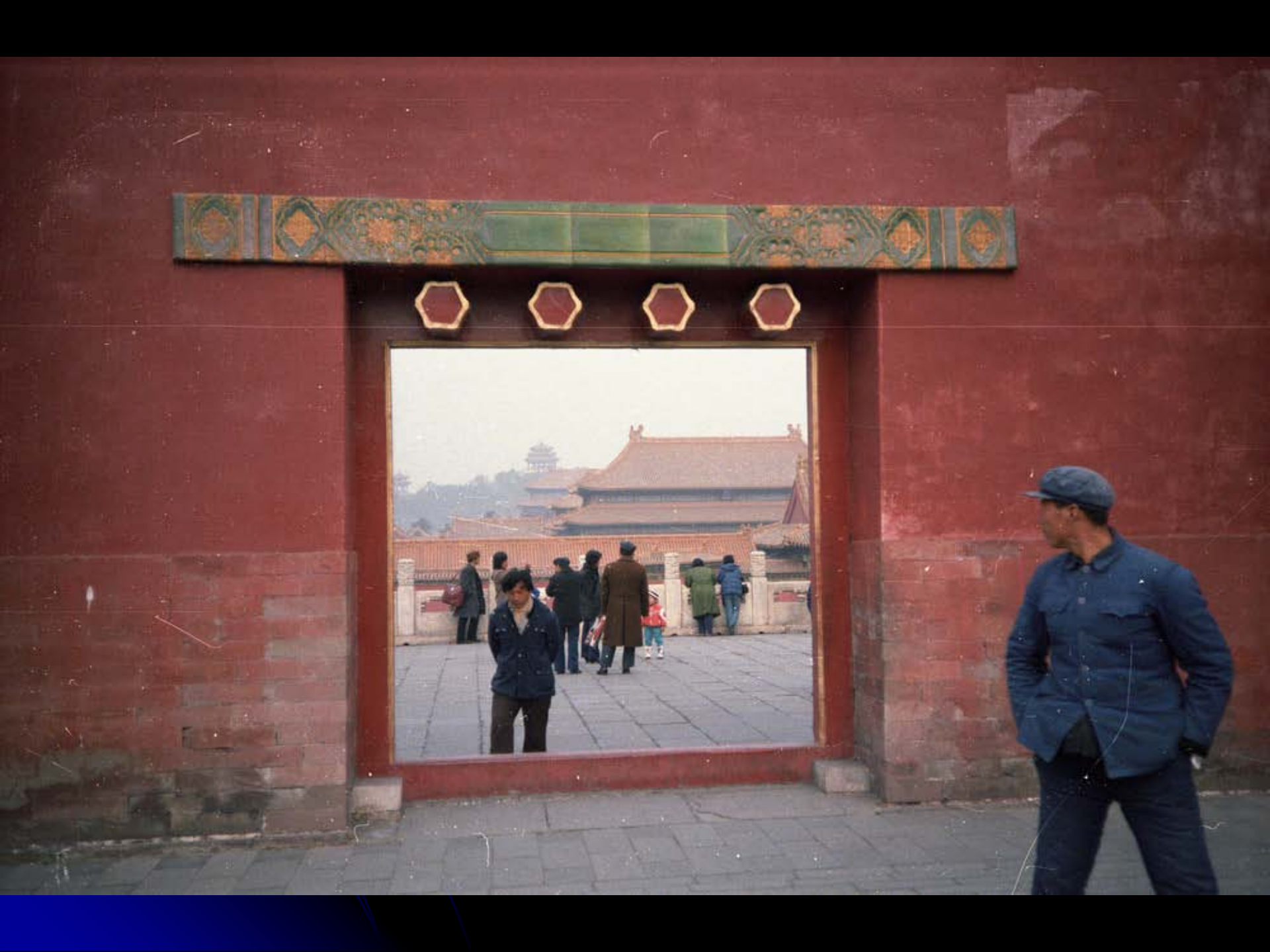
- Gugong

- Looking north, at the west side of the Hall of Imperial Harmony

- Dates

- November 1987

- April 2007





Beijing

- Location
 - Outside Gugong Wall
 - Looking south from northeast corner
- Dates
 - November 1978
 - November 1998
 - April 2007
- Notes
 - Now a police station and security area.





Beijing

- Location

- Jinyuhutong
- Eastern end, looking west

- Dates

- August 1984
- April 2007

- Notes

- Jinyuhutong runs from Dongdan dajie to Wangfujing





Beijing

- Location

- Summer Palace
- Kunminghu

- Dates

- December 1978
 - May 2000
 - September 2002
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Beijing

- Location

- Qianmen
- Tiananmen Square
- Looking West

- Dates

- November 1978
- April 2007





Beijing

- Location

- Tiananmen Square
- Tiananmen and Reviewing Stand
- Looking West

- Dates

- April 1976
 - April 2007
- 





Chengdu

- Location

- Chunxijie corner Dongda
- Central shopping district.

- Date

- July 1979
- July 2009





Chengdu

- Location

- Donghuazhengjie corner Shunchengdajie
- Central business district.

- Date

- July 1979
- July 2009





华顺大厦

凯宾酒店

总台、停车场

凯宾酒店

英语社

Chengdu

- Location

- Tijingjie corner Shuncheng dajie
- Central business district.

- Date

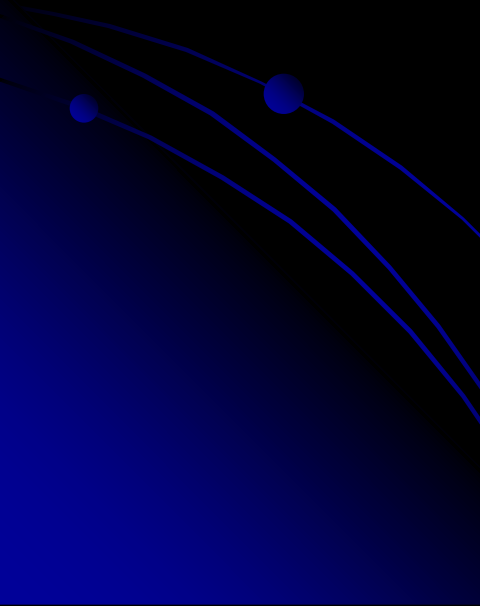
- July 1979
- July 2009

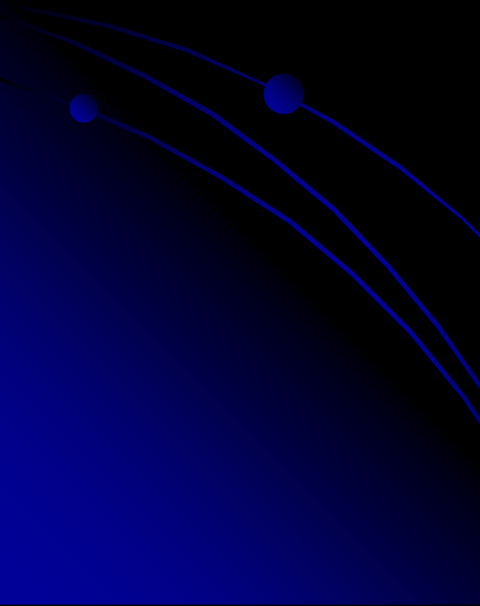
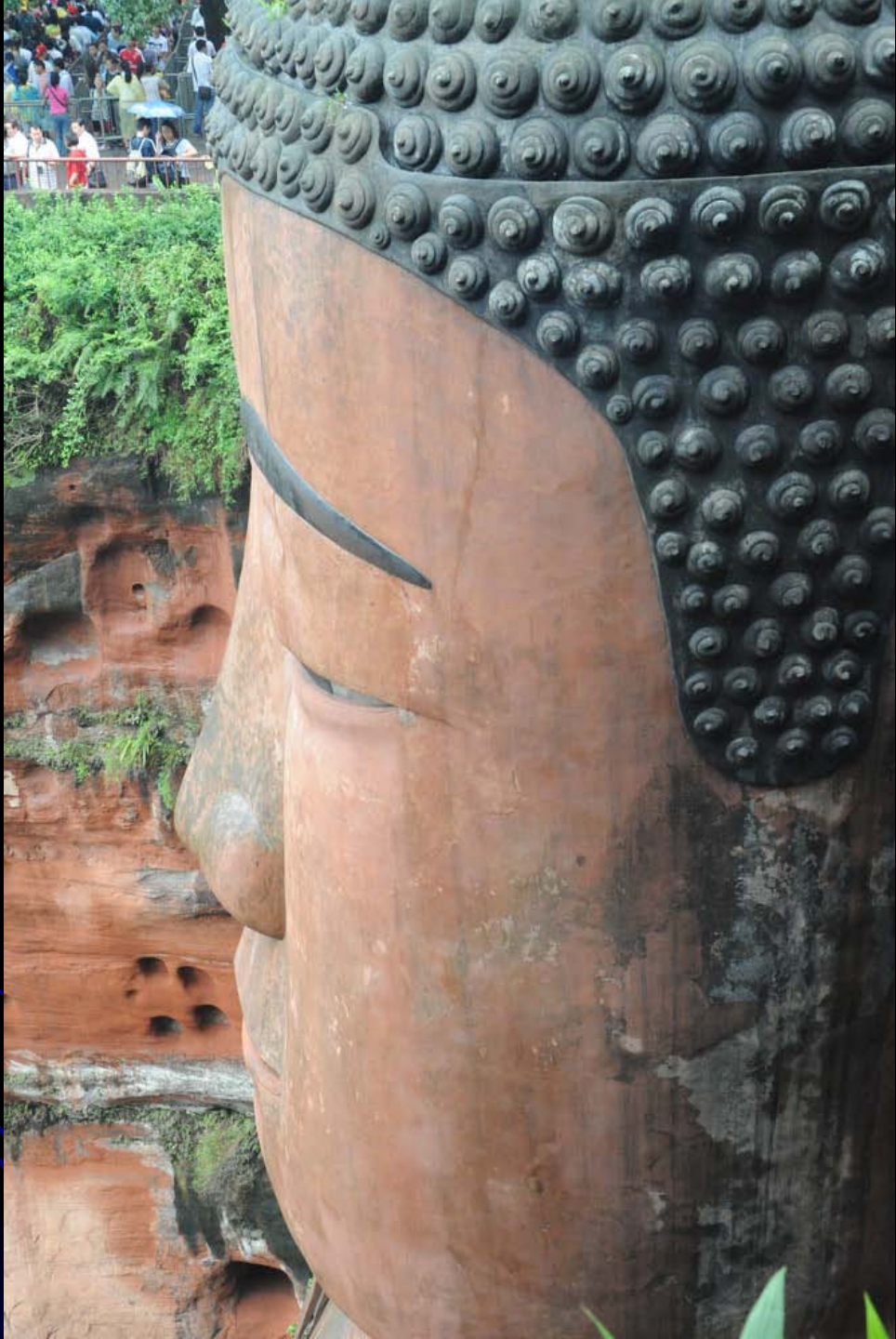




Leshan Buddha

- Location
 - Leshan
 - River confluence opposite Leshan.
- Date
 - August 1982
 - July 2009





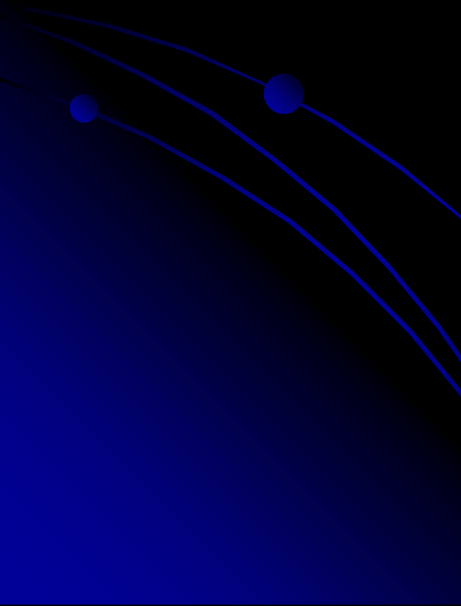
Nanjing

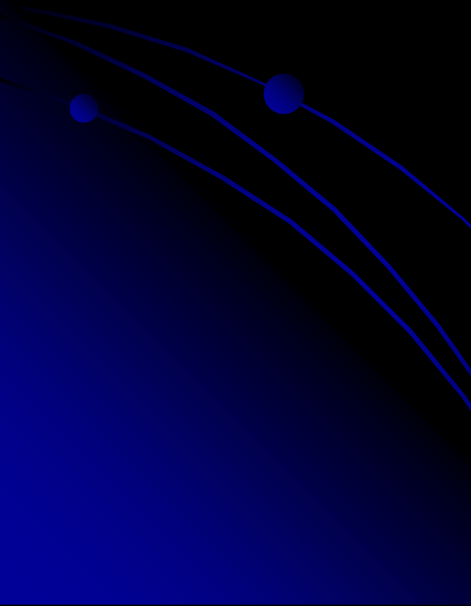
- Location

- Nanjing Road Bridge
- Looking North from viewing station

- Dates

- April 1976
- April 2007





Nanjing

- Location

- Nanjing Road Bridge
- Looking South

- Dates

- April 1976
 - April 2007
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Nanjing

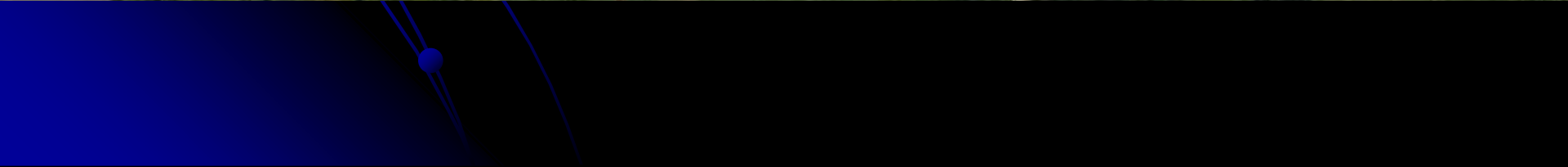
- Location

- Nanjing
- Looking South
- From the Road Bridge

- Dates

- April 1976
 - April 2007
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Nanjing

- Location

- Outside Taiping Tianguo History Museum
- Looking to right of main entrance

- Dates

- April 1976
- April 2007





Pingyao

- Location
 - Main street
 - Looking southwest
- Dates
 - November 1987
 - October 2003
- Notes
 - Spot the foreigners in 1987





Shanghai

- Location
 - Henan Road
 - Outside church
 - Looking from People's Park
- Dates
 - February 1979
 - March 2007
- Notes
 - In 1978-1979 this was a site of assembly for democracy activists





Shanghai

- Location

- Songjiang

- Dates

- April 1976
- March 2006

- Notes

- Songjiang was an older city in the delta, later incorporated in the expansion of Shanghai
- Songjiang is currently being developed as a new urban area based on higher education and a series of 'model' European villages. Thamestown (in the 2006 photograph) is one of these.





Shanghai

- Location

- Soochow Creek
- One bridge back from the confluence with the Huangpu
- From western end of bridge

- Dates

- February 1979
- March 2007





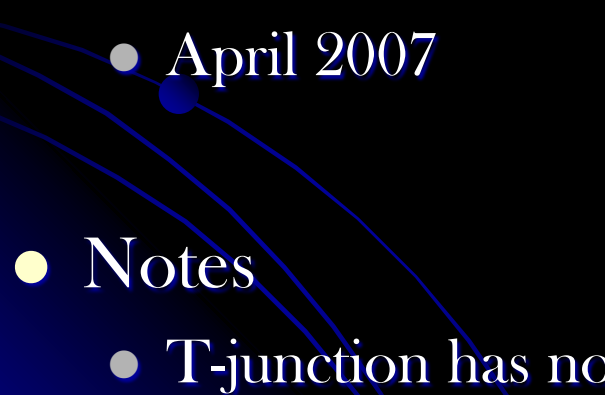
Taiyuan

- Location
 - Yingzedajie Bridge over Fenhe
 - Looking west from start of bridge
- Dates
 - November 1995
 - April 2007
- Notes
 - Right hand bridge was built by Yan Xishan
 - Fenhe river bed increasingly dried up after 1975





Taiyuan

- Location
 - Tiyulu
 - Dates
 - November 1995
 - April 2007
 - Notes
 - T-junction has now become crossroads
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Taiyuan

- Location

- Yingze dajie
- Outside Tianlong daxia, looking east

- Dates

- November 1996
- April 2007





Taiyuan

- Location

- Yingzedajie Bridge over Fenhe
- Looking north from just after start of bridge

- Dates

- November 1995
- April 2007

- Notes

- In 1997 the river bed was reclaimed; a highway built to assist traffic round the city; a park developed alongside the highway, with a reservoir created in the old river bed, sourced by water piped from the Yellow River through the Fenhe to Taiyuan.





Taiyuan

- Location

- Wuyi Square
- Looking east
- Corner of Bingzhou lu, outside Bingzhou Hotel

- Dates

- July 1987
- April 2007





Taiyuan

- Location

- Shanxi Grand Hotel
- Looking towards Manager's Desk from Coffee Shop

- Dates

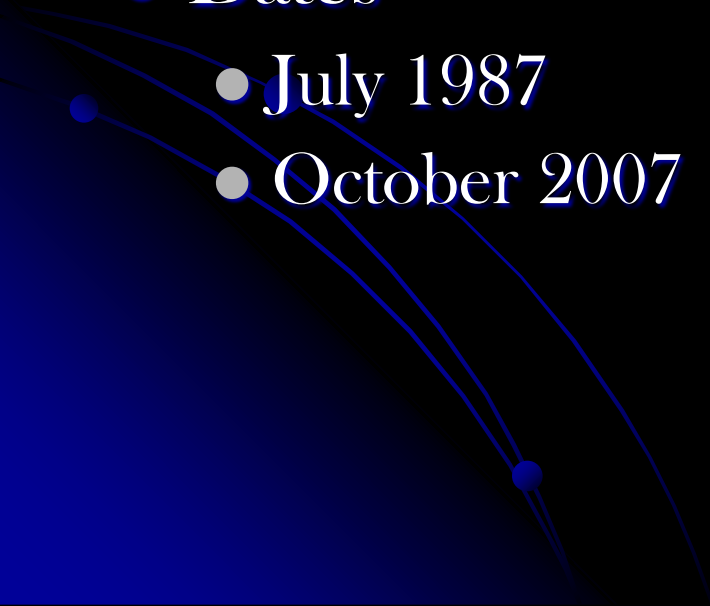
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- April 2007





Taiyuan

- Location
 - Yingze dajie
 - Looking west from Wuyi Square

 - Dates
 - July 1987
 - October 2007
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Taiyuan

- Location

- Yingze dajie
- Looking west
- Corner Jiefanglu, standing on north side of Yingze dajie

- Dates

- July 1987
- April 2007





Taiyuan

- Location

- City
- Looking east from Shanxi Grand Hotel

- Dates

- September 2002
- April 2007





Tianjin

- Location

- Bingjiangdao, in former French Concession area.
- Central shopping district.
- Corner of Bingjiangdao with Hepingglu, walking down towards former French Cathedral.

- Date

- February 1979
- October 2008





Tianjin

- Location
 - Hepingglu
 - Central shopping district.
- Date
 - February 1979
 - October 2008



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