

# Natural Sceneries and Caves of Huanren

- 桓仁地域 洞窟と 自然景觀 -

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Huanren (桓仁) is a small county located in east of Liaoning Province, it is in the area of 124°27' - 125°40' east longitude and 40°54' - 41°32' north latitude. The total area of this county is 3547km<sup>2</sup>, but population is just 300,000. And the brilliant culture in Huanren has lasted more than 6,000 years. 60,000 years went by, yet the hardworking and intelligent people of Huanren left splendid cultural symbols in the green mountains and blue waters.

The national beauty spot with grade of 4A and national major cultural relic preservation zone - Five Girls Mountain Town, the largest reservoir of Liaoning Province and the largest reservoir forest park - Huanlong Lake, the highest mountain in Liaoning Province, a nationally protected area - Foding Mountains, the most beautiful cave of Northeastern China - Wangtian Cave, the most grand drift of Northeast of China - Drift of Daya River, the geologic marvellous spectacle - abnormal ground temperature zone, the glacier relics - glacier mortar and the old county seat of Huanren - the Eight Trigrams Town have become the bone of mountains and soul of rivers in the special environment of Huanren, and these beautiful spots make Huanren more charming and graceful.

The three-star, two-star, one-star hotels in Huanren will make you full comfortable like stay at home.

The Hun River fish dinner, the Manchu typical dish and Korean typical dish shall show multiple and colorful cultures in food and national customs.

Ginseng, pilose antler of young stag, powder of gall of bear, artware knit by grass, woodcarving, engraving-optimal gifts to your relatives and friends.

Light campfire, enjoy local customs, visit scenic spots, and enjoy tranquil nature. The special culture and landscape of Huanren will make your heart and soul peaceful, maybe that is the charm of Huanren.

The green mountains are just like a beautiful painting could last forever, and the blue waters are just like a harp that plays sweet music forever. The Green mountains and blue waters in Huanren are too beautiful and special to describe in poems and paintings, we can say they are rare in Northern China. If we call Huanren "Southern landscape in northern place", seems it is inappropriate, because it is a little rigid in natural scene; if we call Huanren "Northern landscape in southern China", seems it is also inappropriate, because it is a little soft in natural scene. Huanren, a small town located in Northern China, has rigid and soft natural scene; if we call Huanren "Northern landscape in southern China", seems it is also inappropriate, because it is a little soft in natural scene. Huanren, a small town located in Northern China, has rigid and soft natural scene at the same time, seems it integrates the beauty of south and north. It is really an

outstanding wonder in the world.

It is your advisable choice to make a tour here. Magical and beautiful Huanren is waiting for your visit with sincerity.

The Five Girls Mountain scenic zone is 8.5km away from county seat, the altitude of highest peak is 821m, the whole scenic zone is 1500m long from south to north, and 300m wide from east to west. The name of the mountain comes from a legend that there had been five girls stationed their troops on the mountain.

In 37 B.C., the prince of north Puyu(an ancient kingdom of China) came to the mountains and constructed city walls, and he established the first capital of ancient Korea(one of the minorities of ancient China), the name of the capital is Huishenggu City in history. Until in 3 A.D., the second emperor of ancient Korea moved his capital to Ji'an, ancient Korea had developed forty years here. The Yongle 22 of Ming Dynasty(that is the year of 1424), a female header of Jianzhou whose name is Li Manzhu took her troops here and settled down, along with the development of this area, the Five Girls Mountains became one of the original places of Manchu.

The archaeologists have found hundreds of precious cultural relics of the Neolithic Age, Han Dynasty, Ancient Korea, Liao Dynasty, Jin Dynasty and Qing Dynasty here. Therefore, Five Girls Mountains was entitled as national major cultural relic preservation zone in 1996, and in 1999, it was entitled as one of the ten new archaeological discoveries. In "Dictionary of Chinese Famous Mountains", you will find Five Girls Mountains is recorded as one of famous mountains. In 2002, it was given the title of National AAAA(4A) Grade Scenic Spot.

The chain of remote Five Girls Mountains is beautiful, and you could find cloud sea, fantastic peaks, age-old pines, odd gully, beautiful trees, weird stone, age-old castle, and serene forest there. And you could visit many beautiful scenic spots such as relics of imperial palace, relics of military camps, relics of age-old city walls, Tian-chang Gate, Heavenly Pond, Gleam of Sky, Military Platform, etc. on highest peak.

Huanlong Lake (桓龍湖) is 6km from county seat, it is the largest reservoir and freshwater fishery of Liaoning Province. If you watch the Huanlong Lake from Five Girls Mountains you would find the lake is just like magnificent drawing of a huge dragon. The line along the reservoir is 81km long, the water area is 148,000m<sup>2</sup>, the volume of reservoir is 3.46 billion steres, the deepest water is 60m, and the annual output of freshwater fish is above 2000 tons.

Huanlong Lake is a national reservoir forest park, and it is a paradise in the world. The beautiful landscape is like graceful music, and the shape of islands such as Cuckoo Island, Tortoise, Crocodile, Dagu and Wanle Island is vivid.

Brilliant wild flower, swimming fish and dancing crane, comfortable breeze, flying spray ···· fresh, natural, romantic, wonderful.

Wangtian Cave (望天洞) is located in Wanwanchuan Village of Yahe Town, 17km away from county

seat. The whole cave is about 7,000m long, and the largest hall in the cave could accommodate near 10,000 people. And, there are more than 30 ponds in the cave, the deepest pond could reach 8m. And also, there are 7 underground rivers which are more than 400m long wind underground and never dry in four seasons.

The stalactites in the cave are glittering and crystal-clear, and in vivid and different shapes; some like hills or pillars, some like forest or bamboo shoots some like towers, some like Buddha, some like flower, some like waterfall, and some like a swimming dragon who is playing water, some like monks reciting lection, some like the palm of Buddha, some like magic nodular staff held by god in fairy tales of ancient China. We can say, here you will find the miracles made by nature.

The labyrinth in the cave is separated into three layers from top to bottom, when you step in it, you will find another caves, and different caves connected each other so you could enter a cave through other cave, maybe you will get puzzled because you could walk through different doors which are connected. The labyrinth is tortuous complicated and confusing. The expert Zhu Xuewen of caves have given such comment to it : "The Wangtian Cave located Huanren of Northern China is the most complicated and confusing one."

When you stand at the exit of cave and hold your head, you will find two columns of light shine sideways in the cave, it will make you have a feeling of embracing red sun and smelling blue sky.

Wangtian Cave is just like a magical picture, elegant and confusing, wonderful and interesting, it is an unbelievable work made by nature.

**Foding Mountains (佛頂山, bald head)** is a national natural preservation area, located in Balidianzi Town, 70km away from county seat. The altitude of highest peak Foding Mountains is 1367.3km, and it is the highest peak in Liaoning Province with the name of "Fastigium of Liaoning".

There are various wild animals and plants in the scenic area. You will see the complete primary forest vegetation cenosespecies, and also you will find relict plant such as yew, *Diplandrorchis sinica*, fairy magnolia, and the precious animal here. The vertical distribution band spectrum of vegetation of the mountains is obvious, just like a reduction of Changbai Mountains, so it is also called "Little Changbai of Northeast".

The highest peak of the mountains is magnificent and grand. When you stand on the peak and make overlook, you will find the thick cloud constitutes a boundless sea, and the ranges of mountains are winding and tortuous and peaks upon peaks, you will also see towering weird rocks, very tall age-old trees, and loquacious brook. And when golden autumn comes, the maple leaves in mountains are all red, will make the whole forest seems to be dyed, it is really a charming traditional Chinese landscape painting.

**Drift in Daya River (大雅河漂流)** The drift zone of Daya River is located in Laomanzi Village of Huanren Pulebao Town, 45km from county seat. Here, the water of Daya River falls from very high place, so the flow is swift, and there is stream of 4000m to arrange bamboo rafts. The peaks stand ashore are very beautiful and like the Chinese traditional painting, this scenic spot has a beautiful name of "Little Guilin of Northern China". Two tourists wearing orange life jackets sit in one inflatable rubber boat and

the boat floats with water to make you enjoy the dangerous and exciting drift.

In the riptide, the quick water and flying spray will make the boat run like uncontrollable wild horse inundant. But in the soft flow, the shimmery water, the swimming ducks, will make you enjoy the green mountains, colorful waves, quiet surface of water, and we can say you will feel in paradise.

**Wonder of the world - Glacier Mortar (世界奇觀 - 冰臼)**

On the shore of Hun River near Shuang-shuidong Village of Shajianzi Town, there is a huge stone with surface area of near 1000m<sup>2</sup>, on the surface of this stone, there are dozens of pits, the large ones are like vat and small ones are like basin. Because the shape of most stone pits is round, so the local residents call them "Ground Vat". According to the research of scientists, the "Ground Vat" is typical relics of the Quaternary glacier. These stone pits were made by the rotation of sand when glacier melt, and the formal name of the stone pits is Glacier Mortar. And every summer, the water of Hun River will overflow the stone, and the water in these stone pits is warm and comfortable, so many tourists take a bath in these natural bathtubs.

**Geological marvellous spectacle of the world - weird abnormal ground temperature zone (世界地質一絕 - 奇導的地溫導常帶)**

This zone is located in Shajianzi Town of east of county seat. In the area of more than ten thousand square meters, the ground temperature is low in summer but high in winter. In the coldest day in winter, the ground temperature is from 15°C to 17°C, you may find the overlapping grass; but in the hottest days of summer, it is from 15°C to 17°C below zero, really freezing cold and chilly being icicles. The present and previous residents here whose surname is Ren all have long life. The relevant authorities have made investigation and research for this marvellous spectacle for many times, but still have not obtained any affirmatory conclusion.