

CHINA

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

YANGSHUO STREETS



This mostly pedestrian street is referred to as Westerner's Street. Many Chinese wanting to practice their English come here to chat it up with Westerners.



White line fence on a main street



THIS SHOP DOES NOT WELCOME JAPANESE?

Wanting to know why this street food vendor would not welcome Japanese customers, I asked our guide. I did not get an answer and was never sure if he just did not understand me or was avoiding answering me. Assuming the later and that the official government tourist li-censors may prefer their official government tourist licensees not to answer awkward questions like this I let the matter drop.

My own ancestry has only been traced so far back. Since there is occasional questionable and dark characters weaving their way in and out my ancestry, I kept my distance from this street food vendor just in case.

Still wondering about this (inquiring minds need to know this stuff) so if anyone knows more about this let me know.

THE MOST COMMON BREED OF DOG

These white dogs were, by far, the most common breed of dog seen. While I also saw dogs being sold in meat markets, the breed being sold as meat was not determinable at that point. Even knowing before hand that I would be seeing dogs sold for food within most markets, a queasy uneasy feeling still came over me when actually seeing it first hand. I just couldn't bring myself to make any photographs of that.



Told that dog meat is favored in winters as it gave the tummy a warm fuzzy feeling, my thought was that maybe that warm fuzzy feeling in the tummy was not being interpreted correctly. I think it was actually the human digestive system telling them that it was rejecting the dog meat as a viable food... forceful atomic regurgitation following promptly!

As a result of the apparent warming characteristic in the tummy when one eats dog meat, calling someone Dog Meat, in at least this area of China, is a sign of your affection for them. I'll stay with the Westerner's interpretation when using the term Dog Meat. But, if another person from China should refer to me as Dog Meat I won't be as offended again!

CELEBRATION AFTERMATH



This kind of celebration aftermath was very common on the streets and plazas.

After close forensic inspection, I concluded that in this particular circumstance it was celebration aftermath from a "Wedding Love" event.



LOCAL SITUATION ROOMS



FELLOW TRAVELERS



Bev finds out that showing a slight interest in something can lead to a lot of attention!



I don't know what my friend and fellow traveler Tom was photographing, but I am pretty sure it was well under-exposed.



Wendy taking the easy way to the top of the mountain!

MY DRUM TOWER IS BIGGER AND TALLER THAN YOUR DRUM TOWER

Each village competes to build a bigger and taller Drum Tower than the village next door, even if the villages are only separated by a few meters. Sooo... When your next door neighbor (or village in this case) builds a Drum Tower taller than yours, a new crowd-sourcing-tax is created for funding your village's next, bigger, better and taller Drum Tower.

Under-sized dump truck functioning as an over-sized log truck. What could go wrong here?!



Turning the logs to work on another side of them.



All joinery and construction is done this way, no nails and such.



A large Drum Tower in a small city, this one is larger than one would normally find in the hill towns and villages. Hill town and village Drum Towers were about half this size, indicating the competition here may have been going on much longer and the tax base used to pay for it much larger too.



Pet bird cages were very common and with predominately the same bird in them.



Chinese Antique / Second Hand Store



This is the fight'n chicken. The junkyard dog of chickens... mean, deadly and bred with purpose!



This is the concerned and anxious variety of chicken.

三江侗族自治县（部分）涉农价格和收费公示牌					
收费项目	收费标准	批准文号	收费项目	收费标准	批准文号
一、公安			七、房屋管理收费		
1. 二代居民身份证工本费	20元/证	桂财综[2007]54号	房屋所有权登记费		
2. 首次申领二代居民身份证	10元/证	桂财综[2005]232号	1. 住房	80元/套	桂价费字[2002]254号
3. 换领二代居民身份证	10元/证	桂财综[2013] 2号	2. 住房以外其他房屋	550元/套	桂价费字[2008]144号
二、教育收费			房屋他项权登记（包括抵押典当权）		桂财综[2007]54号
（一）公办幼儿园保育教育费	140元/生/月	三价字[2014]5号	1. 住房	80元/套	
（二）学前教育收费			2. 住房以外其他房屋	550元/套	
1. 县城小学	200元/生/学期	三价字[2010]36号	房屋所有权证书	10元/证	
2. 农村小学	150元/生/学期		白蚁防治费		桂价抄字[1995]063号
3. 初中毕业升学考试	9元/人、科	桂价费[2010]418号	1. 10层以下（含10层、地下室）	2.4元/平方米	桂价抄字[2009]437号
4. 高中阶段考试	15元/人、科		2. 11层以上（含11层）	2元/平方米	
5. 高中阶段分科考试	15元/人、科		八、城市道路临时占用费		
6. 高中阶段分科考试	15元/人、科		1. 占道费	11.52元/平方米/月	桂价抄字[1994]164号
7. 高中阶段分科考试	15元/人、科		2. 占道费	8.64元/平方米/月	桂财综[2007]54号
8. 高中阶段分科考试	15元/人、科		3. 占道费	5.76元/平方米/月	
9. 高中阶段分科考试	15元/人、科		4. 占道费	2.88元/平方米/月	
三、土地收费			（一）城镇生活垃圾处理费		
1. 土地证书工本费	5元/证		（二）居民用户	5元/户/月	
2. 个人	10元/证	桂财综[2007]54号	1. 居民用户	1.8元/户/月	
3. 三资企业和外国投资企业	10元/证		2. 宾馆、饭店等	1.8元/户/月	
4. 土地确权调查、地籍测绘费			3. 医疗单位住院部	1.8元/户/月	
1. 单位	3.8元/平方米		4. 饭店、餐馆、娱乐、美容美发等	18元/月	三价字[2012]99号
2. 个人	1.6元/平方米		5. 商业面积30平方米以下	28元/月	三价函[2008]149号
3. 三资企业	0.8元/平方米		6. 30-50平方米	32元/月	三价复[2008]10号
四、动物防疫费			7. 50-100平方米	36元/月	
1. 犬类	3元/头	桂价费字[1997]355号	8. 100平方米以上的	40元/月	
2. 中家畜	2元/头	桂价费字[2001]478号	9. 100-500平方米	44元/月	
3. 猪	1元/头	桂财综[2007]54号	10. 500-1000平方米	48元/月	
4. 牛	0.5元/头	桂价费[2011] 143	11. 1000平方米以上的	52元/月	
5. 羊	0.3元/头	桂价费[2011] 172号	12. 其他	协商议定	
6. 鸡	0.1元/头		13. 其他	协商议定	
7. 鸭	0.1元/头		14. 其他	协商议定	
8. 其他动物	1元/头（只）		15. 其他	协商议定	
五、动物产品费			16. 其他	协商议定	
1. 犬类	6元/头	桂价费字[1997]355号	17. 其他	协商议定	
2. 中家畜	3元/头	桂价费字[2001]478号	18. 其他	协商议定	
3. 猪	1元/头	桂财综[2007]54号	19. 其他	协商议定	
4. 牛	0.5元/头	桂价费[2011] 143	20. 其他	协商议定	
5. 羊	0.3元/头	桂价费[2011] 172号	21. 其他	协商议定	
6. 鸡	0.1元/头		22. 其他	协商议定	
7. 鸭	0.1元/头		23. 其他	协商议定	
8. 其他动物	1元/头（只）		24. 其他	协商议定	
六、动物防疫费			25. 其他	协商议定	
1. 犬类	3元/头	桂价费字[1997]355号	26. 其他	协商议定	
2. 中家畜	2元/头	桂价费字[2001]478号	27. 其他	协商议定	
3. 猪	1元/头	桂财综[2007]54号	28. 其他	协商议定	
4. 牛	0.5元/头	桂价费[2011] 143	29. 其他	协商议定	
5. 羊	0.3元/头	桂价费[2011] 172号	30. 其他	协商议定	
6. 鸡	0.1元/头		31. 其他	协商议定	
7. 鸭	0.1元/头		32. 其他	协商议定	
8. 其他动物	1元/头（只）		33. 其他	协商议定	
七、其他			34. 其他	协商议定	
1. 犬类	6元/头	桂价费字[1997]355号	35. 其他	协商议定	
2. 中家畜	3元/头	桂价费字[2001]478号	36. 其他	协商议定	
3. 猪	1元/头	桂财综[2007]54号	37. 其他	协商议定	
4. 牛	0.5元/头	桂价费[2011] 143	38. 其他	协商议定	
5. 羊	0.3元/头	桂价费[2011] 172号	39. 其他	协商议定	
6. 鸡	0.1元/头		40. 其他	协商议定	
7. 鸭	0.1元/头		41. 其他	协商议定	
8. 其他动物	1元/头（只）		42. 其他	协商议定	

In some of the villages we would see a large display like this on the side of a building. It is the taxation menu for the village. It has all sorts of prices on it for local government controlled items. Things like permits, school supplies, tuition if applicable, licenses, transportation, all manner of stuff.



This is how the main street is in many of the small tourist towns as well as the small hill towns. A very well kept and paved main street, seemingly well beyond the means of the towns and villages without outside higher government financial support. The streets on either side of the main street were a very different circumstance and such. In this tourist town, which included a stream, the streets on either side were like the one in the photograph below.





Outside portion of a restaurant kitchen, overlooking the above stream that ran through town. Note the exhaust cannons and plastic Coca Cola bottles used as grease traps.



Construction project

AND SOME MARKET PHOTOGRAPHS...



THE OLD WRANGLER AND THE NEW WRANGLER



The Old Wrangler: I did not see as much of this sort of animal management as I thought. They are still used, but not nearly as much as I thought they would be. Where ever the land is flat enough or the fields are big enough mechanical ox of some sort or another are being used. Having said that, there are still a lot of small fields that make mechanical cultivation impractical.

The New Wrangler: This young wrangler seems to have had enough of the toy type of tractor he holds in one hand and is ready to take it up to the real deal... and one handed too!



This is the best dressed lady iron worker I have ever seen. Not only that, she was watching her child as well. China don't need no lazy stink'n men to build a country!

MORE WANDERING AROUND AND GETTING LOST

This lady is working at making the indigo cloth that is in the red tubs, (blue floating matter). The Indigo cloth of the Dong is very famous and sought after, many tourists coming here just for that. If you would like to know more about the Dong Indigo Cloth, use this link for the best description I've found to date:

<http://www.adventurocity.com/articles/china/102-dong-indigo>



Interesting shapes of this metal vendors stock



These banners very commonly decorate doorways. Wishes for good luck and well being.



There were a lot of Chinese artists at several of the towns and villages we stopped at.



I thought this was an interesting little still life study. I think it is a calendar.



Looks like no water goes to waste, even waste. They make a sort of slurry of animal waste and water. Same as many of our fertilizers except less steps and processes.



Buried by his load



At the end of each day we created a serious pile of empties....

Wally & Wendy Hampton

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