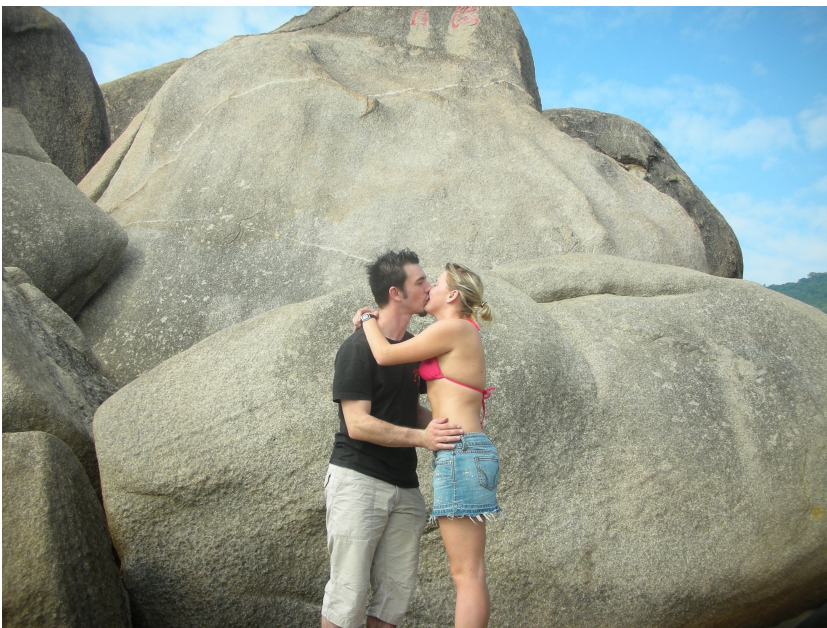


## Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Januar 2008

After a recovering night we woke up and went down for breakfast. It was already warm outside. Today we ate our breakfast outside which was very nice. Here are a lot of things made of coconut. Our hostel had a jam made of coconut. It smelt not that good but it taste awesome. I can't get enough from it. It was a shame that I tried it with my last toast of my four. After our breakfast we decided what we do. We decided at least to go to the hot springs. But there was no free bus to go there. So we had to go with other people which we will meet at 13:00 o'clock.

Before we meet them we went to a supermarket and bought some things. When we came back we got the message that these people didn't want to go with us. There were French and didn't look that friendly. The girl at the reception offered us to ask other people to go with us there tomorrow. So we had to change our planes. Which was no problem. Another place to go was „The end of the earth“! It is a place where a lot of Chinese couples go for their honeymoon (Flitterwochen). That was now our next place where we go. To that place we could travel by bus for 5 RMB. It was a double decker bus. From the top we had a nice few on the places around.

We arrived there and got a discount for students. Instead of 65 RMB we had to pay only 35 RMB which was quite cheap. The weather was also brilliant for this place. It was not too cold and not too warm. We wear short clothes which was quite comfortable then that clothes we wear in Harbin. What a difference between this to towns. We went down to the beach where we saw some stones in the water. I thought this must be the end of the world. But when I hear the price I wouldn't go there. 100 RMB for each person to see such stones. That was a bit too much. At least we paid only 100 RMB which was OK. So we drove to these stones which made a lot of „The end of the world“! They have been at the beach where we arrived now. A lot of people have been there and it was not possible to make a picture of these stones without any pictures. People made a line to make a picture of it and this stone. So we went to other stones to make some pictures. For one stone we stand also in the line to make a picture. Therefore you had to walk a short distance through the water. We took off our shoes and put them to a safe place where other shoes stood. When we came back a big wave came and made all the shoes wet. Our shoes and bags stood a few centimeters behind the others and didn't get wet. What a luck. We went the way back to the exit which was 3 km to walk. So it was a good decision to take the boat. It was great there. Everything was green and looked tropical. To describe it in words is not possible. A great feeling that you have to see with your own eyes. At one place we made a stop to eat some corns (Maiskolben). On another place I ate an ice



cream and Anna ate a coconut. After she finished drinking the milk the seller opened the coconut. With a special tool it was possible to eat the meat of the coconut (it was not the normal brown one it was a white one. The meat was more slippery than the brown coconut). Next to the exit we found some sculptures made of flowers. After we saw the ice sculptures we saw now flower sculptures. But not that much than ice sculptures in Harbin.

*picture 1: Anna and me at "The end of the earth"*