

Saturday the 5'th January 2008 and Sunday the 6'th January 2008.

Our last hours in Sanya. In the Morning we started packing to check out at 12:00 o'clock. Just in time we finished our packing and checked out. We stored our luggage and had the last great breakfast with coconut jam in Sanya. After we finished our breakfast we went to the beach. On the way we met our Swedish friends at a restaurant. But before we went to the beach we looked for some slipper for me. It was much more comfortable to walk with them then with normal shoes. My size didn't exist which was a problem. Finally I took some and they were to small but it worked. On the way to the beach we passed the shop with the ice cream and so we ordered the last time this delicious ice cream. Then we went to the beach. At the beach we tried to find our Swedish friends. While looking around somebody said to us „Hello“! It was the girl of the Swedish couple. They already looked for us but they couldn't find us. So we spent the time till we had to go at the beach. We relaxed for the next long trip to Yichang.

To Yichang is I quiet long way. For this trip we booked a flight from Haikou to Wuhan. So our first trip was from Sanya to the airport of Haikou. First we wanted to go there by train but at the reception they gave us the advice to travel there by bus. Which was a little bit cheaper. The city bus brought us to the bus station. The bus was leaving Sanya a few minutes after we ordered the tickets. The bus was for such a short trip of 4 hours comfortable and included a free water. We arrived at the bus station in Haikou 4 hours later. From this Bus station we went with a taxi to the airport. We figured out that this was finally much cheaper then to go by train then by taxi and finally the airport bus. So we arrived very comfortable the airport. We checked in and were looking for a chocolate. But we didn't find one. We also didn't find one when we passed se security check. I ate finally a ice cream. Boarding time was much earlier then we thought. We staid outside the plain as long as possible to have to stress in the plain with the crowd of people. About 1:30 we arrived at Wuhan airport. At the luggage elevator we saw another show of Chinese people. They went straight to the first luggage elevator. There was no sign which says from which city the plain arrived. Well there have been only three choices and our flight must be the last one for that day. Then they eared a voice from elevator number 2 and everybody run to it. That was finally the right one. But nearly everybody stand at the wrong place. They want to stay at that place where the luggage came out. When we had our luggage we went out of the airport. The paper on the luggage was compared with the paper we had.

Before we went out I changed my shoes. From everywhere taxi driver came to bring us to the city center it was awful. It was our only chance to get to the city center so they had an advantige to cheat us. We came down from 100 RMB to 90 RMB. They told us they can't make it cheaper because they have to pay toll for getting into the city. They also told us that there is no MC *** or KFC next to the railway station or bus station which is open at that time. We took the taxi and he drove roads on the landscape. It was strange were he drove. There have been no civilisation and finally we went on the highway. But we didn't pay any toll. Damm he cheated us! We arrived at the bus station which was closed. So we decided to drive to the next open Fast food restaurant. We saw one next to the bus station but he didn't brought us to that place. First he drove us to a closed KFC and then to an open MC ****. At least he wanted 100 RMB for driving us around. We gave him the 100 RMB and went into the MC **** which has 24 hours open.

In the MC **** we ordered a meal and sat down it was already 2:30 o'clock in the morning. The first bus should go at 6:30 that was much earlier then the train at 8:00 o'clock. In the MC **** we staid the hole nigh till 6:00 o'clock. During that time we ordered some other things like a hot drink and a small snack. We also cleaned our tooth (Zähne). Then it was a few minutes to 6:00 o'clock when we went to the bus station. We got our bus tickets for 98 RMB. That was a little bit more expensive then the train but we didn't want to wait that long. Everybody had his place number. We thought there will travel not so much people so we sat down in the last lane. There we had more space to sleep. Nobody wanted to sit there so it was no problem. In the front some people made a big trouble because of one seat. It was so stupid to make such a big trouble. Well that's China and the harmonie was disturbed now ;-)!

5 hour's later (11:30) with a little bit sleep we arrived in the nice town Yichang. The bus station was next to the Yangtze River. There we had a great view on the river. It was a shame that it was a little bit foggy. The taxi driver already came to us and asked where we want to go. Anna was on the toilett so I had to speak to them. I didn't understand anything so I used my sentence „Wo ting bu dong“. Then they called a taxi driver which could speak very good English. He said to me that the hotel we stay is not far away from here. I should cost only 5 RMB. After all our experience we didn't believe him. But finally we drove with him. After some pictures from the river we went to a place where we could order a tour to the „Three Gorges Damm“. Then he drove us to the hotel and we really payed only 5 RMB. The hotel (no hostel) looked really good. We couldn't believe that we pay for one room only 140 RMB including. Then we came into the room. It was one of the best rooms we had until now. Towel, shower gel and other stuff you need for a comfortable stay. The first thing we did was taking a shower till we felt into sleep after this trip.

When we woke up we get ready to discover the city. We went first into a backstreet. There have been only tea shops. I never saw something like that before. It was a great experience. We felt hungry and went into a small restaurant. There we ordered our lunch for that day. At was not the best but it was not bad. Afterwards we went with the bus to a dam which was next to the city. Therefore we payed only 10 RMB entrance. It was still foggy so we couldn't the the hole size of the dam. Fist we passed the ship lift (Schleuse) which brought the ships 20 meters up. We arrived when a two ships came in. To came to the other side we had to walk over the door from the ship lift. First I felt not that good to walk over there but after a few minutes it was no problems to stand there and make pictures. Then we came to the dam where they produce the electricity. It was to long to walk to the other side. And we didn't know if we have there a better few on the dam. So we decided to go back to our place on the small island which was between this two buildings. On the map we saw a place where it could be possible to the a part of the dam. There we arrived finally it was a small way which brought us to the riverside. Not only the view was great there also the garden of some people who live there. The dam was a amazing building what will we expect tomorrow. After I made the pictures I want to make we went back to a bus station and drove to the city center. On the way to the city center we saw a lot of places to eat so we decided to eat barbecue that night. In the city center we bought some things in the supermarket. Then I need the toilett immediately so we drove to our hotel with the taxi.

After our short stay in the hostel we walked back to the city center which was very close to our hotel. When we arrived at the big square we crossed it. There have been a lot of people doing there hobby (Dancing, painting characters, sports and a lot of other things). That's there way to do there hobby not like in Germany in Clubs. We looked for a barbecue but we couldn't believe that there is no barbecue. Sick of the hole walk we went into a street restaurant and ordered a soup and something to drink. Afterwards we went back home to our hotel.

Interessting was that I heared a lot of people saying „lao wai“ which means „foreigner“ (Ausländer). In this town foreigners must be something special.