



THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE JURASSIC SYSTEM

Shehong of Sichuan, China (August 9-13, 2010)

Pre-congress excursion A1 (NEW) for the Ordos Basin

The terrestrial Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous in the Ordos Basin (in Shaanxi Province), NW China

Date: August 2-7, 2010

Contents: Start from Beijing on August 2 and then visit Xi'an and Yan'an of Shaanxi Province, for the typical terrestrial Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous sequences of the Ordos Basin in northwestern China. Similar to the Junggar Basin of Xinjiang (the original excursion A1), the Triassic and Jurassic are extremely developed in the Ordos Basin and rich in plant, spore-pollen, bivalve, ostracode, insect and fish fossils. We will visit 3 sections at least: (1) the lacustrine Lower-Upper Triassic sequence and fluvial and delta Lower-Middle Jurassic; (2) a whole Upper Triassic sequence with fluvial, delta, marsh and lacustrine sediments (Fig. 1), (3) an almost complete Jurassic sequence (starting at the uppermost of the Upper Triassic and ending at the Lower Cretaceous) (Fig. 2) .

The trip will end in Xi'an and arrive at Chengdu Airport on August 8th for the congress registration in Shehong. In this route we will also visit a lot of very nice sights and relics including the cave type dwellings on the Loess Plateau (Fig. 3) , Yan'an City (the Capital of the Communist Party Government during the World War Two), the famous Terracotta Army of the Qin Dynasty (about 200 BC) (Fig. 4), the City Wall (17.34 km long, best preserved ancient city walls in China) (Fig. 5), Big Wild Goose Pagoda (Fig.6), Shaanxi History Museum, Forest of Stone Steles Museum, Mausoleums of the First Qin Emperor, Banpo Museum, and other diverse cultural attractions of the Xi'an City, one of the capital cities of several dynasties of Chinese history, and known as one of the four most famous old capital cities in the world (for more details see <http://en1.xian-tourism.com/index.asp>)

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Excursion fees: about US\$700, including 6-night (nights of August 2-7, double-bed room shared by two persons) accommodation, all meals of August 2-7, transportation, tickets for museums and scenic sites, field trip guidebook, and economic airfares from Beijing to Xi'an on August 3rd, 2010 and Xi'an to Chengdu on August 8th, 2010.



Fig. 1 Outcrop of the Upper Triassic in the Ordos Basin



Fig. 2 Outcrop of Middle Jurassic in the Ordos Basin



Fig. 3 Cave type dwellings on the Loess Plateau



Fig. 4 The Terracotta Army of the Qin Dynasty in Xi'an



Fig. 5 The City Wall of Xi'an City



Fig.6 The Big Wild Goose Pagoda in Xi'an City