



Summer Snaps



*In this edition, we present you with a travelog
from **Christine Aylward**
from her recent quick trip to China*

Enjoy!



Christine writes: “it has been over eight years since my last trip to China. My father’s last trip to Palm Beach was in 2018. Bill and I cancelled our March 2020 China trip due to Covid lockdown. Earlier this month, I found myself with almost a 2-week-window on my calendar so I decided last minute to make the round trip: Albuquerque - San Francisco - Pudong, Shanghai.”

ABQ to SFO was 6:00 am flight and Santa Fe is an hour away from Albuquerque by car, I stayed overnight the night before at ABQ



A surprise: a Tesla Cybertruck showed up to send me to ABQ



A beautiful sunset from my hotel room at Marriott ABQ.



Biggest Surprise: my daughter Casey who lives in San Francisco showed up at SFO! I was elated to see her. We spent almost three hours together.

After 11.5 hours, 6152 miles, I landed PVG (Pudong International Airport, Shanghai). After pressing my ten fingers and then two thumbs on a scanner and having my headshot taken on a monitor at the customs, I was on the (high)way home. It was 93 degrees outside!

Dad's home is 60 miles outside Shanghai. It took about 1.5 hours.



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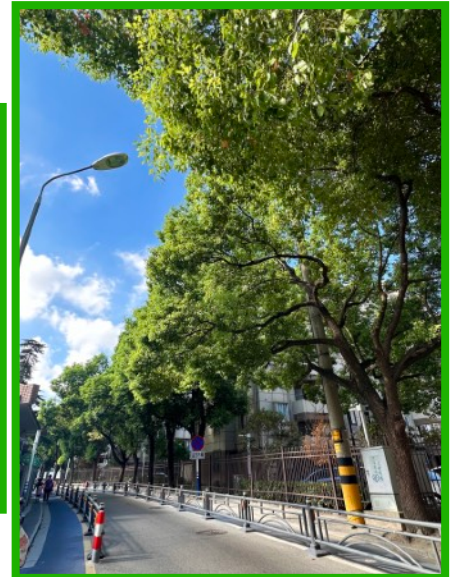
L: Sutong Yangtze River Bridge

The Sutong Yangtze River Bridge was the very first bridge that was built over the Yangtze River. The bridge part has a span of 1088 meters (0.68 miles). The total bridge length is 8206 meters (5.1 miles). The construction started June, 2003 and finished May 2008.

Dad's place is about 20 minutes by car from the bridge.



Happy to see clear skies, which used to be murky on all of my previous trips.



Dad and I took some strolls after dinner around the neighborhood, which is beyond my recognition with so many changes.



I like this restaurant *Little Garden*



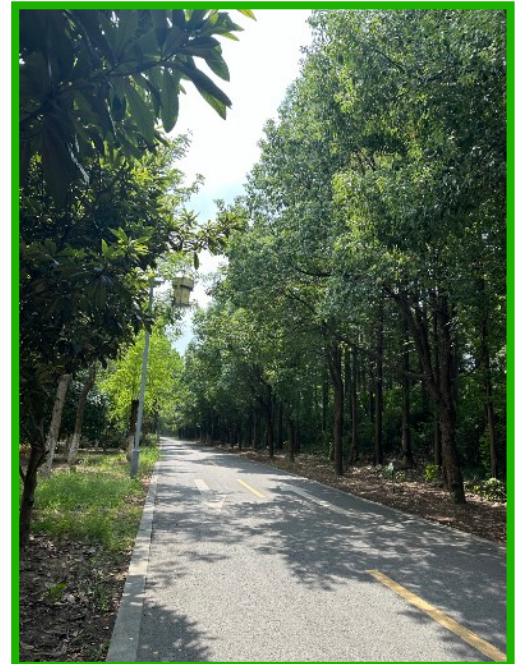
an outdoor mall



R: an eyewear store in the neighborhood



Above: The repeat landscape stretches kilometers & kilometers...



R: delighted to see trees everywhere

Five days into the country, I decided to join “The Cashless Society” — using cellphone to pay for everything, like everyone else. I could not get around fully with just a stack of Chinese cash with me. Amex was very good to check with me first three days to make sure that all the charges were legit.



Security cameras literally everywhere but people do not seem to mind and claim the city is entirely safe.



A transformer! The City is relatively newly built, so one does not see many telephone/power lines.



It was over 90 degrees everyday so dad and I decided that we would fly to a cooler climate: a resort town in Guizhou Province, known for its pleasant climate all year around. Please stay tuned...

