



Dear Members and friends of the Swiss Club

You are cordially invited to join our second Swiss Club Bike ride. After a very successful inaugural ride earlier this year, we have decided to go big this time. For this event we are taking you to an Island and back. No it's not Chongming Island. It's better.

Hengsha island is the smallest of the three island at the mouth of the Yangzi. Apart from a military base and a couple farms it doesn't have much else on it. There is not a single factory on the whole island. Granted it's not that big, yes, but it's nice. Swiss people know that a place isn't measured by size of the area. And since the military runs the show the whole island is kept like a public park. Seriously it looks like one big garden! Hengsha Island has been called the least polluted place in Shanghai. I think that's true.

For those of you, who don't want to be biking all day, there is more to go. On the island there is a resort called: Shanghai Angel Beach. Yes the name is cheesy, but the place is quite cool. It has a driving range where you can practice your golf-swing and an outdoor go-kart track.

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Some of you might say: ah I don't ride in the city. Too much traffic and it's hectic. Don't worry. We are renting a bus with 30 seats that will take us out to the island and a truck where we load up the bikes. Don't have a bike? No problem. You can rent one at the shop for only 80.-/day The bikes are nice. Not of the single-speed variety. All bikes have gears, so that you can enjoy the day riding.

There is one more thing that makes Hengsha island special. There is neither a bridge nor a tunnel to get there. From Pudong we take the tunnel to Changsha island and then hop on a ferry from there. On the island itself there are only a handful of cars. Shanghai doesn't have any better place to ride a bike. The roads on the island are in great condition. So if you have a road-bike with narrow tires, that will be just as home on the island as a mountain bike. Of course if you enjoy going off track and through the field, then bring your mountain bike.

Our schedule is as follows:

Meeting up at Panyu road. Please don't be late. We leave at 8am sharp. The group will not wait for late-comers.

Depending on traffic we should be at the island around 10am. That will allow us to ride for about 2 hours before lunch.

The lunch is included in the price of the event. After two hours on a bike you will be hungry and can really dig in.

After lunch we rest for a while. And in the afternoon we ride some more. Most likely we will split into groups according to speed. Don't worry about getting lost. The island is small so it will not be difficult to find a the ferry-port.

In the evening we will meet up around 17:30 at the ferry port. There the bus and truck will be waiting for us. We load the bikes and people back in and let the driver take us back to the city. By around 19:00 we should be back at the bike shop where we started in the morning.

## Event Details

When: December 10

What time: 8am

Where: Hengsha Island

Meeting-point: Giant Bicycle store 330 Fahuazhen road, near Panyu road

Cost: 200.- Rmb

**Sign up to secure your spot. Only 30 seats on the bus. First come, first serve.**

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Link to map of store-location:

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