

Technical Visit Proposal - (2) Sai Kung Coastline Exploration



Proposed No. of Visitors : 40
Mode of Transport : by Coach
Proposed Itinerary :



8:30 am Assembly at Middle Road, behind Sheraton Hotel, The Conference Venue
 8:45 am Depart for Sai Kung
 9:45 am Arrive at site
 10:00 am Briefing
 10:30 am Site tour
 11:45 am Leave for Kowloon
 12:30 pm End of Technical Visit

Programme Highlight :

Hong Kong's World Class Geopark

A geopark is a unique natural area with special geological significance and natural and cultural landscapes, and serves the three objectives of conservation, education and sustainable development. It also conserves the unique landforms and landscapes in Hong Kong through protecting the landform environment that provides natural habitat to living things. Such an integrated conservation strategy is also a global trend. Therefore, the geopark is established to promote landform and rock conservation. Geoparks meeting prescribed conditions may be listed as national and global. Now, China has 183 national geoparks, with 22 designated as global, out of the 64 global geoparks in the world. The establishment of Hong Kong National Geopark can provide momentum for local nature conservation and be a focal point for further action by the government and the interested parties.

Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region — World Unique Volcanic Columns

Most hexagonal volcanic rock columns in other regions of the world are usually basic basaltic lava. By contrast, the hexagonal columns in Sai Kung are acidic silica-rich rhyolitic volcanic rock. This extraordinary composition makes them particularly interesting. Their large coverage of over 100 km² (including sea area) and average diameter of 1.2 m also made them out-stand similar columns in the world. More amazingly, the volcanic rock here has both the features of tuff and lava, and how they have come about has been a topic of debate among geologists to the present day.

