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National Parks: An Invitation to the Beautiful China

China, with vast land mass and maritime space, is blessed with diverse and unique co-systems, landscapes and biodiversity, which safeguard the ecological security of China and leaves the whole world a precious legacy. Since 2015, the central government has launched 10 national park pilot projects, including Sanjiangyuan National Nature Reserve, in 12 provinces (municipalities) , . The projects cover a total area of 230,000 square kilometers. The national park system development is aimed to " establish the priority position of national parks in maintaining national ecological security, ensure the leading role of national parks in protecting the areas with the most critical and significant biodiversity, and confirm the dominant position of national parks in national nature protected area as their conservation value and eco-functions indicate.

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An Exemplary World Cultural and Natural Heritage Site: Wuyi Mountain National Park

Wuyi Mountain National Park is the only site in China is included in both the Man and Biosphere Programme (MAB) and the World Cultural and Natural Heritage list. It boasts the most intact and largest typical mid-subtropical primary forest ecosystem along the region of the same latitude. It is hailed as the kingdom of snakes, the paradise of birds, the world of insects and the important area for biological type specimen and Asian amphibians research. As the home to unique karst landscapes, it also breeds and nourishes the longstanding ancient Min culture, religious culture and tea culture. Zhu Xi, an ancient Chinese philosopher, developed and disseminated his thoughts of Neo-Confucianism right there. For those who are interested in traditional Chinese culture, Wuyi provides an intriguing perspective..

Qianjiangyuan National Park: Embracing a Bumper Harvest

Qianjiangyuan is among the first national park pilot projects approved. It is the birthplace of Qiantang River where the splendid Liangzhu Culture was born, and also the home to the original and intact low-altitude evergreen broadleaved forest vegetation and ecosystem. The local people, who hold nature in awe, are innovative, enterprising, and bold in exploring the pathway and operation mechanism for national park system establishment in China.

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Mesa Verde National Park: Revelation from a Fallen Agriculture Civilization

Mesa Verde National Park is an ancient human site where the story of how human traditional agriculture civilization interacted with the nature rolls out. A trip to the park will enrich people' s understanding of the long lost history, enabling us to know the efforts of the ancients in their development of civilization and to realize the importance of sustainable development through ecosystem and biodiversity conservation and rational resources utilization. As a warning of vicious human-nature interaction, the park was designated by the UNESCO as a world heritage site in 1978..

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Niru Village: In the Fairyland of Three Parallel Rivers of Yunan Protected Areas

Niru Village of Shangri-la lies in the hinterland of Yunnan, where the World Nature Heritage of Three Parallel Rivers is situated. It is reputed as "the village with best eco-environment" and "the mysterious wonderland" , with the forest coverage as high as 99%. People can find many evidences of geologic evolution in there, and enjoy the continuous mountains, rushy rivers, colorful waterfall, diverse ranches, ice-capped peaks and karst caves. The villagers have plunged into the eco-industry development and walked out of poverty..

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