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## Chengdu "The City of Recreation and Gourmet"

Chengdu is the capital city of Sichuan Province, and located at western part of Sichuan Basin. With its mild climate and copious natural resources, Chengdu has enjoyed a reputation as the "Land of Abundance" since ancient times.

Chengdu is regarded as one of the country's most important historical cities and is one of the ten famous ancient capital cities in China. It was the birthplace of ancient "SHU" culture which can be dated back to over 3000 years ago. Nowadays, Chengdu plays an important role as the central city in western China pushing advances in fields such as technology, commerce, finance, transport and communication.

Chengdu has been sister city with Montpellier for 38 years and has been holding FISE events for the last 5 years. This year we return to a new part of the city the up and coming Pidu District, which is about 30km West from of the Centre of Chengdu.

## Things to do in Chengdu

- 1. There are more than 5000 tea houses in the city of Chengdu try sipping a cup of covered-bowl Tea with a sense of jasmine in one of these traditional houses.
- 2. Enjoy a feast of famous Hot Pot in one of more than 10,000 hot pot restaurants in Chengdu.
- 3. Visit the world's largest individual building The Global Center.
- 4. Go to Kuixinglou Street at dinner time and enjoy a taste of the most sort after spicy ChuanChuan in Chengdu.
- 5. If you are fortunate to visit Chengdu in autumn, take a walk in Jinli West Road or the campus of University of Electronic Science and Technology of China to enjoy the stunning views of golden ginkgo leaves falling.
- 6. If you are interested in ancient history check out the Wuhou Shrine and JinSha Site Museum.
- 7. Learn about the development of Chinese Religions by visiting Da'ci Temple and Wenshuyuan Temple for Buddhism in the center of Chengdu, and Qingyang Palace for Taoism. Also the origin of Taoism could be found on Qingcheng Mountain.