

# FENGDU

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Area: 2,901 square kilometers

Location: 176 kilometers downstream from Chongqing

**F**engdu is a county seat located on the northern bank of the Yangtze and 176 kilometers downstream from Chongqing. It is the commercial center serving a big agricultural area with a population of 760,000. Known as the “Ghost City” to most Chinese people, it is a popular shore excursion site on the Yangtze for river cruisers .



together, their surnames Yin and Wang, sound very much like “King of Hell” in Chinese. Hence the people began to call Fengdu the “Ghost City”

To Chinese, the social structure in the hell is exactly like that in this world. In hell, a spirit would go through a whole and complete bureaucracy to get the final sentence. The pure

Fengdu got its reputation as the “Ghost City” in the Eastern Han Dynasty. Two officials from the imperial court-Wang Fangping and Yin Changsheng, got bored with the political life in the court and came to Mt. Minshan outside Fengdu City to practice Taoist teachings. Both of them later became immortals by carrying out self-cultivation. This story widely spread and Mt.Minshan became famous. When combined

spirits would be rewarded and the sinful ones would be severely tortured. Different tortures would be given to different sins. The temples built on Mt.Minshan display instruments of torture and wild demon images, which vividly depict the Chinese people’s imagination of Hell. Landmarks on the hill bear horrible names - Ghost Torturing Pass, Last-Glance at Home Tower, Nothing-to-be-done Bridge and the River of Blood.



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