

What's Steeping

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Jingmai Mountain Puer

By Dan Bolton

The Bulang tribe of southwestern Yunnan has worshipped tea trees for centuries, erecting magnificent temples and nurturing an ancient forest of more than a million trees on Jingmai Mountain that will soon be designated a United Nations World Heritage site. Join Tea Journey fireside for a taste of toasted tea prepared by the chief of the tribe who uses a hot coal to singe a gourd full of puer before brewing.



Garden by the River

By Dan Robertson

A century ago the fabled Doke River, which descends from a Himalayan glacier to cross the hot plains of India south of Nepal, had virtually run dry, the victim of agricultural diversions. The rich loamy soil lay idle until the 1990s when irrigation projects led the government to declare these lands a non-traditional tea growing region. The decision caught the eye of Rajiv Lochan, then a 44-year-old tea garden manager who had spent the previous 15 years learning his craft in Darjeeling. It took 10 years to acquire and consolidate various plots into a single organic garden known as Doke Tea.



Evolution on the Farm

By Rita Fong

Six years is not a long time to master tea with its centuries of development, so expectations visiting Westholme Tea Farm in the Cowichan Valley in Canada's British Columbia were not high. But the region's combination of ideal growing conditions and a sensitive palate produced something worthy of the title: Canada's First Tea Farm.

A Loja do Chá

By Kelly Stein

"My dream is introducing the Brazilian people a good tea and infusions that they can relate to pleasant moments," explains Carla Saueressig, a tea specialist in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Saueressig has operated A Loja do Chá for 17 years, traveling often to origin to source the more than 200 teas in her shop which is affiliated with German retail giant TeeGschwendner.



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