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Zhuge Village in Zhe Jiang Province

Zhuge Village is a village in Zhe Jiang Province constructed by the 27th descendant of famous Chinese Metaphysics master, Zhuge Liang, who lived during the era of the Three Kingdoms. This is a very unique village because almost all the inhabitants of the village are direct descendants of Zhuge Liang. The Zhuge Village is known as the Village of 8 Trigrams and 9 Palaces, because it was built in accordance with the Zhuge Liang's knowledge that he passed down through the generations in his books.



What is good about Zhuge village is that it is situated in a good area. The surrounding mountain ranges provide the village with a Plum Blossom Carpet formation, Pian Di Mei Hua Ju, and the Bell Mountain in the distance is correctly situated in the Military Arts Palace, exemplifying the 'right star in the right palace' principle. This somewhat compensates for the errors made in the Ancestral Hall.



The Ancestral Hall is where official business of running the village was conducted and also, it was the place where ancestors were honoured. The modern equivalent of the Ancestral Hall in a village, town or city is the town hall or the city hall. Hence, in Macro Feng Shui for town planning, any audit must begin in the town hall, as it is the heart of the site.



The steep location of the Ancestral Hall makes it difficult for the Qi to collect. In addition there where clear instances of cutting feet water and cutting shoulders water. Building a drain, without realising that it is actually Cutting Feet Water that cuts the building's Qi is a dangerous oversight, such as illustrated in the Ancestral Hall.



Although Zhuge Village has become somewhat touristy in recent years, it is in fact, still a unique village. And despite some negative features, the village has not done too badly for itself. Sure, no prime ministers or great people emerged from this village, but the village remained unharmed and untouched, throughout China's last two dynasties, and survived the turbulent years of the Chinese revolutions to this day. In a day and age when a highway, or a new township opening up in the area can turn villages into ghost towns overnight, life goes on at Zhuge Village and perhaps, may even become prosperous, as more and more tourists head to this place.