

Lets Talk Toilets

(Part 2 -- China)

Ever since my cousin Betsy and I visited China in 1985 (seems like yesterday!), I've been fascinated by foreign toilets. You would think there would be only one "right" way as all people are basically alike. But oh no -- there are many variations!

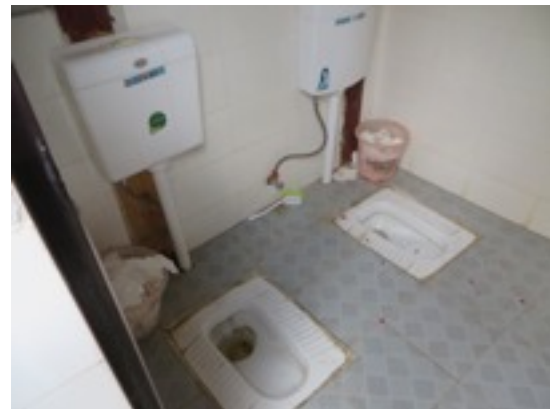
In those old days, we were terrified to "go" anyplace outside of our en-suite hotel room. Our only choice seemed to be "the trough" separated by a row of low partitions.

Well, the trough is still there! Some might consider it a bonding experience as one can take care of business while enjoying a conversation with those nearby.



The duplex toilet is a little more private, and a step up from the trough but still a bonding experience as you can "go" with a friend.

Some places have modernized their duplex facilities with porcelain fixtures that flush.





Another bit of the learning curve is finding a toilet --

Sometimes there is just a hand lettered sign on the door. This is the sign for "Women"

Or the basic:



I personally like the more explicit signage - this one in English, Chinese and Korean.



And you can't go wrong here
(your eyes are OK, photo is fuzzy)

But our favorite signs are
always:



And, of course.....

