



Blossom special: A steam train winds its way through fields of rapeseed in full bloom on March 12 in Jiayang, Southwest China's Sichuan province. The train, which has been running for half a century and still uses the old narrow-gauge track, is a popular local tourist attraction.

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Happy days: The early arrival of spring in Suzhou, in East China's Jiangsu province, makes it a hot destination for tourists.

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Floral treat: Plum trees in full bloom in Guanshe Shanzhuang, a wetland park near Lihu Lake in Wuxi, East China's Jiangsu province.

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Art of the city: An installation in Shanghai's Xintiandi district — part of an ongoing art festival featuring designers from home and abroad — attracts passers-by on March 12.

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Thirsty work: A farmer works in the salt fields of Mangkam county of Qamdo, in Southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, on March 11. The salt farmers use a centuries-old harvesting technique, collecting brine from rocks and then drying it out until the salt crystallizes.

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Mist journey: A cable car travels through a sea of clouds as a heavy fog envelops Tianzi Mountain after rain in Zhangjiajie, Central China's Hunan province, on March 14.

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