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Mount Huangshan

This 4-day Huangshan winter tour with hot spring offers a captivating journey through the stunning landscapes of Mount Huangshan during the winter season. Experience the serene beauty of snow-covered peaks, pine trees, gorges and clouds sea.

Type

Private

Duration

4 days

Theme

Family focused, Winter getaways

Trip code

HS-02

Price

From £ 656 per person

Itinerary

A Winter trip to Mount Huangshan offers a remarkable and captivating experience. The mountain undergoes a stunning transformation as it becomes blanketed in snow, creating a landscape of extraordinary beauty. The ancient pine trees are adorned with frost and snow, adding a touch of enchantment to the scenery. What sets this season apart is the tranquility it offers, with fewer tourists allowing for a more peaceful exploration of the mountain's natural wonders.

As the sun rises, Mount Huangshan reveals its true magic, often above a sea of clouds, making it an unforgettable spectacle for early risers. The frozen hot springs, amidst the cold, provide a unique and soothing experience. Hiking along snow-covered trails and capturing the picturesque landscapes is a joy for outdoor enthusiasts and photographers alike.

After the mountain exploration, enjoy a relaxing hot spring at the foot of the mountain and then continue the travel to the ancient town of Hongcun Village before dropping off you at Huangshan train station or airport.

Day 01 :

Arrival at Mount Huangshan city - airport or train station pick-up



Upon your arrival at the Huangshan train station or airport, you'll be warmly welcomed by your experienced guide and driver. They will then escort you to a private, comfortable, non-smoking, and air-conditioned car awaiting you in the parking area. From there, you'll be transferred directly to your hotel in Huangshan downtown, where your guide will assist you with the check-in process.

The remainder of the day is at your leisure to unwind or explore. Optionally, you can arrange a tour to visit Tunxi Old Town (additional fee may apply). Situated in Huangshan City, the 900-year-old Tunxi Old Town is a beloved destination for travelers seeking to immerse themselves in the ambiance of ancient China. Its picturesque cobbled streets are adorned with an array of shops, teahouses, and local restaurants, offering a wide selection of traditional crafts, antiques, and local delicacies. Pay a visit to Hu Kaiwen Ink-stick Factory, it is one of the oldest and most esteemed manufacturers of inksticks in China, recognized for their production of top-quality inksticks.

You'll spend the night in Huangshan city.

Day 02 :

Full day Mount Huangshan exploration

Today, you have the entire day to immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of Mount Huangshan, a UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Site in China. This mountain is renowned for its uniquely shaped, surreal rock formations, sea of clouds, hot springs, winter snowscapes, and magnificent waterfalls, offering an ideal setting for hiking, photography, and sightseeing.

You'll start with 1.5 hours drive to the Huangshan Scenic Area. Get on the shuttle bus at the ticket office and reach the Yungu cable station, from where you will take the cable car up to the upper scenic area of Huangshan Mountain, known as the North Sea Scenic Area. This area is famous for its spectacular and precipitous peaks, stunning giant pine trees, and expansive panoramic views.

Afterward, hike to relish the stunning scenery at **North Sea, Beginning-to-Believe Peak, Cloud-dispelling Pavilion**, and **West Sea Valley**. While there will be numerous staircases to ascend and descend, any fatigue from the climb will dissipate when you witness the breathtaking views. If you are still in good shape and weather and time permit, you can continue to the Sky Sea Scenic Area to savor a spectacular sunset at Bright Summit and explore the intriguing Flying-over Rock. It's advisable not to be overly engrossed with your camera or phone while walking.

Tonight, you will spend the night at a hotel on the mountain, allowing you to witness the mesmerizing sunrise the following day.

Your adventure begins with a walk to the lofty **Begin-to-Believe Peak (Shixinfeng in Chinese)** (1668 meters), where you can stretch your gaze over the sea of clouds, offering breathtaking vistas that stretch to the distant horizon. From here, you'll hike for about 40 minutes to reach **Dispelling Cloud Pavilion (Paiyunting in Chinese)**, providing a captivating view of the Dreamland - West Sea Grand Canyon (*please note that this area is closed from December to late March*).

Continuing your journey, you'll walk for approximately 45 to 60 minutes, arriving at the renowned **Flying-over Rock (Feilaishi in Chinese)**. It's a fascinating sight to behold, with a 12-meter-high giant rock standing firmly on a small, flat stone stage, a natural wonder millions of years in the making.

From Flying-over Rock, continue your walk for another 45 to 60 minutes to reach the **Bright Top (Guangmingding in Chinese)**.

Chinese) (1860 meters), the mountain's second-highest peak and its central location. Take some time to explore, soak in the stunning scenery, and capture memorable photographs.

Finally, descend from the **Bright Top** for about 45 minutes to reach your hotel - Baiyun Hotel, where you can relax and recharge after a day of remarkable exploration.

Day 03 :

Mt. Huangshan - Hot Spring (B)

Today, get up early (typically around 5 am to 6 am in winter) to witness the breathtaking sunrise over Huangshan. We recommend viewing the sunrise from the **Refreshing Terrace**, just a short walk from Beihai Hotel. On clear days, you can witness the golden sunlight piercing through the mist, casting an enchanting glow on the rocky peaks that rise above the ever-changing sea of white clouds. After this awe-inspiring sunrise, return to your hotel for breakfast.

After that, continue your exploration at Mount Huangshan by visiting **Lion Peak**, named for its resemblance to a crouching lion. You will see **Dawn Pavilion** and observe an intriguing rock formation known as 'Stone Monkey Watching Sea' before you board the Yuping cable car to begin your descent from the mountain. Upon reaching the mountain's exit, your driver will be waiting to pick you up and transfer you to the Huangshan Hot Spring Scenic Area. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore the surroundings and indulge in a relaxing hot spring experience.

Soaking in the hot springs is an excellent way to rejuvenate after a day of mountain hiking. The Hot Springs of Huangshan, renowned nationwide, have been a resort and health spa for over a thousand years. Nestled in the mountains, you'll find over 15 pools with various scents and therapeutic functions. The Hot Spring area also provides resort-like hotels, offering a comfortable stay after your sightseeing and hot spring indulgence.

Day 04 :

Visit Hongcun village - Departure (B)



After breakfast, you will have one-hour drive to **Hongcun Village**, renowned for its exceptional examples of ancient Huizhou-style architecture. This village is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with **Xidi Village**.

Originally established during the Song Dynasty (960-1276), Hongcun is often praised as the most beautiful village in China, earning its reputation as the "ancient village in the Chinese painting." The village was the home of successful local officials and merchants, and its layout was meticulously designed, harmonizing with China's geomantic principles and the natural environment. The houses, halls, and courtyards are exquisitely and grandiosely constructed, preserving much of their original features. Notable locations for photography include Moon Lake, a crescent-shaped pond surrounded by impressive residences, and Southern Lake situated in front of the village. It's worth noting that the famous Oscar-winning film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" was filmed in Hongcun.

Following your sightseeing in Hongcun, it's time for your departure. Your tour guide and driver will accompany you to catch your flight or train to your next destination. Our service concludes here.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

General inclusions:

All required government taxes and fees.

Meals allowance for your guide and driver.

3 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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