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Shanghai
Hangzhou
Suzhou
Zhouzhuang
Shanghai

Enjoy the west east cultures, modern and traditional atmosphere in Shanghai, from the royal garden to the super tall modern skyscrapers, etc. A relax side trip to nearby Suzhou and Zhouzhuang offers leisure and history.

Type
Private
Duration
6 days
Theme
Culture and Heritage
Trip code
SH-03
Price
From £ 482 per person

Itinerary

This tour includes three popular cities: Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou all in eastern China. Each of these three cities has their own distinctive characteristics and sparkling highlights. As the economic center of China, Shanghai offers you a glimpse of modern China and will wipe off your previous impression of China.

However, since ancient time, the saying, "that in heaven, there is paradise on earth", certainly refers to Suzhou and Hangzhou. The two cities deserve fame and your visit. Besides graceful and elegant scenery, Hangzhou produces the best tea in China. While Suzhou with its classical gardens of different shapes and styles.

Day 01 :
Arrive at Shanghai



When you arrive at Shanghai, you will be greeted by your local guide and transported to your hotel. After assisting you checking in, your guide will give you a brief introduction to Shanghai, help you find a nearby restaurant or leave you to rest and be prepared for tomorrow's activities.

Day 02 :

Shanghai City One Day Tour

In the morning, you will come to your first stop, **Yuyuan Garden**. A saying goes, if you do not visit Yu Garden, you have not been Shanghai. Yu garden as it is also called features classical Chinese landscape art, with fish-filled ponds and wood-framed pavilions.

Just next door to Yu Garden you will explore Shanghai Old Street also known as **Miaoqian Dajie**. Wander along this ancient street, and feel like you are back in the Qing dynasty and the early Republic of China. Taste the local Shanghai snacks that are popular here or grab a few souvenirs.

Eat lunch at Shanghai's Old Street or just nearby, before traveling by private car to one of China's best museums - the **Shanghai Museum**. Spend as much time as you like, an afternoon will certainly not be enough time to catch up on 5,000 years of history but you will see all the best artifacts with the help of your local guide.

Next stop will be trendy **Xintiandi**, where you will feel the strong French influence of Shanghai. It's the only place in Shanghai where you can see complete Shikumen style architecture. This beautiful style of construction has lost popularity for modern high rise buildings, but you will be able to free walk and explore in the pedestrian-only zone of Shanghai.

One of the last stops for this busy day is along the famous Huangpu River, to the **Shanghai Tower**, the world's second-tallest building with the world's highest observation deck within a building, stand upon the observation deck and view out at the marvelous surrounding buildings and endless maze that is modern Shanghai.

From the Shanghai Tower, you can easily walk to the Huangpu River where many visitors will choose to have dinner during a cruise. It is a great way to watch the sunset and see the city's famous nightlife take over. Ask your guide for a recommendation on which clubs to hit or help to get tickets to a marvelous Shanghai acrobatic show. When you have had enough, head back to your hotel for the night or watch the sun come to rise.

Day 03 :

Bullet train to Hangzhou - Hangzhou City One Day Tour

In the morning, ride on one of China's bullet trains from Shanghai to Hangzhou, a distance of 200 km. (125 mi.) in about one hour. While on the train you may hear locals discussing that there is a heaven with a paradise. To Chinese, this is Suzhou and Hangzhou, your next step on this 6-day tour.

Upon departing the train station, your first stop will be a visit to **Linyin temple** and experience its 1,600 years' background. In a quiet and peaceful atmosphere, you will easily relax and forget all your worries. Along the way, you may feel the urge to try some of Hangzhou's local cuisine, and we encourage you too!

Arrive at Hangzhou's top attraction **West Lake** after a short 10 minutes drive. This elegant and enchanting attraction was best described by a Song Dynasty poet Su Shi. He compared Hangzhou's West Lake to the most beautiful women in China, so please do not get lost in the intoxicating scenery.

Nearby West Lake is the famous **Six Harmonies Pagoda**. First built in the hopes of calming the Qiantang River, after failing to meet that objective it has stood the test of time as a masterpiece of Chinese architecture. Upon reaching the top of the tower, you can watch the awe-inspiring Qiantang River.

The final stop in Huangzhou is Meijiawu Tea Plantation and Tea house, after which you will be driven to your hotel in Hangzhou for overnight.

Day 04 :

Bullet train to Suzhou - Suzhou City Highlights Tour

Morning, head to Hangzhou railway station for the high speed train to Suzhou (about 1.5 hours), the Venice Of China and it is Internationally recognized as some of the most famous royal gardens in the world. Upon arrival, you will be met and transfer to visit the **Lingering Garden**, a UNESCO site famed for its harmonious blend of natural scenery and architectural elements across four distinct sections. Next, take a **rickshaw ride** through Suzhou's alleys, including some food markets, offering a glimpse into the locals' lives. The rickshaw ride concludes at the well-preserved **Pingjiang Road** from the Song Dynasty. In the afternoon, explore the bonsai garden on **Tiger Hill**, learning about this intricate art. End your day with a night tour of the **Master of the Nets Garden** (night tour not available in winter months), enjoying its beauty and traditional performances. Optionally, explore a Suzhou Silk Factory to discover the traditional silk-making process and consider acquiring some premium silk items. Overnight at Suzhou.

Day 05 :

Zhouzhuang Water Town One Day Sightseeing Tour - Drive to Shanghai

In the morning, travel by private car for about 1 hour to reach **Zhouzhuang**. You will visit this top water town, where the main transportation has always been by small boat. During the wartime, the army had difficulties to penetrate and was left undisturbed.

Here you will see a well-protected Ming and Qing dynasty buildings. Riding around on a gondola is the most convenient and romantic way to move around the city. Here you will not only see the town's highlights including Twin Bridge, Miluo Temple and Shen House; but experience the way local people live and view their town in a special way.

Late afternoon, you will be driven back to Shanghai and overnight here.

Day 06 :

Departure From Shanghai



After breakfast, you will be transported to one of Shanghai's two airports and fly to your next destination.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 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.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

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.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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