

CHINESE CULTURE & EXQUISITE VISTAS IN HANGZHOU AND SHANGHAI

EXPLORE TEA, SILK, LAKE RIDES, ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND MORE



DAY ONE HANGZHOU



- Arrive at Shanghai airport and meet our personal local guide. Drive to Hangzhou (200KM, 2.5 hours)
- **BOAT TOUR OF THE WEST LAKE** Board a boat and sail on the picturesque lake and appreciate the beautiful scenery with its spread of islands, temples, pagodas and ornamental planting.
- **SU CAUSEWAY STROLL** A spot that's been praised by many Chinese emperors and inspired thousands of poems and folk songs. There is a plethora to see through your own eyes, with a combination of breathtaking scenery, folk stories, and local life.

DAY TWO HANGZHOU



- **LONGJING TEA VILLAGE** Enjoy Longjing tea at a traditional tea village, Longjing (Dragonwell) tea is China's most famous tea. Grown in the idyllic West Lake area of Hangzhou, this tea has been the muse of poets, philosophers, monks and emperors for centuries. The tea is available for purchase and sampling.
- Lunch at a Hangzhou Jiangnan Banquet.

DAY THREE WUXI



- Drive Hangzhou to Wuxi (210KM, 3 hours) to **Wuxui Wuzhen Dongzha Scenic Area** and lunch.
- **WATER TOWN** A 1300-year-old water town on the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, it is a national 5A scenic area and one of China's top ten historical & cultural towns. Since its foundation in 872 A.D., Wuzhen has never changed its name, location, waterways, or way of life. Traditional buildings remain intact even today.
- **LINGSHAN GIANT BUDDHA** One of the largest Buddha statues in China weighing over 700 metric tons. The monument is 88 meters, within a huge area of varying statues fountains. You can use battery operated car if you do not want to walk. Lot of food stalls and restaurants are available along with a fantastic museum.
- Enjoy a dinner banquet with food fresh from Taihu Lake

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DAY FOUR SUZHOU

- **THREE KINGDOMS CITY** Covering an area of about 35 hectares (86 acres), the Three Kingdoms City is a Han Dynasty (206BC-220) style structure built to film the *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*. The series of buildings include the King of Wu's Palace, the Ganlu Temple, the Caocao's Army Camp on Land and Waterside, the Seven Star Altar and the Stunt Performing Court for Big Fire at Red Cliffs. These buildings have all become celebrated tourist spots
- **TAIHU LAKE** Discover the pearl shops there with the opportunity to purchase some, as well as enjoying locally sourced food for lunch.



- Drive from Wuxi to Suzhou (42KM, 1 hour)
- **LOTUS GARDEN** Ouyuan Garden (Lotus Garden) stands out even among the famous classical gardens of Suzhou. It was built in the Qing Dynasty (1644 - 1911) and in 2000 was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is composed of a large mansion and has houses built in the middle with two gardens set on either side, to the east and west. On three sides it is surrounded by a canal.
- Enjoy a dinner on Shantang Street Dinner.

DAY FIVE SUZHOU - SHANGHAI

- **SUZHOU SILK EXPERIENCE** Visit a traditional silk shop and learn about the history of silk in China, as well as sampling local products and getting the opportunity to purchase your own silk.
- Drive from Suzhou to Shanghai (110KM, 1.5 hours)
- **THE BUND** An iconic sight in Shanghai which starts at Waibaidu Bridge in the north and ends at Yan'an Road in the south.
- **NANJING ROAD** One of the world's busiest shopping areas, an eclectic street filled with shops, eateries, and lovely restaurants tucked away up above the street level.



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DAY SIX SHANGHAI

→ **CHENGHUAMIAO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT** One of the most popular scenic areas, centuries old, as well as shopping centre for travellers. Chenghuangmiao, a famous Taoist temple in Shanghai, is the must-see attraction when traveling to the city. Various kinds of shops such as clothing shops, toy shops and travel souvenir shops are spread around the area. Fine Chinese handicrafts, exclusive gifts, wonderful souvenirs, and various other exquisite items in these shops.



→ **HUXIN PAVILION** Located at the centre of the Zigzag Bridge over the lotus pond – outside Yuyuan Garden in the Huangpu district of East China's Shanghai – the Huxin Pavilion, or Mid-Lake Pavilion, is the oldest preserved tea house in Shanghai, with a history spanning 160 years. Based on the different brewing methods of the six major types of Chinese tea, the Huxin Pavilion observes the 10 intrinsically related rituals – including settling, sharing, greeting and tasting.

→ For lunch have “Grandma’s Braised Pork”—the red braised pork belly, or hongshaorou, is a classic sweet and salty Shanghainese dish.

→ Return via Pudong International Airport



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