



## 7 Day Tour | China Discovery with Flights

Shanghai - Wuxi - Nanjing - Suzhou - Hangzhou

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From **\$999** Typically \$1,499 ✈ pp twin share

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Return Economy Class International Flights with full-service airlines

Stay in Modern Hotel Accommodation with daily breakfast

Discover the cities of Shanghai, Wuxi, Nanjing, Suzhou, and Hangzhou

Visit the Shitoucheng Archaeological Park and MORE!

## Description

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Embark on an exquisite journey through the enchanting region of China, Jiangnan, where you can immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of Water, Land and Air.

Our meticulously crafted 7-day China Discovery tour will transport you to the vibrant cities of Shanghai, Wuxi, Nanjing, Suzhou, and Hangzhou, revealing the most captivating sights this region has to offer.

This journey through the captivating cities of Shanghai, Wuxi, Nanjing, Suzhou, and Hangzhou is a voyage of discovery that unveils the rich tapestry of China's past and present. Starting in Shanghai, the cosmopolitan gem of the East, visitors are greeted by a mesmerizing blend of towering skyscrapers and historic neighborhoods. The Bund, with its iconic waterfront promenade, offers a glimpse into the city's colonial history, while the futuristic skyline of Pudong showcases China's rapid development.

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A high-speed train ride away, Wuxi beckons with its serene Taihu Lake and the enchanting Turtle Head Isle. The city seamlessly marries modern industry with ancient charm, epitomized by the intricate Three Kingdoms-era Lingshan Grand Buddha statue that stands as a testament to spiritual devotion.

Continuing the expedition, Nanjing unfurls its historical treasures, notably the imposing Ming-era city wall and the somber Nanjing Massacre Memorial. The former capital exudes an air of elegance, most evident in the meticulously landscaped Purple Mountain and the tranquil beauty of Xuanwu Lake. Suzhou, often referred to as the "Venice of the East," invites exploration of its classic Chinese gardens, UNESCO-listed silk industry, and meandering canals adorned with arched stone bridges. Lastly, Hangzhou's poetic West Lake sets the stage for a finale of unparalleled serenity. With its centuries-old pagodas, traditional teahouses, and the inspiring vista of Leifeng Pagoda against the backdrop of misty hills, Hangzhou encapsulates the embodiment of ancient Chinese artistry and natural beauty.



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Australia ✈ Shanghai

Today, you will embark on your flight from Australia to Shanghai, China. Upon arrival, a dedicated tour representative will warmly welcome you at the airport and arrange your comfortable hotel transfer.

**Meals:** Inflight Menu

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express or similar

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### Day 2

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#### Shanghai 🚗 Wuxi

Begin the day with a visit to the awe-inspiring Lujiazui Skywalk. From this vantage point, you'll be treated to a breathtaking panorama of Shanghai's iconic landmarks, including the Oriental Pearl Tower and Shanghai World Financial Center. As we make our way to Wuxi, we'll make a stop at the Hui-style Ancient Village Food Street for an authentic culinary adventure. Indulge in a blend of traditional and modern flavours that will surely tantalize your taste buds. Next, immerse yourself in the tranquillity of the Qingming Bridge Water Alley, a hidden gem amidst the bustling metropolis. Take a leisurely stroll through the alley, marvelling at the ancient architecture and the serene waters of the canal. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace or opt to join our optional tour for further exploration.

#### *Optional Activity*

*The Tranquil Nianhua Bay Zen Town Tour: Disconnect from the outside world and immerse yourself in the spirituality of Zen. Explore the myriad of temples, gardens, and tea houses that make up this unique and serene area. (Note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).*

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express or similar

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### Day 3

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#### Wuxi 🚗 Nanjing

Start your day with a visit to the peaceful Changguangxi Wetland Park. This tranquil setting offers the perfect opportunity to reconnect with nature as you stroll leisurely along winding paths, surrounded by lush greenery and vibrant flowers. After this calm morning, visit the renowned Taihu Pearl Museum, where you'll embark on a journey into the intricate world of pearl cultivation. From nurturing oysters to the delicate process of harvesting, you'll get a firsthand look at the cultivation and appreciation of these lustrous jewels. After lunch, we'll head to the heart of Nanjing to explore the Confucius Temple and the Qinhuai River Scenic Area. Wander through the beautifully preserved temple complex and admire the intricate architecture adorned with traditional Chinese motifs. To conclude the day, you'll be transported back in time as you wander through the enchanting Laomendong Historical and Cultural District. Meander through narrow alleyways, discovering hidden gems at every turn, marvel at the well-preserved traditional courtyard houses, and explore quaint shops selling local handicrafts while indulging in the enticing aroma of traditional snacks.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express or similar

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## Day 4

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### Nanjing 🚗 Suzhou

The day begins with an invigorating exploration of the Shitoucheng Archaeological Park, a site that holds the remnants of ancient civilizations and provides fascinating insights into China's past. Here, you'll witness the evidence of early human existence and gain a deeper understanding of the region's historical development. From there, we head to the Jade Artifacts Exhibition Center, a haven for art and history enthusiasts alike. Experience close encounters with intricate jade works of art, marvel at the masterpieces and discover jade's profound symbolism and significance in Chinese culture. After lunch, we proceed to the Couple's Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Renowned for its stunning beauty and tranquillity, this garden is a testament to the elegant simplicity and charm of classical Chinese garden art. Spend the afternoon immersing yourself in its awe-inspiring scenery, complete with picturesque pavilions, ponds, and rock formations that harmoniously blend to create an enchanting setting. You have the rest of the day to enjoy at your leisure, offering the perfect chance to immerse yourself in the city's vibrant culture and lifestyle at your own rhythm, or alternatively, you can join our optional tour.

#### *Optional Activity*

*Suzhou Boat Tour on Qili Shantang Street: Experience the timeless allure of Suzhou as you embark on a mesmerizing boat tour along the famed Shantang Street. Known as the "Venice of the East", Suzhou's ancient canals, stone bridges, and whitewashed, traditional houses create a scene straight out of a classical Chinese painting. As your boat gently meanders along the historic waterway, you'll be captivated by the sights of locals going about their daily routines, age-old architecture, and vibrant markets bustling with life. Witness the city unfold in a panorama of intrigue and charm, revealing Suzhou's rich heritage and culture. This is more than just a boat tour; it's a journey into the heart of Suzhou's timeless allure. (Note: This optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).*

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express or similar

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## Day 5

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### Suzhou 🚗 Hangzhou

Embark on a day filled with rich history, culture, and scenic beauty. Our first stop is the Silk Culture Museum, where you'll delve into the fascinating world of silk production. Witness the intricate process from cocoon to loom, learn about the cultural significance of silk in Chinese history, and marvel at the stunning displays of ancient silk garments. After lunch, we ascend to the Chenghuang Pavilion. Standing tall over the city of Hangzhou, this architectural wonder offers fabulous panoramic views of the city, West Lake, and beyond. Take a moment to admire the detailed carvings and artwork that adorn the pavilion. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may relax and soak up the local culture, or join our optional tour for those seeking further exploration.

#### *Optional Activity*

*Most Memorable is Hangzhou Performance: Engross yourself in the ethereal beauty of the Most Memorable is Hangzhou performance. This spectacular outdoor show, directed by the acclaimed Zhang Yimou, is a true spectacle of light, sound, and storytelling. Staged on the natural backdrop of the West Lake, the performance uses the lake and its surroundings as an integral part of its stage to create a mesmerizing visual extravaganza. Watch as the dancers move in perfect harmony with the music, their silhouettes reflected on the shimmering lake surface. The awe-inspiring choreography, combined with state-of-the-art light and sound effects, tells the rich history and myths associated with the lake. This is not just a performance but a testament to the allure of Hangzhou, leaving you with an unforgettable imperfectly harmoniously.*

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express or similar

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## Day 6

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### Hangzhou 🚗 Shanghai

Kickstart your day with a refreshing visit to the Meijiawu Tea Culture Village. Here, you'll experience the traditional Chinese tea culture firsthand, visiting an authentic tea plantation, relishing the serene beauty of the landscape and, of course, savouring a cup of the finest green tea. Next, we'll journey to the G20 City Balcony, a top-rated viewing platform, where you can marvel at the breathtaking views of the Qiantang River. This is a prime spot to appreciate the river's grandeur and the city's architectural beauty in one panoramic scene. A stop at the Health Preservation Center is up next. Here, you'll gain valuable insights into the ancient Chinese philosophy of balancing body, mind, and spirit for optimal health and longevity. After lunch, we'll proceed to Nanjing Road, Shanghai's premier shopping street. Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of retail, where East meets West, and traditional shops stand alongside modern boutiques. The rest of the evening is yours to spend leisurely, providing the perfect chance to explore Shanghai's vibrant nightlife. Alternatively, you can choose to join our optional tour for an even more fulfilling experience.

#### *Optional Activity*

*The Bund and Huangpu River Cruise Tour: Discover the enchanting allure of Shanghai from a unique perspective on a Huangpu River Cruise. As you glide along the shimmering waters of the Huangpu River, you'll have an unobstructed view of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the beautiful Bund district, a testament to Shanghai's colonial past with its impressive line-up of European-style buildings. As night falls, marvel at the stunning cityscape illuminated by a kaleidoscope of lights, creating a captivating symphony of colour. The sight of the modern high-rise buildings on the Pudong side contrasted against the historic architecture of the Bund on the Puxi side offers a stunning visual depiction of Shanghai's rapid evolution. This river cruise is more than just a sightseeing tour; it's an immersive journey into the heart of Shanghai's vibrant spirit. (Note: This optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site.)*

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express or similar

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## Day 7

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### Shanghai ✈ Australia

The last day of our enriching journey has arrived. After a refreshing breakfast at the hotel, you have some free time to soak up the last bits of Shanghai's vibrant atmosphere, or perhaps do some last-minute shopping. When the time arrives, we will proceed towards Shanghai International Airport for your flight back home. As you board your flight, you'll be carrying with you souvenirs and a memory box filled with enriching experiences, new friendships, and a deeper understanding of China's rich history, culture, and modern vibrancy. As the plane ascends, you will have one final look at Shanghai, marking a captivating end to an unforgettable journey. Safe travels, and we hope to see you again on your next adventure!

**Meals:** Breakfast and Inflight Menu



## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return Economy Class international flights with full-service airlines
- 6 nights' accommodation in quality hotels
- All breakfasts, 5 lunches with local specialties
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Sightseeing entrance fees as specified
- Experienced English-speaking guide throughout the tour

**Airlines:** For this program the airlines we work with are China Southern, Air China, China Eastern and Xiamen Airlines or similar.

### Optional Activities

- The Tranquil Nianhua Bay Zen Town Tour: \$200 CNY per person
- Suzhou Boat Tour on Qili Shantang Street: \$200 CNY per person
- Most Memorable is Hangzhou Performance: \$500 CNY per person
- The Bund and Huangpu River Cruise Tour: \$200 CNY per person

### About Gratuities/Tipping:

Please note that gratuities to compensate your tour guide and driver for their exceptional services will be collected before the tour begins. It is recommended with a tipping amount of \$12 AUD per person per day.

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### Exclusions

- Visa (Please note you will need to attend an Embassy to apply for your Visa)
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities (mandatory \$12 AUD per person per day)
- Personal expenses like beverages, laundry, and phone calls
- Optional tours and activities Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Other personal items are not included

**Upgrade your Flight:** To enhance your travel experience on international return flights, you have the option to upgrade to business class for a fee of \$5200. Please note that this upgrade is subject to availability.

**Group Size:** The typical group size on this program is between 16 to 40 guests.

**Single Supplement:** Solo supplement is \$450 for this program.

**Child policy:** Children are welcome on this tour, however no child discount will apply. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Travel Insurance:** We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

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