

Yangzi Delta & Yellow Mountain

Exploring natural wonders, historical treasures, cultural attractions, and culinary delights in Shanghai, Huangshan (*Yellow Mountain*), Hangzhou, and Suzhou

11 Days / 09 Nights

well tested itinerary and ready-to-go for any group size - pick your dates



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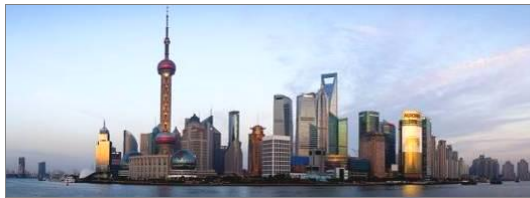


Group and Private Fine Touring in China and Asia

Tour Program Summary

China is a land of history and refinement unparalleled in the world. Attentive visitors are immersed in a sea of visual and cultural experiences unlike any other. This tour focuses on the Yangzi Delta and Yellow Mountain regions; each has its own characteristic landscape, centuries old traditional culture, and modern development.

Your exploration starts in **Shanghai**, China's most populous city and economic powerhouse. The European Bund still retains the glamour of the colonial era. Modern western style malls, pubs and boutique stores scatter all around the center of Shanghai. Visit the traditional literati Yuyuan Garden, the atmospheric former French Concession, and spend some time exploring the Shanghai Museum, one of the best in the country.



Fly to **Huangshan**, commonly known as the Yellow Mountain. Strangely shaped pine trees, grotesque rocks, hot springs and a sea of clouds have been hailed as the four stunning features of the Yellow Mountain. Enjoy the hikes between vista peaks along stair trails. Also explore several of the ancient villages with residences, archways and temples in the unique Huizhou Style Architecture.

Travel by vehicle on express highway to the nearby **Hangzhou**, which is located to the south of Shanghai along the coast and was described as paradise on earth in ancient times. Enjoy boating on the beautiful West Lake. Visit enchanting Buddhist temples and sip the freshness of Longjing Tea grown on the rolling hills surrounding the city. Hangzhou has been voted the best livable city in China numerous times.

A high speed train ride takes you to **Suzhou**, where literati gardens remain the way they have been for centuries with bamboo groves, rockery hills and miniature waterfalls splashing into pond-sized lakes filled with colored carp and lotus leaves. The Grand Canal, with its many artery branches running through the old town, symbolizes the imperial power of the old dynasties.

Return to Shanghai for an overnight stay and fly home or to your next destination.

Tour Daily Itinerary

- Day 01 → **depart** Fly from your home city to Shanghai, China on a cross-Pacific flight
- Day 02 **Shanghai** Arrive in Shanghai today. Met by your Shanghai English-speaking guide at the airport and proceed for a private transfer to [Grand Central Hotel Shanghai \(deluxe room\)](#) for check-in and relaxation.
Dinner is on your own tonight after an ACT Briefing/Reception by your tour leader Rebecca and/or your tour guide in the hotel lobby bar.
- Day 03 **Shanghai** Breakfast in hotel. Enjoy a guided morning visit to the [European Bund](#) for a fantastic view of the row of art deco buildings and the skyline of the Pudong District across the Huangpu River.
Then, tour the classic [Yuyuan Garden](#) and the bustling [Old Town Area](#) full of antique stores and arts & crafts shops. Enjoy lunch at [Ding Tai Feng Restaurant](#) featuring the special [Shanghai Steamed Soup Dumplings](#).
In the afternoon, you will visit the [Shanghai Museum](#) to see its wonderful bronze holdings and other exhibits. Then visit [Fuxing Park](#) in the former [French Concession](#) which has charming tree lined streets.
Return to hotel for a break and refreshing before heading out for a delicious [Shanghai Cuisine Dinner](#) at [Xian Qiangfang Restaurant](#) followed by a thrilling [Acrobatic Show](#). Transfer back to hotel after the show. <B-L-D>



- Day 04 **Shanghai → Huangshan** After breakfast in hotel, enjoy some free time or your own exploration. At noon time, transfer to Shanghai Hongqiao Airport and fly [FM9265 \(1420-1525\)](#) to Huangshan in southern Anhui Province.
Upon arrival, meet your Huangshan guide and transfer to the [Old Town](#) of Tunxi. Visit [Laojie \(old street\)](#) for a walking tour of this bustling old town center. Then, transfer to check in at [Huangshan Pig's Inn Laoyoufang \(standard twin room\)](#). Have a [Regional Cuisine Dinner](#) in the hotel restaurant. Relax and enjoy this cosy country lodge. <B-D>
- Day 05 **Huangshan** Breakfast in hotel. Take a morning hike along the country trail to the nearby [Bishan Village](#) for tour, see the [Wenfeng Pagoda](#), [an old residence](#), and the old [Bishan Bookstore](#). Drive to [Hongcun Village](#) for a guided tour of this World Heritage Site and have lunch in a local restaurant.
In the afternoon, stop by a charming small village [Guanlu](#) for a stroll. Next, drive to the Daoist [Qiyun Mountain](#) for a hike and visit - exploring scenic views and historic temples.
Transfer back to hotel by late afternoon and remainder of the day is free for your own leisure or relaxation. <B-L>

- Day 06 🚗 **Yellow Mtn.** Breakfast in hotel. Drive to Yellow Mountain base and take a cable car up to the top of the mountain; hike along the path (paved with steps) with stops at various vistas for beautiful scenery before arriving at and checking in the Xihai Hotel Huangshan (deluxe room). Have **lunch** in hotel.
- Afternoon enjoy hikes to the West Sea Canyon for fascinating scenery and return to hotel by late afternoon. Have dinner and overnight in the mountain top hotel. <B-L-D>



- Day 07 **Huangshan** Rise up early this morning and enjoy the sunrise on the Yellow Mountain weather permitting. After breakfast in hotel, descend the mountain by cable car at Yungu. Travel to Shexian County to visit the Memorial Archways in Tangyue, the photogenic Chengkan Village and Bao Family Bonsai Garden.
- Have **lunch** in a local restaurant. Then, travel to Hangzhou by vehicle via express highway. Upon arrival, met by your local guide and check-in at Whyndham Grand Plaza Royale Hangzhou (deluxe room); dinner is on your own and balance of the day is for your leisure. <B-L>

- Day 08 **Hangzhou** After breakfast in hotel, join your private English-speaking Hangzhou tour guide and begin your exploration of the city at The Former Residence of Hu Xueyan, the best-preserved late Qing Dynasty residences in the city. Next, visit the Huqingyutang Traditional Chinese Pharmacy & Museum and Qinghefang Old Commercial Street. Have **lunch** in a local restaurant.
- In the afternoon, go to visit the very active Lingyin Monastery in a small green valley where you find artistic ancient sculptures of Buddha and other religious figures; next enjoy a guided tour of the West Lake with boat ride and visit to a couple of lakeside gardens with exotic plants, flowers and peacocks. Transfer back to hotel for a break and refreshing.



Picked by your guide in the evening and go to enjoy a **Hangzhou Cuisine Dinner** in *Garden Restaurant*. Optional outdoor sound & light show Impression West Lake is available (at additional cost) for those who are interested. Transfer back to hotel after the dinner. <B-L-D>

- Day 09 **Hangzhou** Breakfast in hotel and check out. Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and then drive to the rolling hills covered by tea bushes and visit the Longjing Tea
- 🚗 **Suzhou**

Plantation and China Tea Museum. Enjoy a interesting and tasty **lunch** in a tea farmer's family-run restaurant.

Drive back to the city and transfer to the train station. Board high speed train **D9574 (1524-1710; first class seats)** to Suzhou. Met by your private English-speaking tour guide upon arrival and transfer to [Scholars Hotel Suzhou Pingjiangfu \(deluxe room\)](#) for check-in. Evening is free for your own relaxation and dinner is on your own. **<B-L>**



Day 10 **Suzhou** 🚆
Shanghai

Breakfast in hotel. This morning, enjoy guided tours of the famous Suzhou literati gardens - [Zhuozheng Garden](#) and [Lingering Garden](#). Enjoy a nice walk along the atmospheric [Pingjiang Road](#) by the ancient canal.

Have a brief **lunch** in a local restaurant. Afternoon visit the small yet interesting [Suzhou Arts & Crafts Museum](#). Stop by for a view of the new [Suzhou Museum](#) designed by I.M. Pei (exterior view). Finally, visit the [Silk & Embroidery Institute](#) for an appreciation for the thousand-year-old industry and craftsmanship in this city.

Bid farewell to Suzhou and travel by vehicle with guide to Shanghai along the express highway. Upon arrival, check in [Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai \(Fairmont room\)](#). Evening is free for your own relaxation. **<B-L>**

Day 11 ➔ **return**

Enjoy breakfast in hotel. Enjoy some leisure time this morning. Afternoon private transfer to Shanghai Pudong International Airport and fly home or to your next destination. Service ends. ****

Changes to Itinerary: Your travel agency and Access China Tours has made all possible attempts to ensure the accuracy of tour itineraries. Circumstances beyond our control may occur. We reserve the right to change itineraries, sightseeing activities, and common carriers, and to substitute hotels when necessary. Service of a similar category and standard will be maintained if such changes are made. The Service Voucher in your last pre-departure packet will provide the operational itinerary summary, final transport and hotel information.



Luxury, Deluxe Class and Boutique Hotels Selected for Your Tour



Grand Central Hotel Shanghai



Huangshan Pig's Inn Laoyoufang



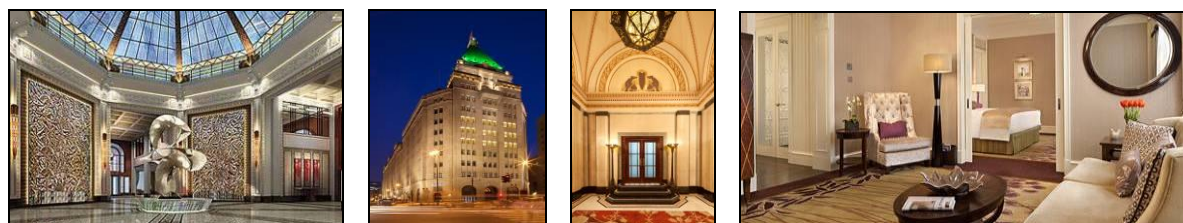
Xihai Hotel Huangshan



Wyndham Grand Plaza Royale West Lake Hotel



Scholars Hotel Suzhou Pingjiang Fu



Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai

Tour Land Price Inclusions & Exclusions

Tour Land Price Starting at: **\$3,640 USD** per person double occupancy (for a group of 2 travelers)

Single Supplement Cost: **\$1,030 USD** for single occupancy in hotels throughout the tour

What's Included in 'Tour Land Prices'

- Luxury, deluxe class and boutique hotel double occupancy accommodations
- Arrival and departure private transfers on tour dates with private guide, driver, and vehicle
- First class seats on high speed train between cities and ground transportation while on tour
- All tour related Chinese domestic taxes
- Transfers and luggage (1 piece of 45 pounds per person) handling during tour
- Pre-departure information packets
- All sightseeing, activities, and cultural events listed as included in the itinerary
- All entrance fees for the listed sightseeing activities in the itinerary
- All meals specified in the itinerary (B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner)
- Service of a private & professional English-speaking local tour guide in each city/region
- Private, clean, and newer vehicles with air-conditioning and a professional driver
- Gratuity to local guides and drivers (for a group of 6 or more travelers)

What's Not Included in 'Tour Land Prices'

- International air tickets (*please call us for a quote if you need assistance*)
- Chinese visa processing (www.mychinavisa.com or www.mychinavisa.ca)
- Trip cancellation, baggage, accident, and medical insurance
- Alcoholic drinks and other items not listed and/or specified as included in the itinerary

Tour Payment Schedule: **\$600 USD per person** deposit is required at sign up. Tour Balance is due **90 days** prior to tour date.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellation notices must be received in writing and will become effective as of the date of receipt by your travel agency or *Access China Tours*. We assess cancellation fees of all tours according to the following schedule:

90 days or more prior to departure *	\$300 per person
89 to 60 days prior to departure *	\$600 per person
59 to 30 days prior to departure *	\$900 per person
29 to 15 days prior to departure *	\$1200 per person

* Plus any charges assessed by government agencies, land suppliers, cruise companies and airlines.

Within 14 days of departure100% forfeiture of the tour price per person

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