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Hangzhou, Suzhou & Shanghai Grand Canal Tour - 7 Days

The Grand Canal, one of the World Cultural Heritage sites, is the world's oldest and longest artificial river dug 2500 years ago up to 1794 km long, and is a living history book and a developing culture heritage. The trip features major sights themed on the canal in Hangzhou, Suzhou and Shanghai.





240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China

China is implementing a 10-day (240 hours) visa-free transit policy. The transit program allows visitors who have existing flight bookings from China to a third country (region) to snag a visa on arrival at a Chinese airport (port) and stay for 10 days before departure. Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan all count as third destinations.



Passport holders of 54 countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, can enter visa-free through any of the 60 open airports (ports) in 24 provincial regions, covering popular tourist cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Chengdu and Guangzhou.

Read more about [240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China](#).

Meanwhile, citizens from 38 countries can [enter China visa-free for up to 30 days](#).

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Hangzhou	 arrival transfer to hotel  West Lake, Handicraft Exhibition Hall Upon arrival, boating in West Lake , to appreciate the beautiful scenery and experience the fun of "travelling in the picture". Afternoon visit Handicraft Exhibition Hall to learn about traditional intangible cultural heritage crafts such as paper cutting, bamboo weaving and egg carving.
2	Day 2 Hangzhou	 breakfast, lunch  cruise on the canal, canal museum, longjing village, impression west lake show Morning cruise on Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal , the world's largest and longest ancient canal and Gongchen Bridge, the landmark signifying the end of the Grand Canal. Then go to China Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal Museum , the first canal culture-themed large-scale specialized museum in China. Afternoon visit Longjing Village , one of the five production places of world famous Longjing Tea, to experience tea ceremony and taste authentic Longjing Tea. Enjoy Impression West Lake , an evening spectacle of music, light, and dance, entirely staged on the beautiful West Lake, with natural mountains and real waters as its backdrop.

3	Day3 Hangzhou	 breakfast, lunch  archaeological ruin of liangzhu city, liangzhu cultural museum, hefang street Visit Archaeological Ruin of Liangzhu City , the town site of the Neolithic Age and a shrine that demonstrates more than 5000-year history of Chinese civilization, participate in the interactive experience role playing in Liangzhu tribe, experience ancient wisdom through cultural relic rubbing, archaeological excavation in Jade Age. Visit Liangzhu Cultural Museum , with collection of cultural relics unearthed from Liangzhu. Evening visit Hefang Street , the living version of “Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival”. You can taste traditional special snacks of Hangzhou.
4	Day4 Hangzhou-Wuzhen (Jiaxing)-Hangzhou	 Hangzhou/Wuzhen/Hangzhou by bus  breakfast, lunch  Wuzhen water town, wuzhen international internet exhibition center Transfer to Wuzhen Water Town , featuring river-street connection of bridge and street river-side residence and integration of water and town. Visit Wuzhen International Internet Exhibition Center , the permanent site of world internet conference to experience Wuzhen’s openness inclusiveness and interconnection. Back to Hangzhou.
5	Day5 Hangzhou – Suzhou	 Hangzhou hotel/train station/Suzhou hotel  breakfast, lunch  humble administrator’s garden, rickshaw ride, pingjiang road Transfer to Hangzhou railway station and travel to Suzhou by bullet train. Visit the largest classical garden in Suzhou, Humble Administrator's Garden (UNESCO World Heritage Site), a symbol of Suzhou's great culture and history. Explore Suzhou by taking a rickshaw ride alongside the ancient canal. You will go into little lanes and chat with locals in a food market. Walk along Pingjiang Road , which is a beautiful old street beside the canal.
6	Day6 Suzhou - Shanghai	 Suzhou hotel/train station/Shanghai hotel  breakfast, lunch  Suzhou museum, the Bund, Shanghai tower Morning visit the Suzhou Museum , a small but enjoyable museum to see a nice selection of Chinese artifacts. Transfer to Suzhou railway station and travel to Shanghai by bullet train. Arrive in Shanghai, strolling down the Bund , you will see the amazing city skyline. Take the fastest elevator in the world and ascend the highest building in Shanghai — the Shanghai Tower . You can enjoy seeing the Oriental Pearl TV Tower below you and get a panoramic view of the entire city.

7	Day7 Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  Yu garden, Yuyuan bazaar, former french concession, xintiandi, shikumen Visit the Yu Garden , which is a delicate classical garden that is hidden among high buildings. Enveloping the garden is a glorified shopping center, jammed with antique and souvenir shops — Yuyuan Bazaar . In the afternoon, walking Tour of Shanghai's Former French Concession, beginning at Wukang Road to see the impressive French style architecture and learn the history of Shanghai during 1840th. Walk into Xin Tiandi and visit Shikumen Open House Museum to discover the living space and lifestyle of middle class.
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Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- train/boat tickets (2nd class seat) as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flights with taxes
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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