

4 Days Shanghai - Huangshan Tour

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Duration: 4 Days

Attractions: Yuyuan Garden, World Financial Center, Mt.Huangshan

Overview: This tour is designed for people who want to see the true modern China whilst enjoy get away from the hustle and bustle of city to the natural world. In Shanghai, you will learn about Chinese modern history in French Concession and local bazaar, and then go to the tallest tower in Shanghai and have a full view of the whole city. Then, take a high-speed train and head for Huangshan to enjoy such a human wonderland. Be immersed in the foggy mountain, you might feel like inside a fairyland. Come down the mountain, you will visit the local famous village like Hongcun Village. Featured with distinct Hui-style architectures, these villages and country life would ease your mind.

Highlights

1. Relax in the typical Jiangnan style Garden - Yuyuan Garden;
2. Stand on the top of Huangshan Mountain and get a full view of the mountain;
3. Pay a visit to Xihai Grand Canyon;
4. Access the local village - Xidi and Hongcun Village and be intoxicated by the natural views;
5. Be deeply immersed in the fairyland of Huangshan Mountain.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Yuyuan Garden, Shikumen Area in French Concession, World Financial Center, Shanghai Museum, the Bund.

09:00 a.m: Shanghai hotel pick up and start your Shanghai tour.

09:20 a.m - 11:00 a.m: Have a visit to the **Yuyuan Garden** and local bazaar area. Dating back to 400 years ago, Yuyuan Garden was a private garden. It was built as most of the classic Jiangnan gardens. You will see Yu Linglong - a unique stone listed as one of the 3 famous stones in Jiangnan. The other two refers to Guan Yunfeng in Liu Garden of Suzhou and Zhou Yunfeng in Zhusu Garden of Hangzhou. Our guide will also brief you about the local gourmet you will run

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11:10 - 12:30 p.m: Have a stop at the **Shikumen Area in French Concession**. Shikumen is a kind of new architectural style that fuses western culture and eastern traditional dwelling features. It is also the most featured buildings in Shanghai. You can still found some track of old foreigner's life.

12:30 - 13:30 p.m: Have a typical Shanghai lunch.

14:00 - 14:50 p.m: Get on the **World Financial Center** and enjoy the whole city view. With the height of 492m, Shanghai World Financial Center is ranked as the 3rd tallest tower in the world.

15:00 -16:30 p.m: Have a visit to **Shanghai Museum**. As one of the renown ancient art museums, Shanghai Museum has collected about 140,000 cultural relics. There are 10 classes of relics displayed now. To appreciate the most spectacular relics in such a limited time period, our tour guides will introduce to you some of the historic ones. You will see ceremonious wares like battle-axe and tripod, daily necessities in ancient life like pottery and porcelain, calligraphy works like Oracle, and various jade ornaments.

16: 30 - 17: 10 p.m: Have a stroll on **the Bund**. You will see a lot of locals having a leisure time singing, dancing, or just walking around. In here, you are able to access the local life let alone the breathtaking bank views.

17:30 p.m: Return hotel for rest.

Day 2: Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang, take train to Huangshan

09:00 a.m: Start this day tour by meeting your guide at hotel lobby.

10:10 a.m - 12:00 p.m: Today we will take a side trip away from the bustling city to visit the quaint and elegant **Zhujiajiao Water Town**. It would be quite a different experience to see the old and ancient part of China. In the morning, our guide and driver will meet you at the hotel lobby. Drive for about one hour to reach the water town, where you may take time to wander through the narrow streets, climb over the various bridges, discover interesting handmade articles from the street shops and appreciate the traditional architecture of the houses.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Have lunch a nice local restaurant.

14:10 - 15:00p.m: You will stroll in the **Tianzifang Street**. Situated in a small street of Dapujiao area, Tianzifang was a abandoned warehouse. Shanghai government began to renovate the street

around 1988. Ever since, it becomes a culture-featured street. You will come across some artistic shops, clothes, shops, cafe houses and galleries.

16:00 p.m: Drop off at Shanghai Hongqiao Train Station and take train G7305 (17:27 - 20:41).

20:41 p.m: Your Huangshan driver will hold a welcome sign with your name on and waiting for you upon your arrival. You will be dropped off at Huangshan hotel.

Day 3: Mt.Huangshan, Cloud-dispelling Pavilion, Xihai Grand Canyon.

09:00 a.m: Be ready and wait for your guide to start your trip.

09:30 - 17:30 p.m: You will spend the whole day on the **Mt.Huangshan**. There is a famous poem, in which a great traveler Xu Xiake has said that “ there is no need to climb other mountains if a man has been to five great mountains in China (Mt.Taishan, Mt.Huashan, Mt.Songshan, Mt.Heng in Datong, and Mt.Hengshan in Hengyang); while there is no need to visit these five great mountains if a man has already been to Mt.Huangshan.” From this, you can see how magnificent and great Mt.Huangshan is. In fact, Mt.Huangshan has collected all the essential elements of the five great mountains in China. It’ s famous for its magnificence and steepness. Besides the towering peaks, there are also many kinds of rare trees and oddly-shaped stones. Your tour guide will explain to you the behind story of each peak and view.

You will enjoy one the highlights here - Cloud-dispelling Pavilion. In front of the pavilion, there are thousand-deep precipices with clouds covered. From a distant view, layers of peaks are rather faint in the thick fog, like tons of small islands in the sea. You will understand what is called “sea of clouds” .

17:30 p.m: Mountain hotel drop off for rest.

Day 4:Xihai Grand Canyon, Hongcun Village

08:00 a.m: Start your last day tour and continue to visit Mt.Huangshan.

08:00 - 10:30 a.m: Carrying on walking, you will visit the **Xihai Grand Canyon**. Looking into the bottom of the canyon, you will find the clouds are very thick. While looking upwards, you will feel like walking on the clouds. Under the instruction of your tour guide, you will discover a lot of beauties. After the tour, you will ride the cable car down the mountain.

12:20 p.m - 14:00p.m: Visit the local village - **Hongcun Village**. The whole village was built upon the river with mountains on its back. Featured in modeled Hui-style architecture, Hongcun Village is shaped like an ox. You can find both the forest view and the river landscape here, which enabled it the praise of Village in the Chinese Painting. It's a great place for photography.

15:30 p.m: Drop off at Huangshan North Train Station, you will head back to Shanghai by train G1510 (16:31 - 19:00).

19:00 p.m: Shanghai Hongqiao Train Station pick up and Shanghai hotel drop off. Your trip came to the end.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned, including cable car up and down the Mt.Huangshan.

Bottled water.

2nd class train tickets between Shanghai and Huangshan.

What's not included:

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items in sites.

Tips or gratuities for guide and driver if we did a good job(recommended)

Accommodations

What to take: smile and a relaxing heart.

Good to know:

1. There are several religions or beliefs in Anhui Province. Please respect their customs and habits.
2. In case you travel in Huangshan in rainy days, like June and July, please be fully prepared. Please bring some warm clothes with you, it can be chilly on the mountain.

3. Please be aware that there is a huge price difference in goods sold on the mountain and in other places. You are suggested to taste some delicacies in Huangshan city area, where things are fairly-priced and authentic.
4. When you climb the mountain, please bring some snacks or instant food with you. Do not buy stores where many tourists may go on the mountain, the stuff there can be insanely expensive.
5. Except the entrance tickets fee and cable car fee, basically all other things can be bought in a bargained price. However, we wouldn't recommend you to do bargaining, which may lead to the vendor's relentless selling.
6. Always keep an eye on your stuff.
7. Please bring as less as possible when you climb the mountain.
8. Bring raincoat in case of rain. The weather can be very emotional up there.
9. Do not climb the high peak during thundering and lighting.
10. The road in the mountain can be steep, please walk slowly. Take your time.
11. You can try to walk in Z shape when climbing, which can save some energy.
12. There are some rare trees or flowers that can be very valuable on the mountain. Enjoy by all means, just don't pick.
13. The sunrise and sunset in Mt.Huang are spectacular. You may enjoy on your own as you will need to stay one night on the mountain. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. If you want a tour with a duration exceeding the working period of our tour guide and driver, we need to charge you for your extra hours with the standard of 100 RMB per hour.
14. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or the shops for shopping.
15. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food with a fair price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.
16. The tour we provide you are based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for over 6 hours yet less than 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
17. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.

18. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will be only with your families or friends.

There are no other people joining your tour.

19. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.

20. Please advise in advance in case you want to enjoy the Acrobatic show in Shanghai.

FAQ

1. Is there a best time to visit Mt.Huang?

Re: It doesn't matter when you come, what matters is your preference. If you like snow views and aren't afraid of coldness, winter time (December - February) is a great time to visit. You can see the great views such as rime, glaze and glazed ice.

During March and May, the mountain would embrace spring and become lively again with brooks flowing and various kinds of birds singing.

June to August is the summer time and it would rain a lot. You may find it great to enjoy waterfalls here and there.

In the autumn days, the whole mountain would be tranquil again and perfect for hiking.

2. How long is it between Shanghai and Huangshan?

Re: By high-speed train, it takes about 3 hours and 20 mins to get Huangshan from Shanghai whilst 2.5 hours to get back.

3. How would we get up to the mountain top?

Re: Don't worry about this. You will all take cable car up and down the Mt.Huangshan, which will save you some energy and time to enjoy the most breathtaking parts.

4. I want to visit Xidi Village, can you add it in?

Re: The itinerary is already full. There is no room for that. If you want, we can replace Hongcun Village with Xidi Village.

5. What's the difference between Xidi Village and Hongcun Village?

Re: These two villages are both located in Qianxian.

Xidi Village is smaller and featured with ancestral temples, old residences of ancient businessman and local officials. It's suitable for people who are interested in architecture and Chinese history.

Hongcun Village is bigger and more commercialized. It has more Ming and Qing Dynasty styles. It's perfect for people who love taking pictures.

6. Can you help me booking the train tickets?

Re: Sure, we can help you to book all the train tickets or flight tickets. This is one of our service features. After booking the tickets, your paper train tickets would be expressed to your Beijing hotel before you can use.

7. Can I confirm this is a private tour?

Re: Yes, this is a private tour just for your group. No other people will join you.

8. Can the tour guide accompany us to have dinner and help us order?

Re: The working time for the tour guide and driver are 8-9 hours. If you finished your tour rather early, our tour guide can certainly help you until you get to dinner. Otherwise, you will need to pay extra for their overtime work.