

## 6 days Shanghai -Suzhou - Hangzhou Trip

**Code:** LCT-SZH-6D -01

**Duration:** 4 Days

**Attractions:** Yuyuan Garden, World Financial Center, Master of Nets Garden, West Lake

**Overview:** Arrival in Shanghai and get your jet lag eased, you will explore Shanghai with your guide. Visit Shikumen in French Concession will enable to learn a short period of time when foreigner came in. Climb on the World Financial Center will award you the best view of the whole city. Then, you will visit Shanghai museum and learn more about Shanghai history. Next, you will head for Suzhou and Hangzhou to discover these two Jiangnan-style cities. Go inside the Master of Nets Garden and have a peek of how private gardens look like. Then, ride a boat on the West Lake and listen to legendary love story between Bai Niangzi and Xu Xian.

### Highlights

1. Ride a boat on the beautiful West Lake;
2. Enjoy the most popular and the wealthiest temple - Lingyin Temple;
3. Sip the world-famous Longjing Tea;
4. Climb the tallest building in Shanghai - World Financial Center and have a bird-eye of Shanghai city;
5. Wander in Shanghai Xin Tian Di and feel the vitality of modern Shanghai.
6. Understand the significance of the Great Canal;
7. Know about the China Tea culture in Tea Museum.

### Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Shanghai

Upon your arrival, your local driver will be waiting for you upon your arrival. Then, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Day 2: Yuyuan Garden, Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession, World Financial Center, Shanghai Museum, the Bund

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09:00 a.m: Meet your Shanghai local guide at hotel lobby and set out for the day tour.

09:10 - 11:30 a.m: Visit the Yuyuan Garden and old Bazaar area. Situated in Anren Jie, Yuyuan Garden is the only fully restored classical Chinese garden in Shanghai. It was initially built by a government officer Pan Yunduan in 1577 as a resort for his parents to spend their remaining years in comfort and happiness. “Yu” in Chinese signifies pleasure and satisfaction, thus, the garden was named as “Yu”. As a perfect model of the south Chinese landscaping style garden from Ming and Qing dynasties, it is a MUST for all tourists coming to Shanghai. Wandering in pavilions, corridors, streams, courtyards as well as many other natural features in the Garden, you will enjoy both the natural beauty and the human relics.

11:30-12:40 p.m: Head to Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession. XinTianDi, which means” new heaven and earth.” This is a new entertainment spot as well as the new landmark of shanghai. As you know, shikumen, the unique architectural style, has been called a fusion of eastern and western cultures, once very popular in 1930s’. A typical shikumen building features a pair of black wooden doors framed by heavy stone, with an extravagant bronze handle on each of the doors.

12:40 - 13:40 p.m: Have lunch in a nice local restaurant.

13:40 - 14: 20 p.m: Climb on the World Financial Center and have a bird eye of Shanghai city. Located in Pudong district, it’s a comprehensive building with mixed usage as office, shopping mall, conference room, hotel, observatory decks. You will get on the observatory deck and enjoy a full view of the city.

14:40 - 16:20 p.m: Visit 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: Walk in the Bund. Located at the west bank of Huangpu River in Shanghai, the Bund was originally a pathway for boatmen and hard laborers; while nowadays, the Bund

becomes the most characteristic view and the most recognized symbol in the city with rich cultural connotations for hundreds of years. For the Europeans, it was like the Wall Street in the east, where prosperous trading was proceeded and massive fortunes were made and lost. In the opposite side of the Bund, it faces other marks of Shanghai City - Oriental Pearl TV Tower and Jinmao Tower. Therefore, it is a must in your tour in Shanghai.

17:30 p.m: Drop you off at the hotel for rest.

### Day 3: Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang

09:00 a.m: Meet your tour guide and start your last Shanghai tour.

10:00 - 13:00 p.m: Start your amazing Shanghai tour with **Zhujiajiao Water Town**. It was an significant trading hub for countries nearby in 1700 years ago. People use boats to ferry all kinds of stuff here. On the bank, there are many houses built in rows with interlaced narrow path connecting each other. You are advise to take a boat and enjoy a leisure time on the river. Please pay on moment if you do rent a boat.

13:00 - 14:00: Enjoy an authentic local food under the instructions of your tour guide.

15:00 - 16:30 p.m: Leave for Tianzifang, which should be considered as another glimmering example of preservation and development of the local Shikumen architecture. Located labyrinthine alleyways of Taikang Road near Dapu Bridge, it is an arts and crafts enclave develop from arenovated residential area with families still residing in neighboring building. It is also referred to as Taikang Road. Based on the similar idea of renovation while preserving the local Shikumen-style houses like Xintiandi, this area is converted into a great place for arts in Shanghai. Since 1998, a lot of famous Chinese artisits, including Chen Yifei, Er Dongqiang, Wang Jieyin and Wang Jiajun, set up their studios in Tianzifang, which makes its fame.

17:00 p.m: Drop off at Shanghai hotel for rest.

### Day 4: Shanghai - Suzhou by high-speed train, Master of Nets Garden, Shantang Street, Great Canal

07:00 a.m: Shanghai hotel pick up and Hongqiao train station drop off for train G676 (08:30 -

08:53) and set out for Suzhou.

09:30 - 12:00 p.m: Suzhou train station pick up, you will visit **Master of Nets Garden**. With a total area of 0.54 hectares, Master of Nets Garden is the smallest garden in Suzhou - half the size of the Canglang Pavilion and one-tenth the size of the Humble Administrator's Garden. It is a typical Suzhou residential garden, recognized with other classical Suzhou gardens as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The garden demonstrates Chinese garden designers' adept skills for synthesizing art, nature, and architecture to create unique metaphysical masterpieces.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Lunch at a nice local restaurant or by your request at your own cost.

13: 00- 14:00 p.m: After lunch, you will visit **Shantang Street**. It' s a famous ancient street in Suzhou. In the history of over 1000 years, the street is becoming more and more culturally-dipped. You will see a lot of ancient shops and stores arranging in both sides of the road. The river is nearby. You will have a leisure time here.

14:30- 16:30 p.m: Your last stop will be the **Great Canal**. This canal was built in Sui Dynasty. Back then, it took a lot of man power so that the subjects complained the tyranny of Emperor Yang in Sui Dynasty. Yet, in the following dynasties and years, the Great Canal made a significant function in the development of economy, politics and culture between north and south. People began to see its usage and it also attracts tons of people to visit every year. You can boat on the river.

17:00: After the tour, you will be dropped off at your Suzhou Hotel.

Day 5: Suzhou North- Hangzhou East by train G7505(08:25 - 09:54), West Lake, Leifeng Pagoda, Longjing Tea Museum

06:40 a.m: Suzhou hotel pick up and Suzhou train station drop off. Hangzhou train station pick up and your Hangzhou trip commences.

10:00 -12:00 p.m: Your first site will be the picturesque **West Lake**. In the morning, you will see a lot of sites that are missed in other times. As the No. 1 site in Hangzhou, it deserves people viewing slowly and carefully. You can take a boat and ride along the water.

Your next activity will be **Viewing Fish at the Harbor**. It' s still in the West Lake. You will see a

lot of cute fish swimming around and cry for more food.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Lunch at a nice local restaurant or by your request at your own cost.

13:20 - 15:00 p.m: After lunch, you will visit the famous **Leifeng Tower**. If you know the story about the Bainiangzi and Xuxian, you must have heard about the Leifeng Tower. It was used to keep Bainiangzi from seeing he husband Xuxian. A sad love story indeed. If you go there, you will hear more about the story.

15:00-16:30 p.m: Your last site today will be the Longjing Tea Museum. As we all know, Hangzhou Longjing Tea is world-famous. If you come to Hangzhou, you must taste a cup of Longjing Tea. It will strip all of your stress and fatigue.

17:00 p.m: After the tour, you will be dropped off at Hangzhou Railway station and head back to Shanghai. Met by Shanghai driver, you will be transferred to your Shanghai hotel.

Day 6: Departure from Shanghai

Shanghai hotel pick up 3 hours before your flight and airport drop off.

### **What's Important:**

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned

Bottled water.

2<sup>nd</sup> class train tickets needed above

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

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What to take: smile and a relaxing heart.

#### **Good to Know:**

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or the shops for shopping.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
5. 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.
6. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
7. Please advise in advance in case you want to enjoy the Acrobatic show in Shanghai.

#### **FAQ**

1. Can I add Zhouzhuang / Tongli into this tour?

Re: If you insist adding one of these sites, it's better to make one more day for that.

2. Can I visit Humble Administrator's Garden instead Master of Nets Garden?

Re: Sure. Those two gardens are similar but the former one is larger and a typical representative of Jiangnan garden. There are many crowds there. While Master of Nets Garden is smaller yet still exquisite.

3. Can you help me booking the train tickets?

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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.

4. 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.

5. 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.