

3-Day Hangzhou Highlights Tour with Wuzhen Water Town

Tour Code: LCT - Hangzhou & Wuzhen - 3D-01

Duration: 3 Days

Attractions: West Lake, Leifeng Pagoda, Lingyin Temple, Wuzhen Water Town, Meijiawu Tea Village, Grand Canal

Overview: Hangzhou is a paradise for both sightseeing and culture. Besides the historical and natural sights like West Lake, Lingyin Temple, Feifeng Pagoda and others, Hangzhou is also the end of Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal, the longest part of Chinese canal history. This tour will reward you with the highlights of Hangzhou and lead you to Wuzhen Water Town.

Highlights:

1. Stroll in the tea plantation of Meijiawu village and taste the world-famous Longjing Tea;
2. Take a boat ride on the glittering West Lake and enjoy the beautiful sight around the lake;
3. Explore the Grand Canal and learn its unique role in Chinese history;
4. Listen to the famous love story of White Snake in Leifeng Pagoda;
5. DIY your own oiled-paper umbrella;
6. Sample some authentic local Zhejiang delicacies.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: West Lake, Leifeng Pagoda, Lingyin Temple, Hefang Street

After breakfast, your personal guide and driver will take you to the beautiful West Lake. As the incontrovertible icon of Hangzhou, West Lake is like a beautiful paint or a moving story that draws millions people every year. In a clear spring day, with all the birds flying around, grass growing everywhere, willows waving back and forth, lake water glittering under the sun, cruise boats flowing quietly on the water, and antique bridges and pavilions standing afar, you will feel deeply amazed. While in a hot summer day, what you will expect is a vast pieces of lotus flowers being gently swayed by the wind. With the autumn's coming, leaves turn to yellow and less crowd will leave you a much peaceful mind. In the supposedly desolate winter, you will be surprised of the unyielding plum blossoming among the thick snow, creating a different fairyland. No matter when you visit, West Lake is always here to present its best shape. It's recommended that you take

a boat to experience the beauty of it.

Your next stop will be the Leifeng Pagoda. If you know the story about Bainiangzi and Xuxian, you will have heard of the Leifeng Tower. It was used to keep Bainiangzi from seeing her husband Xuxian. A sad love story indeed. If you go there, you will hear more about the story.

Have lunch at a local restaurant before your afternoon tour.

With some rest, you will head for the Lingyin Temple. Located nearby the West Lake, Lingyin Temple is one of the earliest Buddhist temples. It houses a lot of exquisite cultural relics from many dynasties, among which the words of “云林禅寺(Yun Lin Chan Si)” on the horizontal inscribed board of Heavenly King’s Hall were from Kangxi Emperor of Qing Dynasty. Meanwhile, you will also see a lot of ever-changing caves filled with Buddhist statues.

Lastly, you will have a leisure time wandering in Hefang Street where you will see over 100 stores selling a variety of Hangzhou local products like lotus powder, Hangzhou scissors, Hangzhou fans, Hangzhou cigarette, Hangzhou embroidery, local food, and oil-paper umbrellas. If you are interested, we can arrange you to DIY your own oil-paper umbrella in Hangzhou.

At the tour end, you will be accompanied back to your Hangzhou hotel.

Day 2: Wuzhen Water Town (1.5 hr)

After breakfast, you will set off to Wuzhen Water Town, one of the most reputable water towns in China. The single way journey is about 1.5 hours.

Dating back to 2000 years ago, Wuzhen still preserved the original landscape and layout of original water town. The whole town is connected by bridges with buildings rising up on both sides. Many old houses are still inhabited with residents and the wooden and the stone carves on the pillars, beams, doors and windows are still clear. You will experience a typical southern Chinese town composed of bridges, waterways and exquisite architectures. With the development of modern lightning, Wuzhen looks particularly charming in the evening. There are also many other sights like the Tang Dynasty ginkgo tree, Double Bridges, Xiuzhen Temple and best of all the Xishan Old Street, one of the best-preserved architecture complexes from Ming and Qing Dynasties. Lastly, Wuzhen is also the hometown of Mao Dun, a great master of Chinese literature. You will find the place where he used to attend school.

In terms of ways to visit this elegant small water town, we highly recommend you take a small

boat to experience the true local life. After the tour, you will be escorted back to your Hangzhou hotel.

Day 3: Meijiawu Tea Village, Grand Canal

Today, your destination is Meijiawu Tea Village, a great place to understand and taste the world-famous Longjing Tea. This is a village with over 600 years of history and a major production area of Longjing Tea. You will see a vast piece of tea plantation. If you visit Meijiawu in spring, you will see a lot of people picking tea leaves. If you like, you can also be one of them. After strolling in the tea plantation, you may taste the true Longjing tea at a local farmer's house, learn more about Chinese tea here.

Your lunch will be arranged in one of the local farmer's house where you will enjoy a authentic farmer meal.

After lunch, let's have a relaxing boat ride on the Grand Canal. The Hangzhou Section of Grand Canal starts from northern Yuhang Tangxi and ends in the southern Qiantang River with a total length of 39km. Along the canal are sights themed with canal and old streets, museums and the food streets. We recommend you take the water bud and enjoy the beauty of the canal.

Your three-day Hangzhou and Wuzhen tour comes to an end. You will be transferred to Hangzhou hotel.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sights mentioned.

Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items at the sights.

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

Accommodation

What to take: smile and a relaxed, enthusiastic attitude.

Good to Know:

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or shops for shopping.
2. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food at a fair price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.
3. The tour we provide you is based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for between 6 hours to 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
4. Please be aware that your itinerary can be changed at anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
5. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your families or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
6. Wheelchairs are available, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.

FAQ:

1. What time do we start the tour every morning?

Re: Your guide and driver will pick you up after your breakfast, which is usually 9:00 a.m unless you are informed of another time.

2. What time does the tour end every day?

Re: Your day tour lasts 8-9 hours a day, which means it most likely to end at 5:00-6:00p.m. If you want to end early, please advise your guide.

3. Which province is Hangzhou in?

Re: Hangzhou is under the jurisdiction of Zhejiang, one of the wealthiest provinces in China. It's also the capital city of the province.

4. Is Hangzhou worth visiting?

Re: Yes, Hangzhou is very much worth visiting. The city is one of the places perfect for people to live in China. It has a great environment, strong economy, amazing sightseeing, rich culture and history.

5. What is Hangzhou famous for?

Re: Hangzhou is famous for the West Lake, Longjing Tea and the Silk.

6. Which is better Suzhou or Hangzhou?

Re: Suzhou and Hangzhou are both the famous tourist cities in China. Suzhou is famous for the gardens and water towns, while Hangzhou is renowned for its West Lake and Longjing Tea Leaves. You can choose based on your own interests.

7. How many days should I spend in Hangzhou?

Re: It largely depends on your own schedule. Generally speaking, 2-3 days would be sufficient to cover all the important sights in Hangzhou.

8. How do I get from Hangzhou train station to West Lake?

Re: There are three train stations in Hangzhou, namely the Hangzhou Railway Station, Hangzhou East Railway Station and the Hangzhou South Railway Station. The last train station is still under construction. If you go to West Lake from Hangzhou East Railway Station, the best way is the metro Line 1. You just need to take the subway from Exit D from the Hangzhou East Train Station, get off from the Exit B from the Fengqi Road Station, and walk for about 915m. If you go to West Lake from Hangzhou Railway Station, you can still take the metro Line 1 from the Exit A2 of Chengzhan Station, get off from Exit B of Fengqi Road Station, and walk for 915m.

9. What should I buy in Hangzhou?

Re: Hangzhou has a plenty of specialties like silk, oil-painted umbrellas, Longjing tea, lotus powder, dried bamboo shoots, scissors, fans, and more.

10. How do I get to Hangzhou?

Re: There are two major ways to get to Hangzhou, the flight and train. Hangzhou has one of the busiest airports in China and there are many international flights. If there is no direct flight to Hangzhou, you can always get to Shanghai first and then take train to Hangzhou.

11. When is Wuzhen Water Town open?

Re: The opening hour of Wuzhen Water Town is from 08:00-17:30 in winter time and from 07:00-18:00 in summer time. If you visit in holidays or weekends, you can book the evening tickets from 18:00-21:00.

12. What's the best way to see Wuzhen Water Town?

Re: Wuzhen Water Town is best visited by boat. You will have a totally different experience.

13. Can you book West Lake Impression Show for us?

Re: Yes, it is 360 RMB/ticket, the VIP ticket is 420 RMB, and the best ticket is 980 RMB.