

4 Days Shanghai - Huangshan Tour

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-SH-4D-01

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 and then enjoy an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city to the natural world. In Shanghai, you will learn about modern Chinese history in the French Concession and local bazaar, and then go to the tallest building in Shanghai to enjoy a full view of the whole city. Then, take a high-speed train and head for Huangshan to savour a natural wonderland. Be immersed in the foggy mountain, you might feel like you've entered a fairyland. Descending the mountain, you will visit a famous, local village like Hongcun Village. Featured with distinct Hui-style architecture, the calm and serenity of these villages and country life is therapeutic.

Highlights

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

Itinerary

| Date | Starting Time | Destination |
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| Day 1 | 09:00 a.m | Yuyuan Garden, Shikumen Area in French Concession, World Financial Center, Shanghai Museum, the Bund. |

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| Day 2 | 09:00 a.m | Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang, take train to Huangshan |
| Day 3 | 09:00 a.m | Cloud-dispelling Pavilion |
| Day 4 | 08:00 a.m | Xihai Grand Canyon, Hongcun Village |

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

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

09:20 - 11:00: Visit **Yuyuan Garden** and the local bazaar area. Dating back 400 years ago,

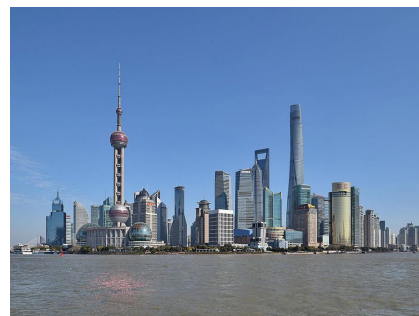
Yuyuan Garden was a private garden. It was built in the style of most of the classic Jiangnan gardens. You will see Yu Linglong - a unique stone listed as one of the 3 famous stones in Jiangnan. The other two refer to Guan Yunfeng in the Liu Garden of Suzhou and Zhou Yunfeng in the Zhusu Garden of Hangzhou. Our guide will also brief you about the local cuisines you may come across.



11:10 - 12:30 p.m: Stop at the **Shikumen Area in the 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 building style in Shanghai. You can still found some traces of the lives of foreigners who lived here many years ago.

12:30 - 13:30: Enjoy a typical Shanghai lunch.

14:00 - 14:50: Travel to the top of the **World Financial Center** and enjoy a view of the whole city. With the height of 492m, the Shanghai World Financial Center is ranked as the 3rd tallest building in the world.



15:00 -16:30: Visit the **Shanghai Museum**. As one of the renowned ancient art museums, the Shanghai Museum has collected about 140,000 cultural relics. There are 10 classes of relics currently displayed. 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 ceremonial wares like a

battle-axe and tripod, daily necessities in ancient life like pottery and porcelain, calligraphy works like the Oracle, and various jade ornaments.

16:30 - 17:10: Take a stroll along **the Bund**. You will see a lot of locals enjoying leisure time singing, dancing, or just walking around. Here, you are able to mingle with the locals whilst enjoying breathtaking views.

17:30: Return to your hotel.

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

09:00: Start this day tour by meeting your guide in your hotel lobby.

10:10 - 12:00: 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 contrast to experience this old and ancient part of China.

Drive for about one hour to reach the water town, where you may take time to wander through the narrow streets, stroll across the various bridges, discover interesting handmade articles in the street shops and appreciate the traditional architecture of the houses.



12:00 - 13:00: Enjoy lunch at a nice local restaurant.

14:10 - 15:00: Stroll along **Tianzifang Street**. Situated in a small street of Dapuqiao area, Tianzifang was an abandoned warehouse. The Shanghai government began to renovate the street around 1988 and ever since, it has become a street of culture. You will come across some artistic shops, clothing shops, cafe houses and galleries.

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

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



Day 3: Cloud-dispelling Pavilion

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09:00: Meet your guide to start your day.

09:30 - 17:30: You will spend the whole day on **Mt. Huangshan**. There is a famous poem, in which a great traveler Xu Xiake 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 rare trees and oddly-shaped rock formations. Your tour guide will give you the back story to each peak and view. You will enjoy one the highlights here - the Cloud-dispelling Pavilion. In front of the pavilion, there are thousands of deep precipices covered in cloud. From a distant view, hundreds of faint peaks rise above the thick fog, like many small islands in the sea. You will understand why it is called the “sea of clouds”.

17:30: Mountain hotel drop off.

Day 4: Xihai Grand Canyon, Hongcun Village

08:00: Start your last day tour and continue your exploration of Mt. Huangshan.

08:00 - 10:30: You will visit the **Xihai Grand Canyon**.

Looking down into the canyon, you will find the clouds are very thick. While looking upwards, you will feel as though you are walking on clouds. With the guidance of your tour guide, you will discover a lot of beauties. After the tour, you will take the cable car down the mountain.



12:20 - 14:00: Visit the local village - **Hongcun Village**. The whole village was built upon the river with mountains as a backdrop. Featured in model Hui-style architecture, Hongcun Village is

shaped like an ox. You can find both forest views and the river landscape here, making it a revered village in Chinese Painting. It's also a great place for photography.

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

19:00: Shanghai Hongqiao Train Station pick up and Shanghai hotel drop off. Your trip comes to an end.



What's Important:

What's included:

- Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.
- Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fee for sights 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 at 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. There are several religions or beliefs in Anhui Province. Please respect their customs and habits.

2. In case you travel to Huangshan on rainy days, like in 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 between goods sold on the mountain and elsewhere. We suggest you taste some delicacies in the 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 in stores frequented by tourists on the mountain as the prices are insanely high.
5. Besides the entrance fee and cable car fee, basically all other things can be bargained for. However, we don't recommend that you bargain as it may lead to the vendor's relentless selling.
6. Always keep an eye on your possessions.
7. Please bring as little as possible when you climb the mountain.
8. Bring a raincoat in case of rain. The weather can be very unpredictable up there.
9. Do not climb the high peak during thunder and lighting.
10. The road on the mountain can be steep, please walk slowly. Take your time.
11. You can try to walk in a Z shape when climbing, which can save some energy.
12. There are some rare trees and flowers that are very valuable to the mountain. Enjoy by all means, just don't pick.
13. Sunrise and sunset on Mt. Huang is spectacular. You may enjoy this 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 at the standard rate 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 shops for shopping.
15. 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.
16. 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 at the standard rate of 100 RMB per hour.

17. 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.
18. Please be aware that your itinerary can be changed at anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
19. 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.
20. Wheelchairs are available, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
21. 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 the cold, then winter time (December - February) is a great time to visit. You can admire the great views of frost, rime and glazed ice.

From March to May, the mountain embraces spring and becomes lively again with flowing brooks the songs of many bird varieties.

June to August is summer time and it rains a lot. You may find it great to enjoy the many waterfalls.

During autumn, the whole mountain is tranquil again and perfect for hiking.

2. How long does it take 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 do we get up to the mountain top?

Re: Don't worry about this. You will take the cable car up and down Mt. Huangshan, which will save your time and energy 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 features 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 couriered to your Shanghai hotel for you to 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 is 8-9 hours. If you have finished your tour early, our tour guide can certainly help you until you get to dinner. Otherwise, you will need to pay extra for their overtime work.