

6 Days Shanghai - Suzhou - Hangzhou Trip

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-SZH-6D -01

Duration: 4 Days

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

Overview: Arriving in Shanghai you will explore Shanghai with your guide. Visiting a Shikumen in the French Concession gives a glimpse into the short period of time when foreigners lived in this city. Be rewarded with the best view of the whole city from the on the World Financial Center. Visit the Shanghai museum and learn more about Shanghai history. Next, you will head for Suzhou and Hangzhou to discover these two Jiangnan-style cities. Enter the Master of Nets Garden and have a peek at how private gardens look. Then, ride a boat on the West Lake and listen to the legendary love story between Bai Niangzi and Xu Xian.

Highlights

- Take a boat ride on the beautiful West Lake;
- Enjoy the most popular and the wealthiest temple - Lingyin Temple;
- Sip the world-famous Longjing Tea;
- Climb the tallest building in Shanghai - World Financial Center and enjoy a bird's-eye view of Shanghai city;
- Wander in Shanghai's Xin Tian Di and feel the vitality of modern Shanghai.
- Understand the significance of the Great Canal;
- Learn about Chinese Tea culture in the Tea Museum.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	Flexible	Arrival in Shanghai

Day 2	09:00 a.m	Yuyuan Garden, Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession, World Financial Center, Shanghai Museum, the Bund
Day 3	09:00 a.m	Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang
Day 4	07:00 a.m	Shanghai - Suzhou by high-speed train, Master of Nets Garden, Shantang Street, Great Canal
Day 5	06:40 a.m	Suzhou North- Hangzhou East by train G7505(08:25 - 09:54), West Lake, Leifeng Pagoda, Longjing Tea Museum
Day 6	Flexible	Departure from Shanghai

Day 1: Arrival in Shanghai

Upon your arrival, your local driver will be waiting for you and you will be transferred to your hotel.

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

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

09:10 - 11:30: 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 the Ming and Qing dynasties, it is a MUST



for all tourists coming to Shanghai. Wandering in the pavilions, corridors, streams, courtyards and many other natural features in the Garden, you will enjoy both the natural beauty and the human creations.

11:30-12:40: Head to **Xintiandi & Shikumen House** in the French Concession. XinTianDi, which means “new heaven and earth” is a new entertainment spot and new landmark of Shanghai. As you may know, Shikumen, the unique architectural style, has been called a fusion of eastern and western cultures, was once very popular in the 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: Have lunch in a nice local restaurant.

13:40 - 14:20: From the top of the **World Financial Center** enjoy a bird’s-eye view of Shanghai city. Located in the Pudong district, it’s a comprehensive building with mixed usage as offices, a shopping mall, conference rooms, a hotel and an observation deck. From the observation deck you will enjoy a full view of the city.

14:40 - 16:20: Visit the **Shanghai Museum**. As one of the renowned ancient art museums, the Shanghai Museum has collected about 140,000 cultural relics. There are 11 classes of relics currently displayed. To appreciate the most spectacular relics in such a limited time period, our tour guides will introduce you to 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: Walk in **the Bund**. Located on the west bank of the Huangpu River in Shanghai, the Bund was originally a pathway for boatmen and hard laborers; while nowadays, the Bund has become the most characteristic view and the most recognized symbol of the city with its rich cultural connotations of hundreds of years. For the Europeans, it was like the Wall Street in the east, where prosperous trading took place and massive fortunes were made and lost. Other famous Shanghai landmarks like the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Jinmao tower stand proudly across the river from the Bund creating a stark contrast between the old and the new Shanghai, and a

must see on your tour.

17:30: Drop off at your hotel..

Day 3: Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang

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

10:00 - 13:00: Start your amazing Shanghai tour with **Zhujiajiao Water Town**. This town was a significant trading hub with nearby countries 1700 years ago, and boats were used to ferry all kinds of wares here. Lining the banks are many houses built in rows with interlaced narrow paths connecting each other. The best way to see the town is from a boat where you can enjoy a leisurely ride observing the life along the river (Boat ride for your own account). Walking in the streets is also fun to be part of the bustling life.



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

15:00 - 16:30: Leave for **Tianzifang**, another glimmering example of the preservation and development of the local Shikumen architecture. Located in a labyrinth of alleyways off Taikang Road near Dapu Bridge, it is an arts and crafts enclave developed from a renovated residential area with families still residing in the neighboring buildings. It is also referred to as Taikang Road. Based on the similar concept in Xintiandi of renovating whilst preserving the local Shikumen-style houses, this area has been converted into a great place for arts in Shanghai. Since 1998, many famous Chinese artists, including Chen Yifei, Er Dongqiang, Wang Jieyin and Wang Jiajun, set up their studios in Tianzifang, which has added to its fame.



17:00: Drop off at Shanghai hotel.

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

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07:00: 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: Suzhou train station pick up, you will visit the **Master of Nets Garden**. With a total area of 0.54 hectares, the 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: Lunch at a nice local restaurant or whatever you request (For your own account).

13: 00- 14:00: After lunch, you will visit **Shantang Street**. It's a famous ancient street in Suzhou. With a history of over 1000 years, the street is becoming more and more a cultural destination. You will see a lot of ancient shops and stores arranged on both sides of the road. The river is nearby. You will enjoy leisure time here.



14:30- 16:30: Your last stop will be the **Great Canal**.

This canal was built in Sui Dynasty. Back then, it took a lot of manpower leading to the subjects complaining of the tyranny of Emperor Yang in the Sui Dynasty. Yet, in the following dynasties and years, the Great Canal played a significant role in the development of the economy, politics and culture between the north and south. People began to see its value and it also attracts many visitors 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: Suzhou hotel pick up and Suzhou train station drop off. Hangzhou train station pick up and

your Hangzhou trip commences.

10:00 -12:00: Your first sight will be the picturesque **West Lake**. In the morning, you will see a lot of sights that are often missed. As the No. 1 travel destination in Hangzhou, it is worth 2 hours of leisurely exploration. You can also take a boat and ride along the water.



Your next activity will be **Viewing Fish at the Harbor**. It's still on the West Lake. You will see a lot of fish swimming around hoping to be fed.

12:00 - 13:00: Lunch at a nice local restaurant or a restaurant of your preference. (For your own account).

13:20 - 15:00: After lunch, you will visit the famous **Leifeng Tower**. 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.



15:00-16:30: Your last sight 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 melt away all your stress and fatigue.

17:00: After the tour, you will be dropped off at the Hangzhou Railway station and head back to Shanghai. Met by your 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 sights mentioned
Bottled water.
2nd class train tickets needed above

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

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FAQ

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

Re: If you wish to add one of these sights, it's better to add an extra day.

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

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

3. 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 will be couriered to your Shanghai hotel before you need them.

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 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.