



Beijing / East-Central China 11-Day Tour (CITT11)

Beijing 北京 – Suzhou 苏州 – Wuxi 无錫 – Nanjing 南京 – Shanghai 上海 –
Wuzhen 乌镇 – Hangzhou 杭州

Please note:

- * **At this time, only Chinese-speaking tour guides are available for this tour.**
- * *A minimum tour group size of 10 people is necessary for the tour to proceed.*
- * *The Chinese names listed in the itinerary are written with the simplified characters used in Mainland China.*

Day 1: U.S.A. – Beijing

Today you will board a plane bound for China, where you will witness the vicissitudes of China's five thousand-year history. Your tour will begin with the dynamic capital city of Beijing.

Day 2: Arrival in Beijing

Today, after arriving in Beijing, you will be greeted at the airport by CIT's professional bilingual tour guide and escorted to the hotel where you will be staying overnight.

Day 3: Beijing (B/L/D)

Today you will visit **Tiananmen** (“the Gate of Heavenly Peace”) **Square**. You will make a special trip to see the **National Grand Theatre**, whose exterior looks like an enormous eggshell. Next, you will tour the **Forbidden City**, which served as the royal palace for 24 consecutive emperors. There you can explore art museums from every dynasty, exhibitions of Qing Dynasty cultural relics, the **Three Great Halls**, the **Palace of Heavenly Purity**, the **Imperial Garden**, and other attractions. In the evening you will stroll along the shore of **Shicha Hai**, a picturesque man-made lake.

Day 3 Attractions:

Tiananmen Square (天安门广场, Tiānānmén Guǎngchǎng)

National Grand Theatre (国家大剧院, Guójiā Dàjùyuàn)

Forbidden City (故宫, Gù Gōng, or 紫禁城, Zǐjìn Chéng)

Three Great Halls (三大殿, Sān Dàdiàn)

Imperial Garden (御花园, Yùhuā Yuán)

Palace of Heavenly Purity (乾清宫, Qiánqīng Gōng)

Shicha Hai (什刹海, Shíchà Hǎi)

Day 4: Beijing (B/L/D)

Today you will visit the **Great Wall of China**, one of the Eight Wonders of the Ancient World. You can climb up to the highest point and admire the spectacular view of mountains arrayed around you. Afterward, you will tour the **Summer Palace**, used by the imperial family during the Qing Dynasty. Later, you will visit the famous sites of many 2008 Olympics events: the National Aquatics Center, or “**Water Cube**,” and the National Stadium, or “**Bird's Nest**.” For dinner, you will enjoy a meal of Peking Duck.

Day 4 Attractions:

Great Wall of China (万里长城, Wànlǐ Chángchéng)

Summer Palace (颐和园, Yíhé Yuán)

Water Cube (水立方, Shuǐ Lǐfāng)

Bird's Nest (鸟巢, Niǎo Cháo)

Special Arrangements: Peking duck (烤鸭, kǎoyā)

**Day 5: Beijing – Shanghai – Suzhou (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, you will take a flight to Shanghai, China's largest city. From there you will proceed by coach to Suzhou to tour **Shantang Street**, which has a history of more than 1100 years. Here you can admire row upon row of traditional houses and shops, many of which are sandwiched between the street and the canal behind them, and some of which even feature a connecting span built over the street itself. You will take a boat ride along the **Shantang Street Canal**, admiring the boats adorned with jasmine flowers, white orchids, and other decorations as they float to and fro. You can also enjoy a distant view of the faraway **Tiger Hill Leaning Tower** (also known as **Cloud Rock Pagoda**), which can be called China's Leaning Tower of Pisa. Afterward, you will visit one of the four most famous gardens in China, the **Lingering Garden**, which features a variety of beautiful and interesting works of architecture and landscaping. The day's tour will conclude with a tour of **Cold Mountain Temple**, made famous by the poem "Anchored at Night by Maple Bridge."

Day 5 Attractions:

Shantang Street (山塘街, Shāntáng Jiē)

Shantang Street Canal (古运河, Gǔ Yùnhé)

view of **Tiger Hill Leaning Tower / Cloud Rock Pagoda** (虎丘斜塔, Hǔqiū Xiétǎ / 云岩塔, Yúnyán Tǎ)

Lingering Garden (留园, Liú Yuán)

Cold Mountain Temple (寒山寺, Hánshān Sì)

Day 6: Suzhou – Wuxi (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will take a tour of the **Suzhou Embroidery Research Institute**, a silk factory that produces high-quality silk products, before heading by coach to the city of Wuxi. Wuxi combines stunning "mountain-and-water" scenery, beautiful lake and river views, and human ingenuity. There you will visit **Lake Tai's** famous **Turtle Head Isle**, which features a vast expanse of emerald water and peaks that appear and suddenly disappear in the lake mist, creating a magical, constantly changing scene. Turtle Head Isle has exclusive claim to the title of Lake Tai's most scenic spot, and its clean, pure mountain-and-water environment is truly a natural wonder. Climb up to the top of the turtle's "head" and let the view take your cares away. Then stroll along the shore of Lake Tai and enjoy the feeling of enchantment its beautiful scenery inspires. Afterward, you will take a tour of a **freshwater pearl farm** at Lake Tai. For dinner, you will have an opportunity to sample some delightful Lake Tai-style cuisine.

Day 6 Attractions:

Suzhou Embroidery Research Institute (苏州丝绸刺绣研究所, Sūzhōu Sīchóu Cìxiù Yánjiūsuǒ)

Lake Tai (太湖, Tài Hú)

Turtle Head Isle (鼋头渚, Yuántóu Zhǔ)

freshwater pearl farm (淡水珍珠养殖场, Dànshuǐ Zhēnzhū Yǎngzhíchǎng)

Day 7: Wuxi – Nanjing (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will visit **Three Kingdoms City** to follow in the footsteps of the heroes of the famous historical novel *The Romance of the Three Kingdoms* (三国演义) and experience the majestic atmosphere of the Great War of the Three Kingdoms. Then you will proceed to Nanjing, which served as the capital of six dynasties. There you can admire the resting place of the leader of China's democratic movement: the **Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum**. The profound historical significance, great cultural value, and beautiful grounds of the mausoleum have earned the reverence of the Chinese people, both those within China and those abroad. You will also see the ruins of the **Ming City Wall**, the longest city wall ever built, which was constructed during the Ming Dynasty and encircles the city. Afterward, you can try some "Qinhuai" (秦淮)-style snacks as you stroll through the **Fuzi Temple night market**.

Day 7 Attractions:

Three Kingdoms City (三国城, Sānguó Chéng)

Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum (中山陵, Zhōngshān Líng)



Ming City Wall (明城牆, Míng Chéngqiáng)

Fuzi Temple night market (夫子廟夜市, Fūzǐ Miào Yèshì)

Day 8: Nanjing – Shanghai (B/L/D)

Today you will travel back to Shanghai, First you will visit **Temple of the Town Gods Old Street**, where you can get a taste of what Shanghai looked like 100 years ago. Afterward, you can take a stroll along bustling **Nanjing Road** and then admire the old European buildings, left over from colonial days, that line the Huangpu River at the **Bund**. There you can also enjoy the stunning sight of an imposing cluster of modern skyscrapers across the river in **Pudong**, an area that, though it seems impossible, was still mostly farmland just twenty years ago. For dinner, you can try some authentic Shanghai cuisine.

Day 8 Attractions:

Temple of the Town Gods Old Street (城隍廟老街, Chéng huáng Miào Lǎojiē)

Nanjing Road (南京路, Nánjīng Lù)

The Bund (外灘, Wàitān)

view of **Pudong** (浦東, Pǔdōng)

Day 9: Shanghai – Wuzhen – Hangzhou (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will head to Hangzhou. On the way, you will stop at **Wuzhen**, which has been called the most beautiful “water village” in China. With its canals, bridges, white walls, and black cobblestones, Wuzhen has the authentic traditional ambiance of a 1300-year-old village. After arriving in the beautiful city of Hangzhou, you will visit **West Lake**, situated between downtown Hangzhou and the surrounding hills. You will take a boat ride on the lake and admire the magnificent views laid out along the shore in every direction. Afterward, you will visit the **West Lake Dragon Well Tea Village**. Dinner will feature Hangzhou cuisine.

Day 9 Attractions:

Wuzhen (烏鎮, wūzhèn)

a boat ride on **West Lake** (西湖, Xī Hú)

West Lake Dragon Well Tea Village (西湖龍井茶莊, Xīhú Lóngjǐng Cházhuāng)

Day 10: Hangzhou – Guangzhou

Your tour guide will take you to the airport, where you will board a flight to Guangzhou (Canton).

Day 11: Guangzhou – Hong Kong or U.S.A.



Tour Features:

- 4- or 5-Star accommodations throughout the trip

Complimentary Features:

- a one-night stay in Guangzhou (except during Canton Fair in late October)
- travel accident insurance
- free air ticket extensions for those who wish to stay longer (entire trip must be no longer than 30 days)

Tour price includes the following:

1. round-trip international plane ticket
2. all domestic travel fares within China
3. tour guide fee
4. entrance fees and tickets for all places and programs listed in the itinerary (non-refundable)
5. three satisfying meals a day (except on international arrival and departure days and as noted in the itinerary)
6. travel accident insurance

Tour price does NOT include the following:

1. Chinese visa processing fee
2. air ticket fees and taxes
3. any and all personal expenses
4. tips for tour leader, tour guides, driver, bellhops, etc.
5. any other expenses caused by acts of God, natural disasters, fires, weather, acts of government or authorities, political changes, strikes, war, riots, quarantine, customs regulations, damages or injury caused by accidents beyond the responsibilities or control of travel agents

Departure Date	Price (not including fees and taxes)
through 3/31/10	\$888
4/1 – 6/2	\$999
6/3 – 9/1	\$1299
9/2 – 10/31	\$1099
11/1 – 12/4	\$999
12/5 – 1/2/2011	\$1299

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- 60 or more days prior to departure: \$200 per person will be assessed.
- 45-59 days prior to departure: \$300 per person will be assessed.
- 30-44 days prior to departure: \$400 per person will be assessed.
- 15-29 days prior to departure: \$500 per person will be assessed.
- 3-14 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person will be assessed.
- Less than 3 days or nonappearance: 100% of total charge.

If tickets for any form of transportation (including, but not limited to, airline, cruise, or train) have already been issued or final confirmation has been received at time of cancellation, an additional penalty will be assessed in accordance with the policies of the company providing the transportation.