

**Jiangnan Gourmet Food / Yellow Mountain 10-Day Tour (CIT003)****Shanghai 上海 – Zhouzhuang 周庄 – Suzhou 苏州 – Wuxi 无锡 –
Hangzhou 杭州 – Huangshan 黄山 (Yellow Mountain)**

Note: *The Chinese names listed in the itinerary are written with the simplified characters used in Mainland China.*

Day 1: U.S.A. – Shanghai

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 in Shanghai, the largest city in China.

Day 2: Arrival in Shanghai

Today, after arriving in Shanghai, 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.

Shanghai Accommodations: **Grand Mercure Hongqiao Shanghai** 虹桥美爵 (5-Star)

<http://www.grandmercurehongqiao.cn/>

Day 3: Shanghai – Zhouzhuang – Suzhou

Today, after breakfast, you will visit **Zhouzhuang**, a famous "water village" built around a series of canals, with buildings dating back to the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Like flipping through a series of well-preserved old photos, walking through Zhouzhuang will give you an intense feeling of nostalgia. You will also tour the village via a traditional gondola-like boat and savor the poetic atmosphere of life along the canals. Lunch will consist of local family-style dishes made with food produced by the area's farms, whose fields are rich and fertile. Names of the dishes you will sample include the famous "Wansan pig trotters" (Wànsān Tí) and a freshly picked local vegetable called "Āpó Cài," which might be translated as "Grandma's greens." Afterward, you will visit another place rich with poetic atmosphere: **Cold Mountain Temple** (also called **Hanshan Temple**). Then you will tour the **Humble Administrator's Garden**, one of the most famous of Suzhou's traditional gardens and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Finally, as evening approaches, you will have some time to relax at **Shantang Street**, an old-style street lined with traditional houses and featuring a picturesque canal. You will have a chance to enjoy a boat ride on the canal and take in a distant view of **Tiger Hill**, with its famous leaning tower. Your dinner will feature authentic Suzhou cuisine, famed for its simple yet delicately flavorful character, and Suzhou-style cake, sweet and delicious but not greasy.

Day 3 Attractions:

Zhouzhuang (周庄, Zhōuzhuāng)

Cold Mountain Temple / Hanshan Temple (寒山寺, Hánshān Sì)

Humble Administrator's Garden (拙政园, Zhuōzhèng Yuán)

Shantang Street (山塘街, Shāntáng Jiē)

view of **Tiger Hill** (虎丘山, Hǔqiū Shān)

Special Arrangements: **gondola ride** on the canals of Zhouzhuang, **riverboat ride** on Shantang Street canal

Suzhou Accommodations: **Holiday Inn Youlian Suzhou** 苏州友联假日 (4-Star)

<http://www.holidayinn.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/suzyl>

Day 4: Suzhou – Wuxi – Hangzhou

After breakfast, you will proceed to the prosperous city of Wuxi. There you will tour **Xihui Park**, the location of the **Hui Mountain Spring**, which was traditionally considered the "second best spring in the world." You will also see the city's beautiful gardens, the most famous tourist attraction in Wuxi. For lunch you can dig into some authentic Wuxi spareribs and sample the cuisine unique to the Lake Tai area, including a shrimp dish whose light seasoning allows you to savor the shrimps' own natural flavors. Afterward you will visit **Three Kingdoms City**, a re-creation of a Three Kingdoms-era (3rd century A.D.)



town featuring architecture, costumes, and performances from the period. Then you will take a boat trip on nearby **Lake Tai**, which is the most iconic symbol of Wuxi and is also famous for its pearls. Finally, you will head to Hangzhou, where you will enjoy a dinner featuring Hangzhou-style “red clay pot” cuisine. Hangzhou’s cuisine has a distinguished status among China’s regional cuisines, and we have arranged a meal that will delight your senses. It would be difficult for you to reproduce these dishes in your own kitchen, so be sure to bring your appetite and take full advantage of this opportunity!

Day 4 Attractions:

Xihui Park (锡惠公园, Xīhuì Gōngyuán)

Hui Mountain Spring (惠山泉, Huìshān Quán)

Three Kingdoms City (三国城, Sānguó Chéng)

boat trip on **Lake Tai** (太湖, Tài Hú)

Special Arrangements: Wuxi-style **spare ribs**, Lake Tai **boat trip**, Hangzhou “red clay pot” cuisine

Hangzhou Accommodations: **Best Western Premier Hangzhou** 瑞丰格林 (4-Star)

<http://www.premierhotelhz.com>

Day 5: Hangzhou

In the morning you will tour **Lingyin Temple**, which according to legend was originally built by a Buddhist monk from India. The legend also says that **Feilai Peak** (“Peak Flying from Afar”), just across from the temple, was transported through the air to the site directly from India. Next you will visit the opulent **Residence of Hu Xueyan**. Built with an enormous sum of money by a 19th-century pharmaceutical magnate, it has been called “China’s Number One Mansion.” Hangzhou’s iconic **West Lake** is what the city is primarily known for. We have made special arrangements for you to take a relaxing boat trip to enjoy the scenery of West Lake, which is bounded on one side by a modern downtown area and on the other sides by the natural beauty of Hangzhou’s hills. This scenery is one of the main reasons for the Chinese expression “Up above, there’s Heaven; down here, there’s Suzhou and Hangzhou.” We have also set aside plenty of time for you to walk along the shore of West Lake and take in its many famous sights, such as **Red Carp Pond** and **Liulang Wenyang Park**. Your meals today will feature world-renowned Hangzhou dishes such as “West Lake Vinegar Fish,” “Dragon Well Shrimp,” and duck stewed with bamboo shoots.

Day 5 Attractions:

Lingyin Temple (灵隐寺, Língyǐn Sì)

Feilai Peak (飞来峰, Fēilái Fēng)

Residence of Hu Xueyan (胡雪岩, Hú Xuěyán Gùjū)

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

Red Carp Pond (花港观鱼, Huāgǎng Guānyú)

Liulang Wenyang Park (柳浪闻莺, Liǔlàng Wényīng)

Special Arrangements: We have arranged for you to stay two nights in Hangzhou to ensure that you have plenty of time to see its most iconic scenery and experience what this cultured city has to offer.

Day 6: Hangzhou – Huangshan (Yellow Mountain)

After breakfast you will head to Yellow Mountain. First you will visit Anhui Province’s famous **Hong Village**, which was built in 1131. Arranged in the shape of the Chinese character for “ox,” Hong Village is considered by many to be the most beautiful village in China and has been called “the village of Chinese paintings” because of its oft-painted scenery. Because of its beauty and history, it is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After your tour of the village, you will have time to rest in preparation for tomorrow’s climb up to the top of Yellow Mountain. Your meals today will feature the Huizhou-style cuisine eaten in the Huangshan area. Traditionally considered one of China’s “eight major cuisines,” it is said to be so delicious that tasting just one or two dishes will make you wish you were from Huizhou. Its apparent simplicity is belied by the range of colors, aromas, and flavors found in Huizhou cuisine. The dishes you can enjoy today include smoked duck and Huizhou-style glutinous rice balls.

**Day 6 Attractions:**

Hong Village (宏村, Hóngcūn)

Huangshan Accommodations, Day 6: Media Hotel Huangshan 黄山梅地亚酒店 (4-Star)

<http://www.hsmediahotel.com/>

Day 7: Huangshan

Today you will take a gondola to the top of **Yellow Mountain**. The incomparable majesty of Yellow Mountain is described in the writings of Chinese thinkers and expressed in ancient sayings. Yellow Mountain's natural scenery, including exotic pine trees, strange rock formations, a "sea of clouds," and hot springs, makes it truly special. There are no less than 72 famous peaks in the Yellow Mountain area, each of them unique in appearance. Its three most famous peaks all rise to an elevation of more than 1,800 meters above sea level. In addition to its numerous peaks, Yellow Mountain's clouds are a major aspect of its beauty, and people who visit Yellow Mountain invariably say that the most striking views are from the highest peaks when there are clouds and mist. Today's meals will include local dishes such as mountain-grown "tree-ear" (mù ér), renowned for its nutritive power, and chicken stewed with wild mushrooms. Due to the remote location of Yellow Mountain's summit, the selection of dishes available today may lack the variety of the cuisine you will eat elsewhere, but we will ensure that your meals include only the freshest ingredients, and the experience of dining in this picturesque mountain setting is uniquely enjoyable.

Day 7 Attractions:

the spectacular scenery of **Yellow Mountain** (黄山, Huángshān)

Special Arrangements: an overnight stay at the top of the mountain and the opportunity enjoy a **Yellow Mountain sunrise** the next morning

Huangshan Accommodations, Day 7: Xi Hai Hotel Huangshan 黄山西海 (4-Star)

<http://www.hsxihaihotel.cn/>

Day 8: Huangshan – Shanghai

Early in the morning you can stop and appreciate the endless variety of atmospheric phenomena that accompany **sunrise on Yellow Mountain**, after which you will return to the hotel to enjoy breakfast. After breakfast you will enjoy the many spectacular sights Yellow Mountain has to offer, with names like **Bright Summit Peak, Flying Rock, Lion Peak, Echo Cliff, Wall Hanging Pine, Black Tiger Pine, Beginning to Believe Peak**, and **Refreshing Terrace**, the views from which will make you wonder whether you have entered a fairytale world. As the name "Beginning to Believe Peak" suggests, a visit to Yellow Mountain will change your outlook on the world. Afterward, you will take a gondola to the bottom of the mountain and then board a tour bus for the trip back to Shanghai. Upon your arrival, to help you recover from your journey, you can enjoy a delicious meal of local Shanghai cuisine, which, like Shanghai itself, combines many different influences into a unique style that seems to suit the tastes of just about everyone. The dishes available tonight include smoked fish and "drunken chicken" (zuijī).

Day 8 Attractions:

sunrise on Yellow Mountain

sightseeing tour of Yellow Mountain

Special Arrangements: gondola (cable car) rides up and down the mountain

Shanghai Accommodations: Grand Mercure Hongqiao Shanghai 虹桥美爵 (5-Star)

<http://www.grandmercurehongqiao.cn/>

Day 9: Shanghai

After breakfast, you will head to the **Old Town** district (also known as **Old Street**) to visit **Yuyuan Gardens** and the **Temple of the Town Gods Shopping Center**. Here you will find goods of every description, including artworks, jewelry, clothes, snacks, souvenirs, toys, and special folk handicrafts. For lunch today, you will have a meal of Shanghai-style dimsum, featuring popular dishes like pan-fried steamed buns with meat filling and jujube cake. Afterward, you will tour the **Shanghai Museum**, whose artworks and artifacts are appreciated both within China and internationally. For dinner we have arranged a night of authentic Shanghai dishes at a famous local restaurant, including flash-fried river shrimp,



sweet-and-sour spare ribs, and “eight treasures” (Bābǎo Jiàng). You won't find these dishes prepared this well anywhere else. In the evening you will enjoy a performance by a famous Shanghai-based troupe of acrobats.

Day 9 Attractions:

Old Town (老城市, Lǎo Chéngshì)

Yuyuan Gardens (豫园, Yùyuán)

Temple of the Town Gods Shopping Center (城隍庙商圈, Chéng huáng Miào Shāngquān)

Shanghai Museum (上海博物馆, Shànghǎi Bówùguǎn)

Special Arrangements: a taste of **authentic Shanghainese food**, **Shanghai acrobats** (杂技, zájì)

Day 10: Shanghai – U.S.A.

Today you will say farewell to Shanghai and return to your home, sweet home. You will take a ride on the **Shanghai Maglev Train**, which is the world's only commercial high-speed maglev train. The western end of the line leaves from Longyang Road Station on Shanghai's No. 2 subway line, and its eastern end is at Pudong International Airport; its total length is 30 kilometers. With a maximum speed of 431 kilometers per hour, the train takes only 7 minutes and 20 seconds to transport you the entire length of the track to the airport, where you will take a flight back to the United States.

Special Arrangements: **Maglev Train** (磁浮列车, Cífú Lièchē)



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