## Hangzhou & Suzhou Splendid Tour - 3 Days

This tour best selects Suzhou and Hangzhou – both are the most beautiful cities in China. The picturesque West Lake in Hangzhou and delicate Chinese gardens in Suzhou will not fail to impress you.

## 240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China

China is implementing a 10-day (240 hours) visa-free transit policy. The transit program allows visitors who have existing flight bookings from China to a third country (region) to snag a visa on arrival at a Chinese airport (port) and stay for 10 days before departure. Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan all count as third destinations.

Passport holders of 54 countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, can enter visa-free through any of the 60 open airports (ports) in 24 provincial regions, covering popular tourist cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Chengdu and Guangzhou.

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Meanwhile, citizens from 38 countries can enter China visa-free for up to 30 days.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Hangzhou	In the morning, meet your guide at the hotel and start your tour in Hangzhou, which is considered as one of the most beautiful cities in China.  West Lake , Viewing Fish at Flower Harbor and the Three Pools Mirroring the Moon, Six Harmonies Pagoda  The West Lake (UNESCO) is famous for its natural beauty and historic relics and it has has influenced numerous painters, poets, and garden designers throughout Chinese history. You will take a short cruise on the picturesque West Lake.  Explore the Viewing Fish at Flower Harbor and the Three Pools Mirroring the Moon, both of which are famous scenic spots in Hangzhou.  The Six Harmonies Pagoda is a masterpiece of ancient Chinese architecture. You can get a panoramic view of the Qiantang River on the very top.

2	Day 2 Hangzhou - Suzhou (by bullet train)	train station transfer in Hangzhou, train station-hotel transfer in Suzhou  breakfast, lunch  Lingyin Temple, Traditional Chinese Medicine Museum, Qinghefang Historical Street, Dragon Well Tea Plantation The Lingyin Temple is the biggest Buddhist Temple in southern China, which also features a large number of grottos and rock carvings.  The Traditional Chinese Medicine Museum will amaze you at the profound history and culture of Chinese medicine.  The Qinghefang Historical Street has been the most flourished street in the city since the ancient time. Hangzhou's century-old shops are all located in this area.  The Dragon Well Tea Plantation is one of the origin places of Dragon Well Tea, also called Longjing Tea. The first picked tea leaves of the new harvest were once reserved solely for the Emperor and transported to him via the Grand Canal in ancient China.
3	Day 3 Suzhou	breakfast, lunch  Lingering Garden, The Surging Wave Pavilion, Pingjiang Road, Master of Nets Garden, Optional night tour in the Master of Nets Garden  The Lingering Garden is known as one of the "Four Famous Classic Gardens" in China, and was listed as the World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 1997. The garden was built in the year of 1593. As a classic example of the refined art of gardening in ancient China, it highlights the delicate courtyard, magnificent halls, the green mountain, clear water and luxuriant trees.  The Surging Wave Pavilion was built in 1045 AD. Being the oldest extant garden in Suzhou, it has retained its original feature of "luxuriant plants, tall mountain, and expansive waters". Its natural scenery and simple design have earned the fame of "a mountain forest in urban surroundings".  Pingjiang Road, a ancient street along the Grand Canal, is filled with snack shops, tea houses, ping-tan museums, and boutique shops.  The Master of Nets Garden (built in 1174 A.D.) is an outstanding example of the small gardens in Suzhou. The garden covers only 0.6 hectare, small in size but very elegant. It keeps the traditional appearances of the time-tested and well-known residence in Suzhou, and it features the landscape garden in combination with the living quarters. The garden was inscribed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 1997.  Optional night tour in the Master of Nets Garden: The Master of Nets Garden (built in 1174 A.D.) provides an atmosphere of peace and calm in the evening, Inside the small and exquisite garden, the yellowish lights and red lanterns outline the pavilions and chambers built by water, displaying the nobleness and elegance of the Chinese garden. Besides, visitors can enjoy performances such as Kunqu Opera and Suzhou Pingtan in the garden. The night garden tour is available during mid-March to mid-November.

- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- Air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed in the above itinerary
- Lunches and dinners as listed
- Hotel accommodations with breakfast
- Domestic train tickets as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

- International flights & airport tax
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Entry Visa, travel insurance

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