

China Essence with Suzhou & Hangzhou (No Shopping) - 10 Days

This No-shopping tour not only features must-see sites in Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai, but also takes you to admire the elegant gardens and Grand Canal in Suzhou and cruise on the legendary West Lake in Hangzhou.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport-hotel transfer in Beijing
2	Day 2 Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven</i> The Tian'anmen Square is the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. The Forbidden City (UNESCO) is the imperial place where the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards, and private quarters. The Temple of Heaven (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors made sacrifices to Heaven and prayed for bountiful harvests, demonstrates the supreme achievement of traditional Chinese architecture. <p>Good to know: Usually the guide service for a full day tour is about from 9:00 to 17:00, and the evening time is on your own. If needed, your guide is happy to offer some tips or help you buy tickets for evening entertainment.</p> <p>Ideas for leisure time: If you are interested in Chinese Kung Fu, the Legend of Kung Fu is a good choice for tonight. It is stunning Kung Fu show with a great story line and martial arts skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Great Wall, Summer Palace</i> The Great Wall is one of the most spectacular structures ever built by humans and is the only one visible from space. The Summer Palace (UNESCO) is the largest imperial garden in the world. Emperors of successive dynasties created a summer retreat of Chinese gardens and pavilions, around the tranquil waters of Kunming Lake.
3	Day 3 Beijing	<p>Ideas for leisure time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Enjoy the Peking Duck dinner at time-honored restaurant - Quanjude or Bianyifang. The duck is characteristic with its crispy skin, tender meat and the fragrance from the fruit-wood.Watch a breathtaking acrobatic show at Chaoyang Theater or Tiandi Theater.
4	Day 4 Beijing – Xi'an (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'anbreakfast
5	Day 5 Xi'an	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda</i> The Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO) is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses, and bronze chariots have silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty landmark, is a seven-story pagoda initially constructed in 652 AD. One of the pagoda's many functions is to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the Buddhist translator and traveler - Xuanzang. <p>Ideas for leisure time: Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show.</p> <p>Good to know: If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or to take a day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.</p>
6	Day 6 Xi'an - Hangzhou (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport transfer in Xi'an, airport - hotel transfer in Hangzhoubreakfast, lunch<i>Ancient City Wall</i> The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.
7	Day 7 Hangzhou - Suzhou (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">train station transfer in Hangzhou, train station - hotel transfer in Suzhoubreakfast, lunch<i>West Lake, Six Harmonies Pagoda, Qinghefang Historical Street</i> The West Lake (UNESCO) is famous for its natural beauty and historic relics and it has influenced numerous painters, poets, and garden designers throughout Chinese history. You will take a short cruise on the picturesque West Lake. 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.

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.

8	Day 8 Suzhou - Shanghai (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • train station transfer in Suzhou, train station - hotel transfer in Shanghai • breakfast, lunch • <i>Master of Nets Garden, Grand Canal, Pingjiang Road, a silk factory en route</i> The Master of Nets Garden, the smallest and most proportional of all the beautiful gardens in Suzhou, is in the mood of tranquility and harmony. Take a small boat trip along the Grand Canal and get close to the world's oldest and longest canal. Pingjiang Road, a ancient street along the Grand Canal, is filled with snack shops, tea houses, ping-tan museums, and boutique shops.
9	Day 9 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast, lunch • <i>Yu Garden, Jade Budda Temple, Shanghai Museum, Bund</i> Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Jade Budda Temple is famous for its two precious jade Buddha statues brought from Burma, which are not only rare cultural relics but also exquisite artworks. The Shanghai Museum has a collection of 120,000 pieces of Chinese ancient treasures. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai. <p>Ideas for leisure time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acrobatic Shows in Shanghai are known as the best in China. You can never imagine how exciting the show is. 2. Or you could take a Huangpu River Night Cruise which is the perfect way to enjoy the gorgeous night view of Shanghai.
10	Day 10 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai • breakfast

Note:

This is a NO-SHOPPING tour, so you don't need to worry about any time-wasting tourist shopping stop.

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flight with tax and train tickets (2nd class seat) as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flights with taxes
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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