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Shanghai Highlights - Private Tour - 3 Days

Experience the captivating contrasts of China's most vibrant metropolis on this 3-day private Shanghai discovery tour. Uncover classic Jiangnan elegance inside historic Yu Garden, admire sacred white jade statues at the Jade Buddha Temple, and stroll past iconic colonial architecture along The Bund. Conclude your journey in the tranquil water town of Zhujiajiao, wandering ancient canals, arched stone bridges, and traditional Ming and Qing dynasty alleys.

Tour Highlights

Wander through the tranquil courtyards, koi ponds, and classical Ming Dynasty pavilions of Yu Garden.
Marvel at the two rare, jewel-encrusted Burmese white jade statues housed within the serene Jade Buddha Temple.
Stroll the historic promenade of The Bund to admire classic European colonial architecture against the futuristic skyline of Pudong.
Step back in time through the bustling bazaar and labyrinthine stone lanes of Shanghai Old Town.
Explore the romantic waterways, centuries-old stone bridges, and riverside heritage homes of Zhujiajiao Water Town.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Arrival in Shanghai	airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai

2	Day 2 Shanghai | Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple & The Bund	breakfast, lunch **Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, The Bund, Shanghai Old Town** Built in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), Yu Garden is a classic example of a Jiangnan region garden and the most famous of five classical gardens in Shanghai. The Yu Garden compound consists of more than 30 halls and is divided into six sections by "dragon walls", tall white walls with undulating grey tiled ridges each terminating in a dragon's head. Next to the garden is Yuyuan Bazaar, a labyrinth of small streets and lanes where you can find a large number of restaurants, tea houses and shops. The most popular restaurants are NanxiangMantou Restaurant, famous for its xiaolongbao, Lubolang Restaurant and Old Shanghai Restaurant. The Jade Buddha Temple is famous for its two precious jade Buddha statues brought from Burma, which are not only rare cultural relics but also exquisite artworks. One of the city's most recognisable landmarks and the pride of Shanghai for over one hundred years, the Bund is a mile-long stretch of waterfront promenade along the Huangpu River. On the west side of the road stand 52 buildings of various architectural styles, including Gothic, baroque, and neoclassical styles. It is often called an outdoor museum of buildings. Step back in time and experience the historical heart of the city at Shanghai Old Town, where classic Jiangnan-style architecture and bustling street markets offer a fascinating contrast to the city's futuristic skyscrapers. Anchored by the 16th-century Yu Garden and the lively bazaar surrounding the City God Temple, this vibrant district allows you to wander through labyrinthine alleys lined with traditional gray-brick buildings, cross the iconic Nine-Turn Bridge, and sample world-famous local delicacies like Xiaolongbao (soup dumplings) at historic eateries. **Leisure Time & Optional Experiences** **Huangpu River Cruise**: See Shanghai's iconic skyline from the water on a Huangpu River Cruise. Sail past the Bund's 52 historic colonial buildings and the futuristic skyscrapers of Lujiazui, including the Shanghai Tower and Oriental Pearl Tower. Choose a day cruise for clear architectural details or a night cruise (highly recommended) to see the city illuminated in a dazzling light show. **Shanghai Tower Skywalk Experience**: Soar to new heights at the Shanghai Tower, China's tallest building at 632 meters. Ride the world's fastest elevator (18m/s) to the 118th-floor Top of Shanghai Observatory. Enjoy 360°panoramic views of the city, including the Bund's colonial architecture, the Oriental Pearl Tower, and the winding Huangpu River.
3	Day 3 Shanghai Departure | Zhujiajiao Water Town	airport transfer in Shanghai breakfast **Zhujiajiao Ancient Town** With a history of more than 1700 years, the Zhujiajiao Ancient Town features lovely rivers, stone bridges, and historical buildings on the riverbank. Service ends.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How far is Zhujiajiao Water Town from central Shanghai?

A: Zhujiajiao is located in Qingpu District, approximately 45 to 50 kilometers west of downtown Shanghai. The transfer takes

about 50 to 60 minutes by private vehicle.

Q: Can the final day be adjusted based on our departure flight schedule?
A: Yes. Because this is a private tour, the timing of the Zhujiajiao excursion will be tailored to your flight or train schedule, with a direct drop-off arranged at either Pudong International Airport (PVG) or Hongqiao Airport/Station (SHA).

Q: What optional evening activities are recommended during the Shanghai stay?
A: Guests frequently enjoy taking a Huangpu River evening cruise to view the illuminated skylines of The Bund and Lujiazui, or heading up to the Shanghai Tower observation deck for panoramic 360-degree night views.

Q: Is this 3-day itinerary suitable for visitors traveling under the 240-hour visa-free transit?
A: Yes. Shanghai ports participate in the 240-hour visa-free transit scheme, making this 3-day tour ideal for international transit passengers holding confirmed onward tickets to a third country or region.

Tour Includes :

- Private English-speaking tour guide
- Private air-conditioned van
- Land transfers between airport and hotel
- Entrance ticket as listed
- Lunch as listed
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- Flight and train ticket
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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