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Huangshan Quick Facts

- **City Name:**Huangshan (黄山, huáng shān)
- **Population:**1.4 million (2010)
- **Location:**Central China
- **Features:** It is famous for the reathtaking scenery of Yellow Mountains.
- **Area Code:**0559
- **Zip Code:** 242700

Overview

Geographical Location

The city of Huangshan (Mount Huang) is named after its next-door neighbor, the mountain of the same name, which means "Yellow Mountain". Huanshan is located in the southeastern corner of Anhui Province, near the province's borders with Jiangxi and Zhejiang Provinces. The city stands in the shadow of the mountain, both literally and figuratively: it is the mountain that made the city what it is.

History

It was not so much the mountain's name change from Yishan to Huangshan (reputedly, in honor of the Yellow Emperor, the legendary emperor who is the mythological, ancestral father of the Han Chinese people) that made it famous.The mountain - and the city it gave rise to - owes its fame to its history, namely, to its archeological and cultural history.

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Climatic Features

Huangshan is located in the north of the central subtropical zone, enjoying a humid subtropical monsoon climate, with relatively short spring (mid-March to mid-May) and autumn (mid-September to mid-November) and comparatively long summer (mid-May to mid-September) and winter (mid-November to mid-March). Huangshan features four distinct seasons, with lots of rainy days and soupy weather sometimes. There is no extreme heat in summer or severe cold in winter in Huangshan. The hottest weather falls in summer, with the highest temperature of 27°C and the average temperature of 25°C. The coldest weather falls in winter, with the lowest temperature of -22°C and the average temperature of above 0°C. The annual average temperatures range from 15°C to 16°C. The annual rainy days last for 183 days, concentrating in April, May and June, and the snowy days last for about 50 days. The yearly precipitation is about 2,400 millimeters in Huangshan.



Best Time to Visit

As many tourists come to Huangshan City to appreciate the breathtaking scenery of Mt. Huang, it's suitable for visiting Huangshan all the year round due to its unique seasonal scenery in four seasons. The peak tourist seasons usually last from mid-March to mid-November and July and August rank as the best periods for visiting Huangshan. Meanwhile, a number of tourists regard winter as the most beautiful season of Huangshan, thanks to its snow-covered landscape and very fresh air.



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What to See in Huangshan

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Yellow Mountain

Mt. Huangshan is famous for its four supreme sights: strange pines, grotesque rocks, the sea of clouds and hot springs in the world. It has the reputation of being "China's strangest mountain".

Xu Xiake a noted Chinese geologist from the Ming Dynasty, who has visited Yellow Mountain twice, said "Don't visit Yellow Mountain after you have been to the other for Mountains, and don't visit other four mountains after traveling Huangshan".

Yellow Mountain covers an area of 1200 square kilometers, with a well developed scenic area of 154 square kilometers. In 1990, Yellow Mountain was added to the list of "Human Natural Heritage protected in the world" by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It has become a treasure of all mankind.

- **Get There:** Buses for Yellow Mountain are found in front of Huangshan City Railway Station. They depart every five minutes. It takes about one and half an hour to get there. The fare is 13 Yuan.
- **Opening Hours:** All day long
- **Ticket Price:** RMB 230/person



Touring Cable Car

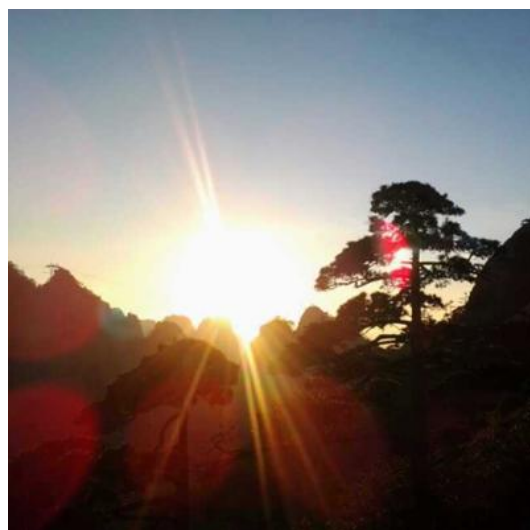
A cable car has been opened so travelers can take a bus from the Hot Spring to the Cloud Valley Temple, and then take a cable car to the White Goose Ridge of the North Sea in Mt. Huangshan. Go up from the back of the mountain and go down from the front of the mountain. Visitors can get to many scenic highlights like Brightness Peak, West Sea Grand Canyon and Lion Peak by taking cable car.

Brightness Peak

The Brightness Peak is the spot to enjoy scenery at the Heavenly Sea. Because the ground is high and spacious, it is the best place to watch sunrise and the Sea of Clouds.

Walking south from the Brightness, travelers will pass vivid "Turtle Fish Peak" and "Old Monk Sleeping". Walk down "One Hundred Step Cloud Stairs" and arrive at the Lotus Peak. Lotus Peak is sheer, tall and majestic and looks like a young lotus.

Visitors can go shopping there.



Sunrise and Sunset

Brightness Peak and Cloud-Dispelling Pavilion as well as Lion Peak are the nice places to enjoy the scenery of sunrise and sunset.

Grotesque rocks

Huangshan is a natural museum of grotesque rocks. Some look like animals, some look like characters, some look like objects, and some get their name from historical stories or mythical tales. More than 120 have been named.





Welcoming Guest Pine

Located on the east side of the Jade Screen Peak and on the Wenshu Cave, it stands about ten meters high. The diameter of its trunk is 64 centimeters, and the diameter of its root is 75 meters. The middle part of its trunk has two main lateral shoots, which are 7.6 meters long, and stretch forwards.

It looks like a hospitable host who flings her arms out to welcome the arrival of her guests warmly. This pine is the representative of Mt. Huangshan's pines.



Hot springs

Hot springs are located at the foot of the Purple Rock Peak and on the north bank of the Tang Spring Brook. They are 650 meters above the sea level. The average temperature at the mouth of the main spring is 42.5 degrees centigrade.

Travelers commonly take a bus to the Hot Spring. The Hot Spring is the tourist reception centre for Mt. Huangshan. Villas are built in groups and houses are here and there. The Huangshan Hotel is also in this area.

The environment of the Peach Blossom Brook which is in front of the hotel is quiet and secluded. There are many beautiful scenic spots at the Peach Blossom Brook and beside the brook are hot spring bathtubs and a swimming pool.

Sea of Clouds

Since early times, Huangshan has been called "the Yellow Sea". Of the four wonders of Mt Huangshan, The Sea of Clouds is thought to be the most wonderful. The Sea of Clouds is a miraculous beautician who bedecks "the Fairyland on Earth". When it is cloudy, the peaks loom in mists. There are thousands of images, and many more can be imagined.

The **Cloud Dispelling Pavilion** is the ideal point for enjoying the scenery, which attracts crowds daily at sunset. It 's a masterpiece made by god.

North of the Lion Peak, the **Beginning-to-believe Peak** is the North Sea or the Back Sea. The **Lion Peak** and the Refreshing Terrace are not only the best place to watch the Sea of Clouds, but also to watch the sunrise. Air circles around and is always changing in the twinkling of an eye. When the sun is shining, the peaks bath in sunlight. It is very showy and splendid, with which nothing can compare.

If visitors climb three main peaks of Huangshan-the Lotus Peak, the Heavenly Capital Peak and the Light Top Peak, they can have a marvelous view over all five sea scenic areas.

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The many mountains are like an arrow forest. Big peaks are boundless and majestic. Little peaks lap over. When clouds wind around, tier upon tier of mountains sometimes appear and sometimes disappear, which look like numerous islands on he boundless sea. When the sun sinks below the horizon, the mountains are aglow with vivid sunset colors.



West Sea Grand Canyon



The Xihai, or West Sea, Scenic Area offers some of the most beautiful and enthralling landscapes on Yellow Mountain. There are a number of unique and bizarrely shaped rock formations with imaginative nicknames such as Upside-Down Boot, Lady Playing the Piano, Dog Watching the Sky, and Man Walking on Stilts.

In addition, the visitor can behold several cloud-bathed peaks such as Archway Peak, Double Bamboo-Shoot Peak, Nine-Dragons Peak, Pine-Forest Peak, Stone-Bed Peak, and Stone-Pillar Peak.

Hiking

The two entrances/ exits of the West Sea Grand Canyon tour are the Walking Fairyland Bridge in the south and the Cloud-Dispelling Pavilion in the north. These have elevations of 1320 m and 1430 m above sea level, respectively, while the canyon floor at Tianhai is at 600 m above sea level.

Beginning at either of the two entrances, the visitor must cover a distance of about 9½ km in all – a hike of about 4 hrs – in order to complete the "V" of the West Sea Grand Canyon tour.

- **Ticket Price:** For Free
- **Opening Hours:** All day long
- **More Tips:**

Visitors who want to stay overnight there could live in the hotel on Yellow Mountain and get up as early as 4:30 to catch the amazing sunrise.

Visitors who want to hike into the WestSea Grand Canyon should consider carefully about their physical ability.

Hongcun Village

Being famous as Anhui style buildings, Hongcun Village(宏村) is known as one of the best villages in China. Located in the southeast of Huangshan City, Hongcun Village has been a World Heritage Site of UNESCO since 2000. The best time to visit an extremely beautiful Hongcun Village are March, April and the beginning of November. Large scales of cole flowers are open during March and April.

The area in and around Huangshan is also home to the Huizhou Culture - aka the Xin'an Culture - one of China's major regional cultures. Huizhou/ Xin'an Culture includes Xin'an Philosophy, the Xin'an School of Painting, the Xin'an School of Medicine, the Huizhou Style of Architecture, Anhui Pot Gardening, Huizhou Sculpture, Huizhou Opera, and - of course - the world famous Huizhou Cuisine. Huizhou Culture is well represented in the ancient villages of Hongcun and Xidi, which lie at the foot of Mount Huang.

- **Adress:** Hongcun Village, Yixian County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province. (安徽省黄山市黟县宏村镇)
- **Admission:** RMB 104/person.
- **Opening Hours:** 7:30-17:30
- **Getting there:** : From the city of Yixian, one can take a special tricycle taxi (must be tried to be appreciated!) or rent a vehicle.

More Tips: Yellow Mountain (Huangshan) International Tourist Festival is held each year in the month of October.

4-hour travel line is suitable for people who are not fond of too much walking. And the other one is for travelers who want to see all the attractions and view the whole village's beauty.

If travelers want know more about the village, to stay for 2 to 3 nights is a good plan. The landlords are helpful to lead travelers to walk around the village and visit truly local houses.



Wuyuan

Located around 136 kilometers to Hongcun, Wuyuan County of Jiangxi Province, is a beautiful and tranquil scenic spot with idyllic scenery.

The idyllic scenery, both the manmade as well as the natural landscapes, are preserved in Wuyuan County, thanks in no small part to the continued tranquil lifestyle of the local inhabitants. Virtually every village has something unique to offer, if only a small detail that catches the visitor's eye and causes one to stop up and photograph it - or be photographed by another bypasser with you or your party in the foreground.

Getting there from Huangshan

There are two buses departing everyday from Huangshan

at 0930 and 1130. It takes one hour at 40 Yuan per person. Buses from Wuyuan to Hongcun takes about 2 ½ hours.

Best Visiting Time

During the period of the end of March to the early April, the rape flowers blossom. It is the best time for photography.

- **Address:** Shangrao City, Anhui Province
- **Opening Hours:** All day long



Tangyue Stone Arches

Composed of 7 arches, the Tangyue Memorial Archway Group is located on the road at the entrance of the Tangyu village in the west of Shexian County. Without using any nail or rivet at all, the Tangyue Memorial Arch Group is all made of high quality green stones produced in Shexian County. The skillful combinations of stones are astonishing. In addition, there are a large number of beautiful Hui carvings around the body of the arches.

Among The Tangyue Memorial Arch Group, three of seven are made in the Ming dynasty, and four are in the Qing Dynasty. All these are memorial arches of Bao families of Tangyue village. They arrange themselves in the successive order of loyalty, filial piety and women's chastity.

- **Get There:** There are a lot of direct regular buses and common buses in Shexian County.
- **Opening Hours:** 07:30-17:30
- **Ticket Price:** RMB 100/person

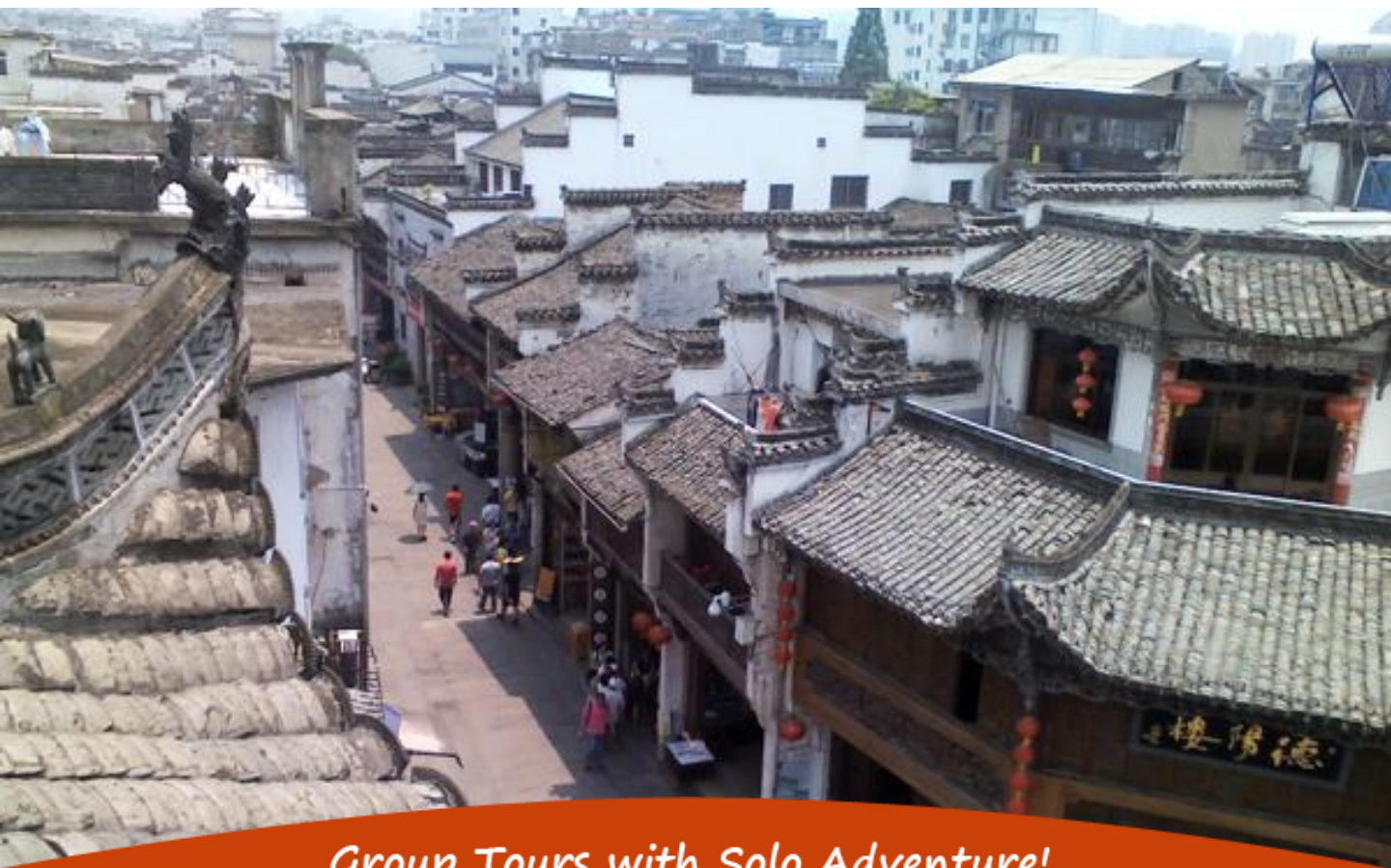


Tunxi Ancient Street

Tunxi Ancient Street came into being with the development of Hui businessmen during the 1920 & 30' s when the ports of Shanghai and Hangzhou flourished for a period of time. It is 1.5 kilometers long and 7 meters wide. There are long lines of shops along the sides of the street. They are all made of brick and wood and have two floors. All of the buildings are in the Huizhou style and overflow with archaic charm.

The old street has become a great place for tourists to browse and buy a special souvenir at a reasonable price. And it is very appropriate for having dinner and strolling after meal. The food of Mei Shi Ren Jia(美食人家) is specialized in Chinese cuisine and visitors can appreciate the charming nightscape while enjoying meal.

- **Get There:** Taking bus No. 6, 12 from the downtown can get there.
- **Opening Hours:** All day .
- **Ticket Price:** Free.



Jiuhuashan Mountain

It is located in Chizhou City, Anhui province. Its translation means “Nine Glorious Mountains”. To the Buddhists of China it is one of the four mountains to be considered as sacred. Located in the county of Quinyang, which is famed for its majestic landscapes and temples and shrines, the tallest mountain peak is called Tiantai, which many Buddhists aim to climb.

The mountainous scenery is quite magnificent when seen from one of the 99 peaks in this mountainous area. The peaks are formed along the 14 ridges in the area. The area also contains many waterfalls, deep pools, ancient caves and overhanging cliffs. Many of the temples are hidden in areas of dense bushland and are a wonder to suddenly turn a corner in the trail and glimpse one of these magnificent structures.



- **How to Get There:** Taxis are also available to show you around this area and will cost you between CNY 30.00 and 50.00 to visit specific areas.
- **Opening Hours:** All day long.

In the high season, it will cost CNY 190.00 from March 1st to the end of November. In the low season, it will cost CNY 140.00 from December 1st to the end of February.

Recommended Huangshan Tours



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Suggested Itineraries

Option 1: 3 Day Yellow Mountain and Hongcun Village Tour

Day 1: Destinations & activities: Huangshan arrival. Flight is not included. Airport Transfer.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. No meals.

Day 2: Yungu Cable Car and the Yellow Mountain

Meals: Breakfast, Traditional Chinese Lunch

Day 3: Pingyao- Yungu Cable Car, Hongcun Village, Transfer from Hotel to Huangshan airport.

Meals: Breakfast, Traditional Chinese Lunch at the Leigang villa

Option 2: 4 Day Yellow Mountain Classic Tour

Day 1: Huangshan arrival. Flight is not included. Airport Transfer.

Day 2: Yungu Cable Car, Yellow Mountain.

Day 3: Tunxi Ancient Street, Yungu Cable Car, Shexian Tangyue Memorial Arches.

Day 4: Xidi Village, Hongcun Village Transfer from Hotel to airport (Huangshan).

Option 3: 3 Day Huangshan Tour from Shanghai

Day 1: Shanghai to Huangshan (Flight not Included)

Day 2: Huangshan visit by cable car and hiking at Beginning-to-Believe Peak.

Day 3: Huangshan to Shanghai (Flight not Included).

Huangshan exploration, Hongcun visit and airport transfer

Be an early bird for the most amazing sunrise! This morning, we will watch the sun rise up from the sea of clouds at the top of Huangshan.

[Option 4: 5 Day Wuyuan & Huangshan Tour](#)

Day 1: Hangzhou Arrival (Flight not Included)

Destinations & activities: Airport transfer and visit West Lake, Lingyin Temple, Feilai Peak and a tea village.

Day 2: Hangzhou to Huangshan (Long Distance Coach Included)

Destinations & activities: Transfer to the bus station, sightseeing in Hongcun Village and Tunxi Old Street.

Day 3: Huangshan

Destinations & activities: Huangshan exploration (Tonight you will stay overnight at the top of the mountain)

Day 4: Wuyuan

Destinations & activities: Likeng Village, Jiangwan Town and Sixi Village

Day 5 : Wuyuan to Huangshan and Back to Hangzhou (Coach Included)

Destinations & activities: Xiaoqi Village and transfer to Huangshan



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What to Eat in Huangshan



Smelly Mandarin Fish

The dish is made of preserved (in salt) mandarin fish, a fresh-water fish which, instead of scales, is equipped with a covering of thick mucus which exudes a pungent odor, protecting the fish in its natural habitat from predators. In the kitchen, the mucus layer is scraped away, the fish is rinsed and dried, then preserved in salt. Once cured in salt, the fish is then prepared according to an age-old recipe, resulting in a delicious dish that is crisp yet tender.



It cannot be denied, however, that its provocative name, which belies the true nature of the finished product, has helped to reinforce the venerable reputation of *Smelly Mandarin Fish* as one of the classic dishes of Hui Cuisine.

Crab Shell Yellow Fried Cake

Crab Shell Yellow Fried Cake is in fact a meat-&-vegetable-filled pastry that can't justifiably be compared to its dour-looking Russian half-cousin, the *pierogie*, as it is more akin to the baked-in-a-form British *meat pie*.

Crab Shell Yellow Fried Cake uses the very best cubed, fresh vegetables and meat (typically pork) as its filling. It is slowly roasted in a specially-made charcoal oven until it reaches the golden yellow color of a crab shell. *Crab Shell Yellow Fried Cake* is an ideal substitute for the typical bread-and-butter of a European Continental breakfast (eg., a croissant), or as a complement to tea, anytime.



What to Buy in Huangshan

Huangshan Maofeng Tea

To the uninitiated, all Mao Feng ("Furry Peak") teas are created equal. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Huangshan Mao Feng Tea, formerly called Huangshan Cloud Tea due to the height at which it is grown on [Huang Shan](#), or Yellow Mountain (i.e., at altitudes of over 700 m), and probably best known as Yellow Mountain Furry Peak tea, is the third-best Chinese green tea, and the fourth-best tea in all of China.



Qimen Black Tea

Qimen black tea is a treasure of China's traditional teas. It's slim. The tea is very red. The aroma can last for a long time, which seems like the aroma of fruit and like the aroma of orchid. Whether it's brewed solely or added some milk and sugar, it makes people have an aftertaste. It's not only one of China's ten famous teas, but also one of world's three famous Gaoxiang teas (the rest two is Big Jilin of India and Wufa of Sri Lanka).



It has some reputations of "Hero of teas", "The Best Fragrant Tea". etc.

Tunxi Green Tea

Tunxi Green Tea, also known as Tunlu tea - and sometimes referred to as Green Gold - belongs to the Top 10 Chinese green tea varieties. The finished product is a tightly rolled tea leaf with a kinked appearance that suggests an eyebrow, which distinctive feature has influenced the names of some of the sub-varieties of Tunlu tea, the main sub-varieties being (in English): Eyebrow, Precious Eyebrow, Tribute, Needle, First Rain, and Green Flake.



Tunxi ancient street

Tunxi Ancient Street is the most distinctive street in Huangshan. Most of the buildings are only three stories high, stone-based and brick-laid. They are decorated with small green tiles, wood carvings in the Hui style, ancient shop signs, and red-lacquered with double eaves on the roofs.

In Tunxi Ancient Street, you can see all kinds of special local products of Yellow Mountain like tea, inkstones, and some antiques. And the most famous restaurant-Lao Jie Yi Lou is also located there, you can enjoy the nice foods after you do some shopping there.

Huangshan Tea City

Visitors can not only buy every kind of tea but can also experience tea culture first hand in tea history hall.

What's more, visitors can have a tea taste at tasting tea hall and appreciate tea ceremony in any of the existing performance halls.



Huangshan Hotels



Huangshan Resort & Spa

Huangshan Resort & Spa is the only five-star hotel catering for business trips and holiday in Huangshan Mountain Scenic Area. It is in the heart of Huangshan Mountain Scenic Area. Thus it is very convenient for guests to the iconic attraction of Huangshan.

There are 350 well-equipped rooms in the hotel and sorts of rooms consists of presidential suites covering 500 square meters, deluxe suites, deluxe standard rooms, and deluxe business rooms. It should be highlighted that all the rooms provide hot spring water and a private hot spring pool is included in each presidential suite and deluxe suite.

There are about 38 spa rooms including herb spa, mineral sand bath, stone fountain, fish spa, wine spa.

- **Address:** Hotspring Scenic Area, Huangshan
黄山温泉度假酒店(原最佳西方黄山温泉度假酒店)
- **Hotel Tel:**0559-5585103
- **Quick Enquiry:** +86-773-2838787

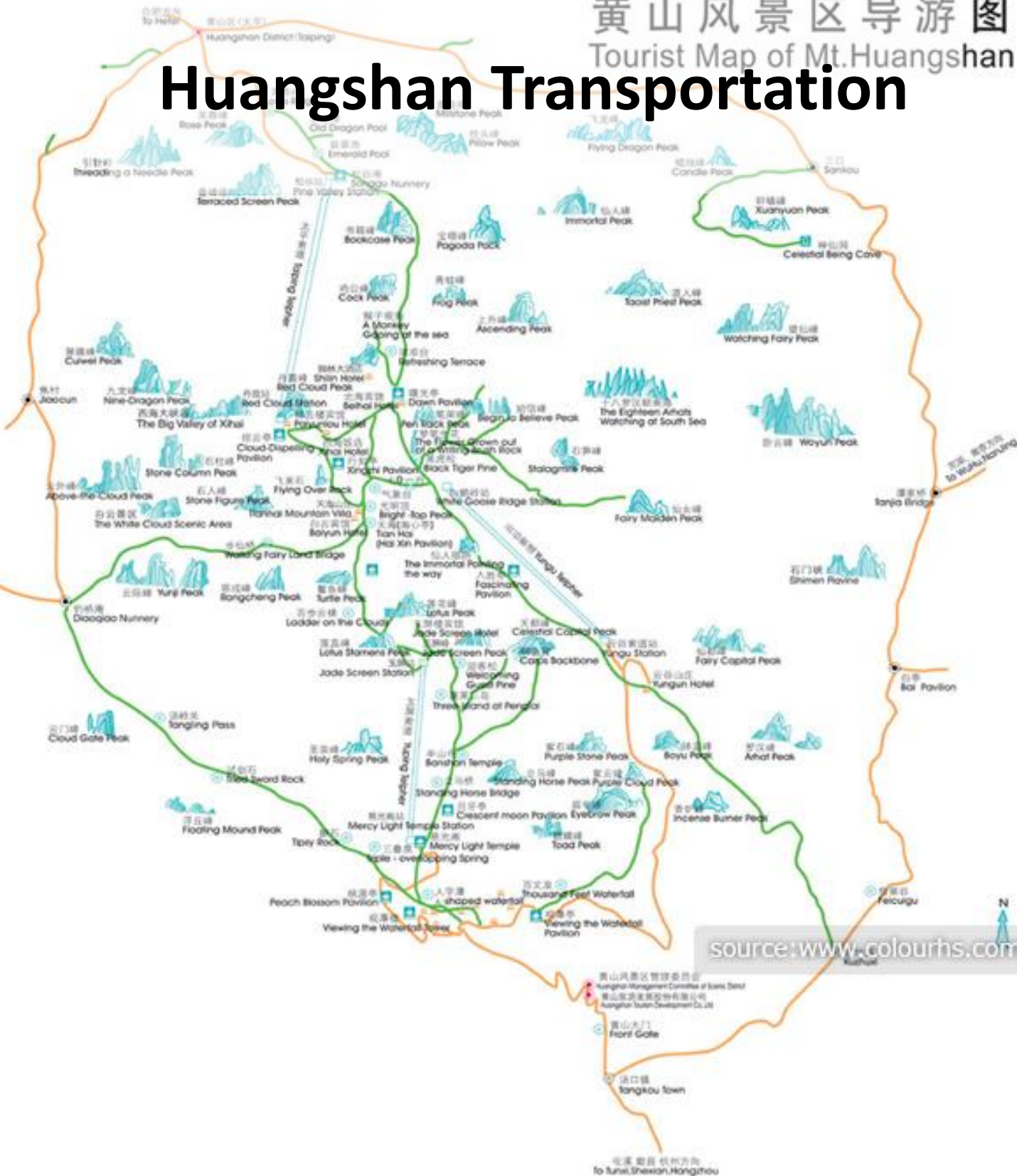
Plaza Huangshan Yucheng

Crowne Plaza Huangshan Yucheng is the first five-star hotel in the world-famous historic and touristic city of Huangshan. The hotel proudly regards itself as the leader in hostelling in the Huangshan, and is committed to provide a relaxing and tranquil environment for business and tourists alike. The hotel is conveniently located, as it is only a few kilometers from the great Mountain Huangshan, the World Heritage Site Xidi, and the Huizhou Villages. After traveling, guests can unwind at one of the relaxation facilities provided by the hotel.

- **Address:** No.1 Huizhou Avenue, Tunxi District, Huangshan
黄山昱城皇冠假日酒店
- **Hotel Tel:**0559-2591888
- **Quick Enquiry:** +86-773-2838787

黄山风景区导游图 Tourist Map of Mt. Huangshan

Huangshan Transportation



Airports in Shanxi

The Huangshan Airport is located in Longfu of Tunxi District. It's only seven kilometers away from the center of Huangshan City. Huangshan Airport is the first class aviation port. Planes such as Boeing 737 and MD90, ect can take off and land here. It's equipped with full set of communication systems and direction device for 24-hour service and all-weather fly. It costs 5 yuan to take shuttle bus or 15yuan for a ride from the airport to the urban area.



The ticket offices for aviation in the urban area are stationed in the Huashan Road of Tunxi District, the place near the Christ Church and Huangshan International Hotel. Many airlines have been opened. There are Flights to Beijing , Guangzhou , Shanghai , Hefei, Tianjin , Haikou , Shenzhen , Fuzhou, Hangzhou , Wuhan , Xi'an, Guilin , Kunming , Xiamen , Zhuhai, Hong Kong , Macao and so on.

- **Consulting Telephone:** 0559-2934111, 2934144

Railway in Huangshan

The Wan-Gan railroad runs through Huangshan City to Beijing , Shanghai , Qingdao , Nanjing , Hefei, Jingdezhen, Nanchang , Xiamen , Yingtang, Fuzhou and so on. The Huangshan Railway Station lies in the Qianyuan north road, Tunxi District. There are trains setting for the foot of Mt.Huangshan (Tangkou). Every five minutes by day, there is one train. It spends one and half an hour. The fare of a ticket is over ten Yuan.



- **Consulting Telephone:** 0559-2116222

Highway in Huangshan

The road travel to Huangshan City is convenient. Huangshan is also connected with some neighboring major tourist destinations as Shanghai , Hangzhou , Nanjing , Hefei, Jiuhua Mountain, Jingdezhen via highway. The Huangshan City Bus station is in the Hunagshan East Road near the railway station, 8-10 minutes away. It's very convenient to take a tricycle to the bus station. In the station, there are medium-sized buses setting for Shanghai. It takes around 9 hours to get to Shanghai from Huangshan.

- **Consulting Telephone:** 0559-2353952

