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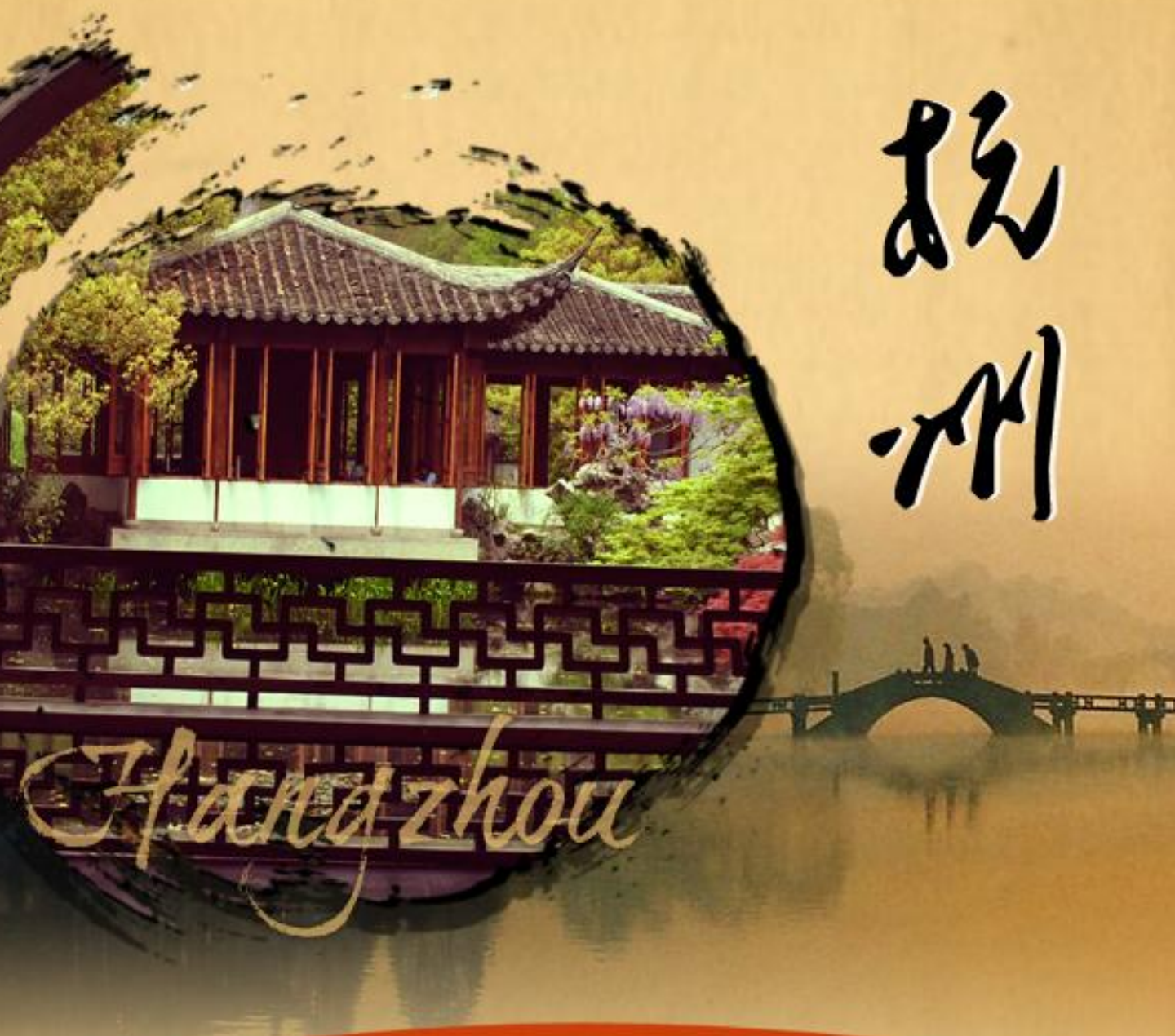
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Hangzhou Quick Facts

- **City Name:** Hangzhou (杭州, háng zhōu)
- **Population:** 8.8 million
- **Location:** Southeast China
- **Features:** The representative of water town culture and scenery
- **Area Code:** 0571
- **Zip Code:** 310000

Overview

Hangzhou, the capital of [Zhejiang Province](#) and one of [China's seven ancient capitals](#), is a coastal city located roughly midway, north to south, along China's coastline, and a relatively close neighbor to Hangzhou, which lies 180 kilometers farther to the north.

Hangzhou is also situated at the mouth of the Qiantang River, and at the southern tip of the Jing-Hang Canal, aka [Grand Canal](#), which extends all the way to Beijing, and which, having evolved over the centuries, finally reached its full length in CE 609, during the Sui (CE 581-617) Dynasty.

Although Hangzhou was originally founded during the Qin (BCE 221-207) Dynasty, it was first put on China's map, as it were, during the Sui Dynasty. Indeed, the city's walls were erected at the same time that the Grand Canal - the longest man-made waterway ever conceived - was under construction.

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Hangzhou enjoys a subtropical monsoon climate with four distinct seasons, which is warm and humid. The annual average precipitation is 1,500 mm, and the average temperature is 16.2°C. Rainy days last from 130 to 160 days annually. The average temperature is 28.6°C in summer and 3.8°C in winter. The coldest month is January with the month average temperature of 3°C to 5°C. The hottest month is July with the monthly average temperature of 28°C to 29°C.

There are two rainy seasons in Hangzhou. The first rainy season lasts from early May to the end of June with the average rainfall of 350 to 500 mm. During this period, rainfall is concentrated, and there is torrential rain, accounting for about 25% to 31% of the whole year. The second rainy season lasts from late August to late September, with the average precipitation of 120 to 220 mm. The rainfall accounts for 8% to 13% of the total.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High (°C)	7.78	8.89	13.8	20	25	28.3	33.3	32.7	27.2	22.7	17.2	10.5
Low (°C)	1.56	1.67	5.56	11.6	16.6	21.1	25	24.4	20	13.8	8.33	2.7
Precip(mm)	2.6	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.4	8	5.2	6.1	7.1	2.9	2.3	2
High (°F)	46	48	57	68	77	83	92	91	81	73	63	51
Low (°F)	33	35	42	53	62	70	77	76	68	57	47	37

Clothing tip

In short, silk long johns and down jackets are needed in winter, an ice block for each armpit in summer and an umbrella wouldn't go astray in either of these seasons.

Best Time to Travel

Spring and autumn are the best seasons to travel to Hangzhou.

Between March and May Hangzhou is warm and comfortable for spring outings, the trees are green and flowers bursting into bloom. Zhouzhuang Water Town, Xitang Water Town, Tongli Water Town, Wuzhen Water Town and Suzhou are the best destinations to travel to as the places boast overwhelming spring scenery.

Autumn (September to November) is another good time to visit, perfect to enjoy the annual crab season against the golden backdrop of autumn colors.

What to See in Hangzhou



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West Lake

Without visiting [West Lake](#) (西湖), you cannot say you have been to Hangzhou. It is the most famous sight in Hangzhou since 1000 years ago. West Lake is very large with several causeways and verdant islets. It shows its charming in the spring when willow sitting along the bank wave in the breeze. Actually West Lake scenic area is much larger which refers to many spots around West Lake, such as Hubin Park, Bai Causeway and Solitary Hill.

Often there are most ten renowned spots since the South [Song Dynasty](#) (1127-1279). They are Su Causeway, Qu Yuan Feng He, Ping Hu Qiu Yue, Broken Bridge with Thawing Snow, Three Pools Mirroring the Moon, Leifeng Tower at the Sunset, Two Peaks Piercing the Clouds, Evening Bell Ringing at the Nanping Hill and Orioles Singing in the Willows.

However, most of them are seasonal. You can't see all of them in one time. What we recommend is to walk along the path in a clear day, take a boat ride on the West Lake leisurely and take a ferry to get to one of the island to visit. Boats and ferries are easy to take and tickets are available around the lake. In this way you may probably see most sights in your way.

- **Add:** West Lake Scenic Area, West Lake District, Hangzhou City
- **Admission:** Free
- **Opening Hours:** A whole day
- **Getting there:** Bus K7/K55/K194/60/15 reach there



Linyin Temple

Located at the northwest of West Lake, [Linyin Temple](#) (灵隐寺) belongs to West Lake Scenic Area. It is also called Yunlin Temple, which is one of the Three Most Famous Temples and the oldest temple in [Hangzhou](#) with a history of over 1,700 years. (It was built in 326 when an Indian monk called Hui Li brought Buddhism to Hangzhou.)

Literally the temple name refers to heart of soul's retreat, which shows that its surroundings are tranquil. However, you could see many worshipers there every day because they believe the Buddha do help their wishes come true. In front of the temple is **Flying Peak** (飞来峰), which is a very famous Buddhist grotto site. It is believed that the peak flew from India overnight demonstrating the Buddhist Law. There are numerous Buddhist images on the peak with different shapes.

As the temple sits at the foot of a hill, chairlifts are available for visitors to the top of the hill. For most visitors, they love to climb the hill themselves to enjoy the west lake view instead of taking the chairlift. Take note that one must buy the ticket for Flying Peak before entering the temple. It charges free for entering Flying Peak before 6:00 in the morning. 2 hours is enough for a comfortable visit.

- **Add:** No.1, Fayun Lane, West Lake District, Hangzhou
- **Admission:** 30 Yuan/person for Flying Peak, 45 Yuan/person for Linyin Temple, 40 Yuan/person for a round-way chairlift.
- **Opening Hours:** 07:00-18:15
- **Getting there:**

Take bus Nos. K837/y4 and get off at Santianzhu Station (三天竺站); Take Bus Nos. 7/807/k807/y2 and get off at Linyin Station (灵隐站).



Liuhe Pagoda

Sit on the Yuelun Hill overlooking Qiantang River, [Liuhe Pagoda](#)(六合塔) was built for suppressing Qiantang tide during the North Song Dynasty(960-1127). It is also called as Six Harmonious Pagoda. You could get a lovely view of the river by ascending to the top of the pagoda.

Now there is a new park set up near the pagoda with hundreds of replicas of the most renowned pagodas in China, reflecting cultures of different ancient dynasties and districts. There are also small trees before those pagoda models. The park aims at presenting the essence of Chinese pagoda culture, but arguments exists.

- **Add:** 16 Zhijiang Road, West Lake District
- **Admission:** 20 Yuan/person, an extra fee of 10 Yuan/person is needed for ascending to the top.
- **Opening Hours:** 06:30-17:30
- **Getting there:**

Take Bus NOs 2/K4/308/K504/Y5 and get off at Liuhe Pagoda Station(六合塔站).



Former Residence of Xueyan Hu

Built in 1872, the [Former residence of Xueyan Hu](#) (胡雪岩故居) was for Xueyan Hu, the richest Chinese man in his time. It covers an area of 5800 sq meters with an understated doorway but intricate and delicate internal design.

The lovely garden, the internal design, furniture and related materials are said to be the top 1 residence among all rich merchants in the Late Qing Dynasty. There are also many valuable collections in the antique houses, such as some famous stone-carved works of calligraphy by Bohu Tang and Banqiao Zheng. Two rare official palanquins made of red sandalwood are especially worth visiting.

Xueyan Hu was an incredibly wealthy man who had 13 wives and 19 kids. He even set up a Chinese pharmacy for the poor. While walking through the buildings and the garden, one could imagine the daily life of residents once living there.

- **Add:** No.18 Yuanbao Street, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou
- **Admission:** 20 Yuan/person
- **Opening Hours:** 08:00-17:30
- **Getting there:** Take Bus NO 8/13/308/Y6 and get off at Gulou Station (鼓楼站).



Prince Bay Park

Located southwest of West Lake, [Prince Bay Park](#) (太子湾公园) is very near Nanshan Road and Colored Port View Fish Garden. Story goes that the park was once the place for resting coffins temporary of 2 princes, thus comes the name Prince Bay Park. It is the earliest wedding theme park in Hangzhou and also the biggest one.

The park is planted numerous tulips which show their best during March and April, which is also the period for Sakura blossom. The view is really breathtaking. No wonder many locals like to go there to take wedding photography or hold their sweet weddings. It is also a good place for a walk with families and just let kids run happily. It may take half a day to walk over every part of the place if you would like to try. October is also a good time to visit there when most tree leaves turn into red or yellow color. The whole park looks like a golden fairy world. The grand lawn is especially for an afternoon picnic with friends or families leisurely.

- **Add:** Taiziwan Gate, Nanshan Road, Xihu District, Hangzhou
- **Admission:** Free
- **Opening Hours:** A whole day
- **Getting there:**

Take Bus NOs 4/31/315/514b/514/k822/y2 and get off at Sudi Station (苏堤站).



Qinghefang Ancient Street

[Qinghefang Ancient Street](#) (清河坊历史文化街) is the best preserved old ancient block in Hangzhou, which was once the political, business and cultural center from the Yuan Dynasty(1271-1368) to the period before Chinese Liberation Period (1946--1949). It is located at the foot of Wushan Hill, which adds natural charming to this area. Now it is a fun and fascinating pedestrian street for different local snacks, handcrafts and small museums.

Many antique buildings were from the Late Ming and Early Qing Dynasty. Today the street is full of teahouse, famous old stores and curio stalls. Get a local pancake for several bites, have delicious mutton soup in an old restaurant, sip local tea in a teahouse, grab some local handcraft on the stalls, walk into some museums to get a glimpse of culture and history in this area like **Zhang Xiaoquan Scissors and Wangxing Ji Fan Store**. The street is also home of several traditional pharmacies like Huqingyu Tang Chinese Medicine Museum offering the exhibition of traditional Chinese Medicine and clinic service.

- **Add:** No.113, Gaoyin Street, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou
- **Admission:** Free
- **Opening Hours:** A whole day
- **Getting there:**

Take Bus NO. 35 or Tourism Bus NO.6 and get off at Gaoyin Street Station (高银街站).



Wuzhen Ancient Water Town

Located in Tongxiang, [Wuzhen Ancient Water Town](#) (乌镇) is between Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou City. It is only one and a half hour driving time from Hangzhou, which makes it the best place for visitors in Hangzhou who have one or two days for a side trip.

The village is a living water town museum that still has real people living there, adding charming to the town. With a history of over 1,300 years, the ancient town now shows what a typical southern water town looks like between the Late Qing Dynasty (1840—1911) and the Republic of China (1912-1949) with over 30 stone bridges linking streets lining many old buildings.

Different museums and traditional workshops are specialty of the town. The east side provides fun museums like ancient beds, wine-making, indigo fabric, shadow play, woodcarving and local operas. Wuzhen west offers sauce workshop, iron factory, foot-binding culture museum, old post office and so on. Most visitors choose to stay in Wuzhen Scenic part. It is convenient to check in at the Visitor Center and take a free ferry boat to the booking room.

- **Add:** Wuzhen Town, Tongxiang City, Zhejiang Province
- **Admission:**

Low Season: 120 Yuan/person for Wuzhen West and 100 Yuan/person for Wuzhen East; High Season: 150 Yuan/person for Wuzhen West and Wuzhen East; 80 Yuan/person for night ticket at Wuzhen West;

80 Yuan/boat for Wuzhen East with up to 8 people and in Wuzhen West 120 Yuan/boat in daytime and 180/boat at night with up to 6 people.

- **Getting there:**

Take Bus from Hangzhou Jiubao Bus Station (九堡客运中心) to Wuzhen at 11:00 in the morning with a ticket fare of 31 Yuan/person. It takes 90 minutes usually.



Xitang Water Town

Xitang (西塘) is an ancient scenic town in Jiashan County, Zhejiang Province. It is an ancient and distinctive town attracts people particularly those are tired of city life.

Layout

Xitang is densely distributed with rivers and has a very quiet natural environment. There are 9 rivers across the town and divide it into 8 parts. However, many old-fashioned stone bridges were built to link these parts together. In the older parts of town, the buildings are set along the banks of the canals, which serve as the main transportation thoroughfares in the area.

Xitang also contains numerous antique residences and temples, such as the Temple of the Seven Masters. The town keeps a tranquil ambience and scenic beauty, making it a very popular tourist attraction. The most beautiful moments of Xitang happen in the early morning and at the dusk. It is suggested that visitors take their cameras to capture splendid sceneries in the town.

Recommended Restaurant—Leguo Restaurant

Leguo Restaurant (乐国酒家) was built in 1921, situated in Shaoxiang bay, Xitang. In the old days, three poet recited poems and drunk for three days long. Nowadays, the Leguo restaurant gets larger and provides more delicacies and drinks. The yellow wine is still as good as the old days

- **Add:** Jiashan Town of Zhejiang Province
- **Admission:** 100 Yuan
- **Getting there:**

For visitors in Shanghai and Hangzhou can take a train or bus to Jiapu. Buses go to Xitang set out every five minutes in the Jiapu station. In addition, visitors in Shanghai can take special bus line from Jiapu to Meilong. It takes visitors about 70 minutes.



Suggested Itineraries

Travel to Hangzhou in Two Days

Choice 1

Day 1: Arrival – Qinghefang Ancient Street – West Lake Impressionr

Day 2: Take a Boat Ride on West Lake –Meijiawu Village – Departure

Choice 2

Day 1: Arrival – Linyin Temple – Flying Peak – Six Harmonious Pagodas

Day 2: Take a Boat Ride on West Lake – Meijiawu Village – Departure

Travel to Hangzhou in Three Days

Day 1: Arrival – Take a Boat ride on West Lake – Linyin Temple – Flying Peak

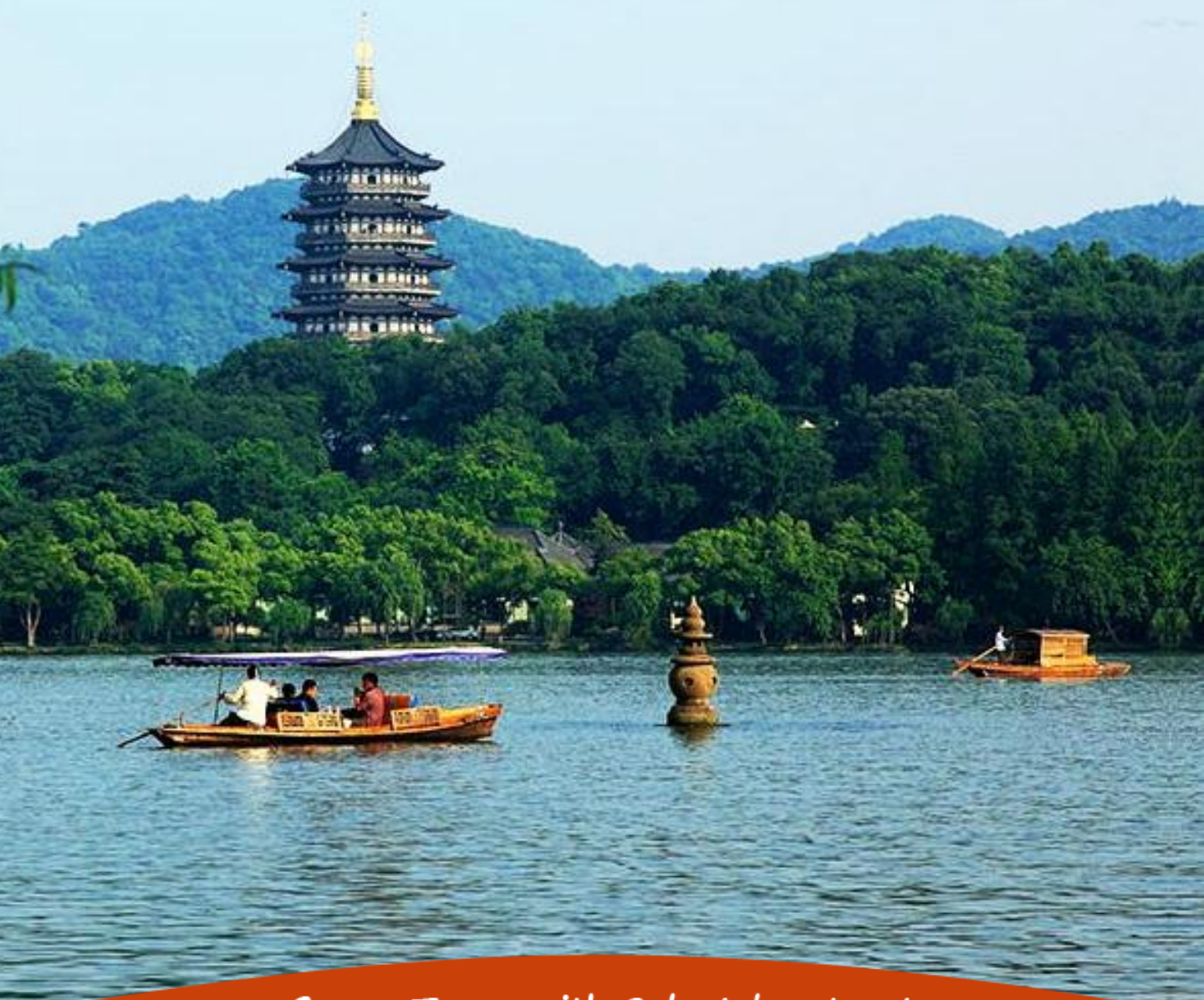
Day 2: Xixi Westland Park - Hu Qingyu Hall Chinese Traditional Herbal Medicine Museum - The Former Residence of Hu Xueyan

Day 3: Departure



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Recommended Hangzhou Tours



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[2-day Essence of Hangzhou Tour](#)

Day 1 Visit the valuable historical heritages

Lingyin Temple, Feilai Peak, Qinghefang Pedestrian Street,

Day 2 Soak up the natural beauty of Hangzhou

West Lake and Tea Plantation

[4-day Glance at Hangzhou and Wuzhen Water Town](#)

Day 1 Hangzhou Arrival

Day 2 Visit the essence of Hangzhou

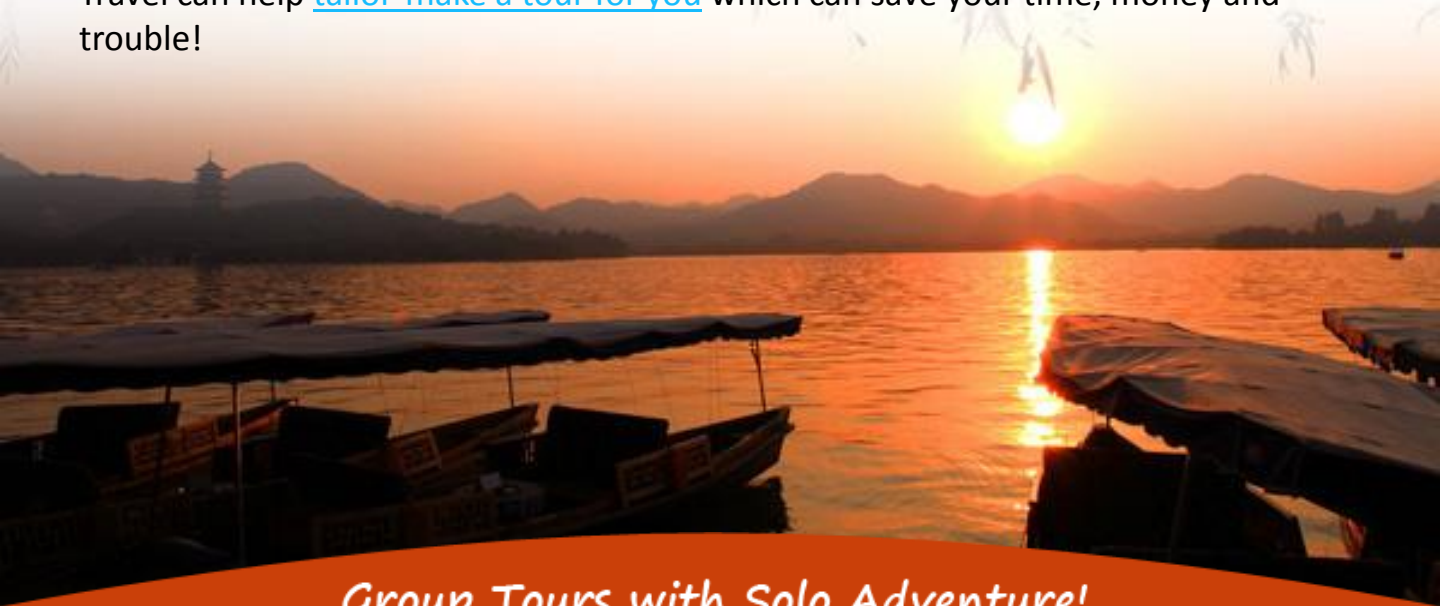
West Lake, Meijiawu Tea Plantation, Lingyin Temple, Feilai Peak Six Harmonious Pagoda

Day 3 Wuzhen Ancient Town

Take a boat ride and enjoy the stunning scenery of the most famous ancient town in China.

Day 4 Hangzhou Departure

Leave Hangzhou for your next destination Click <http://www.chinatravel.com/tours-to-Hangzhou/> for more Hangzhou tours. If you want to design your own tour, China Travel can help [tailor-make a tour for you](#) which can save your time, money and trouble!



What to Do in Hangzhou



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Impression of Westlake Show

Impression of West Lake (印象西湖) is an amazing show worth watching when traveling to Hangzhou. Directed by Zhang Yi Mou, who was the director of the opening ceremony for 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and also directed Impression Sanjie Liu, the show is put on by a cast of 250 locals dancing at the stage. The stage is submerged half in the West Lake and takes the beautiful backdrop of pagodas and temples.

The hour-long show presents the famous Ten Sights of West Lake on the stage. In fact the whole performance consists of several story lines by showing different ancient stories and famous people. If you are not familiar with the culture, it is not easy to understand. However, that does not affect your experience in this excellent show combining amazing lights and music. By the way, the enchanting music of Kitaro adds charm to the show.

The seats are in the open air and there are cheap tickets and VIP seats. Actually do not waste money on pricier tickets. There is not much difference between them. A cheap ticket will just maximize your time. Spring maybe a little bit cold and in summer night remember to use the repellent.

- **Add:** No.29, Yanggongdi, Hangzhou City
- **Show time:** 19:45-20:45; 21:15-22:15
- **Price:** 260 Yuan/person for ordinary seats
- **Getting there:** Take Bus Nos 7/27/81 and get off at Yumiao Station(岳庙站).



Hangzhou Songcheng

In the southwest of West Lake Scenic Area, [Songcheng](#) (宋城) is the most popular theme park in China. There are many castles in the park creating actual feeling of the Song Dynasty, which makes one feel walking back to those times and experience the same.

After those castle walls local Hangzhou street foods are provided. In the park you will see some people dress up like ancient soldiers going around on horses. Many funny activities like Ghost House, Puppet Shadow Play and Tunnels are offered. What you should really expect is the theater show after 19:00!

The shows tells a love story of how the leadership of the Song Dynasty beat back the invasion from Tibet and Mongolia by music, dancing, visuals and fancy costumes with a cast of about 150 actors. Four acts make up the whole show. Each chapter will have a short line in English explaining the act. Given the splendor of the show, a few explanations are enough.

- **Add:** No.148, Zhijiang Road, Hangzhou City
- **Opening Hours:** 10:00-21:00 for the theme park and 19:00 for the show
- **Admission:** 280 Yuan/person for the ordinary seat; 300 Yuan/person for VIP seat and 480 Yuan/person for VVIP Seat. The fee includes the admission and the night show.
- **Getting there:**

Take Bus No Y4/Y5/Sightseeng 8/201/308/354/504/658 and get off at Songcheng Stop (宋城站).



What to Eat in Hangzhou





Grandma's Restaurant (Hubin Road)

Grandma's Restaurant (外婆家) is almost recommended by everybody in town and when you go there, you will not be wrong. They have several locations in the city but what we recommend is the one on Hubin Road since it takes the backdrop of West Lake. They offer yummy local Hangzhou food at very reasonable price. A bowl of Ma Po Dou fu only takes you 3 Yuan!

Every dish worth trying and specialties are chili shrimp, tea flavored chicken, Grandma's fish balls, Mapo Tofu (hot and spicy tofu), and dessert made with fresh lotus seeds and sticky rice. Different kinds of tea they offer are also very tasty and you could have them for free. Environment and service are surely worth every penny. The menu is friendly with westerners as there are many nice pictures for you to order. You may need to wait for 20 minutes or even an hour after you get the waiting number.

Luckily it is situated near West Lake which will not let you bored as you could walk around the lake leisurely. Some free snacks are prepared for customers who would like to sit there and wait. When go to Hangzhou, make sure you do not miss it!

- **Add:** 2F, No.3 Hubin Road, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou
- **Opening Hours:** 10:00-22:30
- **Price Range/person:** \$10
- **Getting there:**

Take Bus NOs 25/ 55/206/212/216/ 251/ 290/900/ k105/ k7/ k92/ y1/y8 and get off at Hubin Stop (湖滨站).





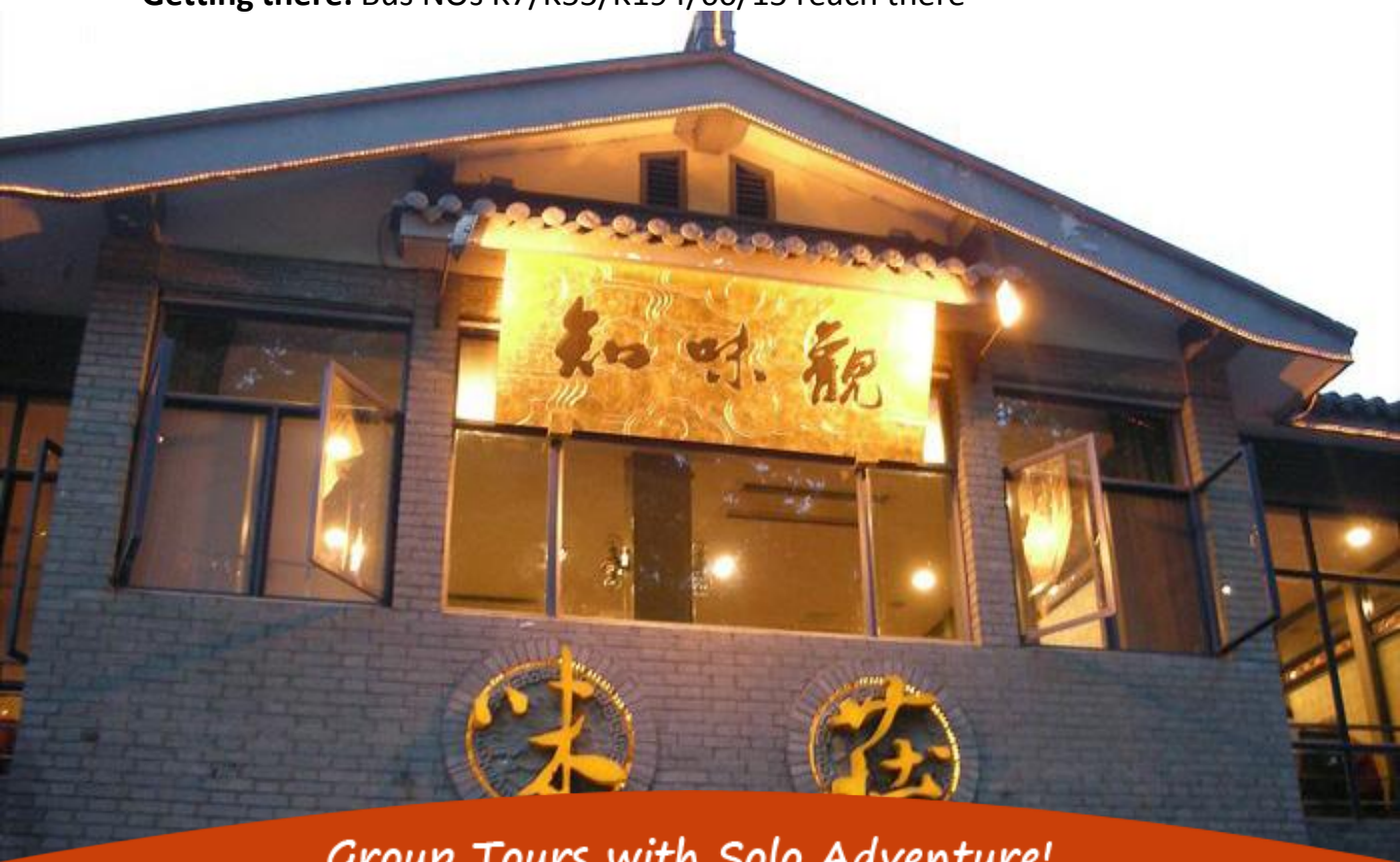
Weizhuang Zhiweiguan Restaurant (Yanggongdi)

If you are looking for some Hangzhou local snacks in a good environment, you will not be wrong in Weizhuang Zhiweiguan Restaurant(知味观.味庄). It is an old restaurant with a history of 100 years. Specialized in making local snacks and dishes, Zhiweiguan has several locations in Hangzhou. Weizhuang Zhiweiguan Restaurant on Yanggongdi Road is the most popular one as it is near West Lake Colored Port View Fish Garden.

Six stiles make up the restaurant in tranquil surroundings. Must-try dishes there are

Sugar vinegar pork ribs, Dragon Well Tea Cake, duck and Braised sliced pork. Though most staff cannot speak English, they offer English menu which might help you have some ideas of what the dish may look like.

- **Add:** No.10-12 Yanggongti, Xihu District, Hangzhou
- **Opening Hours:** 10:00-21:00
- **Price Range/person:** \$17
- **Getting there:** Bus NOs K7/K55/K194/60/15 reach there



What to Buy in Hangzhou





Meijiawu Tea Plantation (Dragon Well Village)

Tea is a local product, which tastes well with delicate fragrance. It is one of the most famous teas in China with good quality. Longjin Village (Dragon Well Village 龙井村) is blessed with good location good for producing tea, thus becomes a popular place to buy tea at reasonable price.

It is a large tea plantation where you could relax and breathe fresh air. Shops are available and local families sell tea. If you go there, always remember to bargain. The characteristics of quality tea leaves are bright color, fresh fragrance, tasting refreshing sweet with flat and smooth shape.

- **Add:** No.1, Meiling South Road, Xihu District, Hangzhou
- **Getting there:** Bus NOs 324/837/y4 and tourism Bus NO.4 pass there.



Meijiawu Tea Plantation (Dragon Well Village)

Hangzhou is a famous silk city producing good silk. If you would like to buy some, go to a local Hangzhou Silk Market (杭州丝绸城) where offers lots of kinds silk for various uses. There are many stores with a variety of choices from pajamas to scarf. However, qualities for those different stores are varied, so make sure you compare and pick up the one you really like with good quality. Don't be ashamed of bargaining there.

- **Add:** No. 273, Fengqi Road (near Xinhua Road), Hangzhou
- **Opening Hours:** 8:00-17:00
- **Getting there:**

Take Bus NOs 199/201/21/30/32/35/35/5/68/76/76/991 and get off at Xinhua Lukou Station(新华路口站).



Wulin Road

Wulin Road (武林路) is to Hangzhou what the market on the Xiangyang Road is to Shanghai, as there are a great number of small special stores with multi-styles, which is often frequented by smart set. Wulin Road is also called "a gathering place for Hangzhou style women's clothing", because the reputed Hangzhou style women's clothing spread all over the country from here, of which are brands of Jiangnan Buyi and Qiushui Yiren, etc.

The design of Hangzhou style women's clothing is graceful, unrestrained and efficacious glowing with rich intellectual and fair lady temperament, thus having won more and more attention.

- **Add:** Xiacheng District, Hangzhou
- **Getting there:** Take bus 111/14/186/18/21/45/59 to Pishi Xiangkou.



Sijiqing Clothing Market

Sijiqing Clothing Market is predominated by wholesale. The price is absolutely low and the design follows closely in vogue. Many small special stores in Shanghai wholesale clothes from there. If you have a preference for wandering around small stores and searching for fancy clothes, you may pay a visit to Sijiqing and will surely come back with fruitful results.

- **Add:** 88, Hanghai Road, Jianggan District, Hangzhou
- **Getting there:** Take bus 110/229/325/45/9 to Erbu.

Solo Adventure in Hangzhou



Hangzhou is more like a satellite town to Shanghai, and a second choice for expats to live. Browse and pick whatever you like to do, the city will make your time well-spent and well-rewarded.

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Yema Tea House

Don't get confused by the name, it is actually a restaurant hidden deep in a forest-like setting. Mainly serves Hangzhou cuisine, its steamed fish, fried mix of pork and eggs and veggie chicken are must try. (Address: 18, ChishanluYuan, Xihu District, Hangzhou)



Flourishing Vegetarian Restaurant

Flourishing Vegetarian Restaurant wins over a bunch fans for its nice vegetarian dishes and home-like ambiance. Buffet choices are made in small portions to keep fresh. Also offering veggie western desserts (F5, Zhongdu Mall, 87-1, Qingchun Road, Xiacheng)



Hangzhou Hotels



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Wyndham Grand Plaza Royale Hotel

The Wyndham Grand Plaza Royale Hotel is a no-nonsense 4-star hotel which offers guests value for their money. With 302 adequately-sized air conditioned and secure guestrooms that have free Internet connection and phones that have IDD/NDD capabilities, it's what any traveler would look for.

The hotel is also strategically located very close to the railway which makes it easy for guests to travel without worrying about the traffic. It's also only 31 km away from the airport. The in-house restaurant offers both local and western cuisines, and for recreation, guests can enjoy swimming or playing table tennis, chess and cards. There is a fitness center and a sauna, as well as business facilities and meeting venues. Foreign currency exchange is also available.

- **Address:** 555 Fengqi, Hangzhou, 310006, China
- **Tel:** 86-571-87616888



The East Hotel

The strongest points of this hotel are their rooms and its location. The rooms, even the deluxe room, are more spacious than the standard deluxe rooms in the area. Guests can still make their stay extraordinary by choosing the CEO suite with updated facilities and a bigger floor area, but free Internet access, LCD TVs, air conditioning and IDD/NDD-capable phones are standard.

The interiors are clean and tastefully decorated in a minimalist Eastern flair. Guests can enjoy the hotel's close proximity to the Westlake Culture Plaza, the Hangzhou Opera House, the Wulin Square, and the former residence of Sha Menghai.

- **Address:** 198 South Hushu Road, Hangzhou, China,
- **Tel:** 86-571-88099999



Four Seasons (5-star)

What guests pay for when they stay in this hotel is the spaciousness of the guestroom and the fact that most of these guestrooms open to a terrace with breathtaking views. Guests can choose from terrace rooms which face the forest, the hotel's gardens, or the West Lake. There are also bigger suites and villas for families who are travelling and would like the extra space. The health and spa facilities are commendable, and the hotel has excellent venues for special events like weddings.

The villas are designed like pagodas, and each has a private pool. There are 11 diverse dining options available, and the hotel is only 45 minutes away from Shanghai.

- **Address:** No. 5 Lingyin Road, 310013 Hangzhou, China
- **Tel:** 86-571-88298888



JW Marriott Hotel

Spacious rooms with luxurious beddings and amenities welcome JW Marriott Hotel's guests in Hangzhou. The hotel sits very close to the main attractions of the city including the Silk Museums, the Grand Canal, and West Lake. It is also a short drive from the airport, and within walking distance to the train station.

There is an indoor pool, a spa, three in-house world class restaurants offering local and western cuisine, and event venues for special occasions. Each room has high-speed Internet connection, an Ipod docking station, LED TV, a mini-bar, and a safe. It also has a business center.

- **Address:** No. 28 Hushu South Road Gongshu District Hangzhou
- **Tel:** 86-571-85788888

Courtyard by Marriott

The Courtyard is located at the very heart of the city's shopping and business center which makes it an ideal hotel for guests who prefer to be within walking distance of all conveniences. However, it is a 50-minute drive from the airport, and a 15 minute drive to the railway station. The guestrooms are simple but clean, and most of them have a good view of downtown Gongshu District.

Among the hotel's amenities include a business center, a health club, wired and wireless Internet per room, television, air conditioning, and handicapped-friendly facilities.

- **Address:** 28 Hushu South Road, Gongshu District, Hangzhou Zhejiang 310006, China
- **Tel:** 86-571-89817777



Hangzhou Transportation



Xiaoshan International Airport of Hangzhou City is located in the east of the Xinjie Town in the Xiaoshan District. It is 27 kilometers from the urban areas of Hangzhou City. Xiaoshan airport has internal flights to and from large and medium-sized cities in all parts of China. It has international regular scheduled flights to and from Japan, Korea and other nations.

Transportation at the airport

Airport shuttle buses rum from urban areas of Hangzhou to the airport. The shuttle operates from the ticket office of Wulinmen at No. 390 Tiyuchang Road. The trip takes about fifty minutes and the fare is 20 Yuan. It runs hourly from 6:00am to 8:00am and on a half-an-hour basis from 8:00am to 19:00am.

You may take a taxi from the ticket office of civil airline in Wulinmen to the Xiaoshan airport. The journey is 31 kilometers with two toll stations on the second bridge (or third bridge) of Qiangjiang River and the special airport highway. Taking a taxi to the airport will cost about 90 Yuan while getting out of the airport will cost about 100 Yuan (to the ticket office of civil airline in Wulinmen)

There are **high speed shuffle buses** heading for the Shanghai Hongqiao Airport from the ticket office of civil airline in Wulinmen. There are 12 buses everyday from 6:00am to 15:00am. The fare is 85 Yuan.

Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport inquiry call: 0571-86661234/0571-86661236

Air Ticket Offices

Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport ticket line

- **Add:** 1, Boarding Gate, in the departure hall of passenger terminal, the Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport

- **Tel:** 0571-8666118/86662391

Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport Wulinmen ticket office

- **Add:** 390, Tiyuchang Road, Hangzhou

- **Tel:** 0571-85154259/85152575 (International airline ticket)

Hangzhou Railway Station

Hangzhou is an important railroad junction in East China. The Huhang Railway (from Guangdong to Hangzhou), the Zhegan Railway (from Zhejiang to Jiangxi) and the Xuanhang Railway (from Anhui to Hangzhou) join here.

Hangzhou Railway Station, which is also called “City Station” by local people, is the most important railway station in Hangzhou. Most of the trains departing from and terminating their route in Hangzhou will stop here. It is located at the intersection of East City Ring Road (环城东路) and West Lake Avenue (西湖大道). From the Hangzhou Railway Station, it only takes 10 minutes to go from West Lake Avenue to West Lake by bus.

Hangzhou Railway Station is divided into three floors: the bottom floor, the middle floor and the elevated floor. The bottom floor is a parking lot where taxis and private cars can park. The middle floor is the Hall and Station Plaza where pedestrians and buses can meet. The elevated floor is used to send passengers off.

The Station Plaza consists of two floors below ground level: Lower Ground One and Lower Ground Two. The underground area measures 16,500 square meters in which there are two underground garages for civil defense projects.

The two garages which are affiliated with Shanghai Railway Bureau (the station’s supervising office) occupy an area of about 6,200 square meters. It is a first-class station that consists of a North Ticket Hall and a South Ticket Hall, five regular waiting rooms, one waiting room for passengers with soft-seat tickets, and seven platforms.

- **Add:** 893 Jiangcheng Road, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou. 杭州上城区江城路893号
- **Getting there:** City buses numbered K7, 11, K11 and 151 go there





Hangzhou East Railway Station

With train, subway, public bus services combined perfectly as one, Hangzhou East Railway Station is the terminating station of Nanjing -Hangzhou High -Speed Railway and Shanghai -Hangzhou High-Speed Railway, where the seamless transfer service is available from train to subway.

The trains from the station leave for the major cities of China, including Shanghai, Ningbo, Nanjing, Hefei, Wenzhou, Changzhou, Huainan, Jinan, Beijing, Nanchang, Fuzhou, Tianjin, Wuhan, Changshan, Qingdao, Suzhou, Xinyang, Yichang, Nanning, Guilin, Huaihua, Kunming, Chengdu, Shenzhen, Zunyi and Zhanjiang. The airport buses shuttling between the station and Xiaoshan International Airport are available from 5:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. each day, and the ticket fee is 20 RMB for each person.

- **Add:** Tiancheng Road, Jianggan District, Hangzhou
- **Getting there:** Bus 846, 320, 107, 93, 108, 33, 123, 43, 20, 28, 31, 179, B4, B3, B5, B2, 47, 99, 105, 106, 355, 357, 358, 35, 81, 122, 124, 215, 200, 228, 227, 224 and 214
- **Tel:** 0571- 56727342
- **Opening hours:** all day



Hangzhou Highway

Hangzhou has a well established highway system. The highway traffic network of ring roads enhances the capability of the passenger transport on the Hangzhou highways. Below are main coach stations that used the most in Hangzhou.

Hangzhou East Coach Station is the largest passenger transport coach stations in Hangzhou City. The station is located on No. 71 Yinshan West Road. There are shuffle buses in the station to and from Jiangsu, Fujian, Hubei, Shandong, Anhui and Shanghai as well as all parts of Zhejiang Province.

Hangzhou West Coach Station is located on No. 357 Tianmushan Road. The buses head for Tonglv, Chun'an, Xinanjiang, Longyou, Quzhou, Jiangshan, Changshan and Kaihua in Zhejiang Province, She County, Tunxi and Huangshan in Anhui Province, Nanchang, Jingde Town, Shangrao, Jiujiang, Boyang, Yushan in Jiangxi Province, and Wuhan in Hubei Province.

Hangzhou South Coach Station is located on No. 407 Qiutao Road of the Shangcheng District and at the junction of the Qiutao Road and the Dongbao Road, the main trunk circuits of Hangzhou City. In the station there are shuffle buses heading for the three provinces of Zhejiang, Guangdong and Fujian

Hangzhou North Coach Station is located on 766 Moganshan Road. In the station there are shuffle buses heading for Anhui, Jiangsu, Shanghai, Beijing, Henan, Shandong, Hebei, Chongqing and the northern part of Zhejiang, etc.

Tips

- The East Coach Station is accessible by taking bus route 31/K31, K516, 33/K33, 355/K355, K55, 317, K518, 20/K20, 19/K19, K56 and 502/K502 in the urban areas.
- The West Coach Station is accessible by taking bus route 83, 49, 502, 506, 526, 830 and 310 in the urban areas.
- The South Coach Station is accessible by taking bus route 14, 20, 39, 44, 59, 60, 71, 536 and 808, etc, in the urban areas.

Public Bus

There are many bus routes in the urban areas of Hangzhou. The buses reach every part of the urban areas. The buses in the urban areas which are numbered with singular numbers and even numbers are ordinary buses (such as route 5 and 19) with a fare of 1 Yuan.

The buses which begin with "1" are electric cars (such as route 153) with a fare of 1 Yuan. The buses which begin with "K" are air-conditioned buses (such as route K33) with a fare of 2 Yuan. The suburban buses which begin with "3" and the special line buses which begin with "5" have multi-level pricing (the ordinary buses generally have a starting fare of 1 Yuan and the air-conditioned buses 2 Yuan).

Quick Bus Guide

- The operating hours of Hangzhou buses are generally as follows: special tourist bus and suburban bus, 6:00-18:00; urban bus, 5: 00-22: 00; the bus lines whose operating hours exceed 22: 00 include route 151, 152, 155, K56, K3 and K8 as well as the night line of route 201 and route 213.
- The through buses include route 8 (Drum Tower- Desheng New Village), route 228 (the East Railway Station -Wulinmen), Route 251(the Railway Station-Gongzhenqiao), route 208,the departure time of buses at night is at intervals.
- Almost all buses are self-service ticketing buses (including air-conditioned buses) in the urban areas of Hangzhou. Passengers get on the bus at the front door and get off at the back door. Make sure to prepare enough change when taking a bus, no change will be given.



Taxi

The flagfall for taxis in the urban areas of Hangzhou City is 10 Yuan for the first four kilometers and 2 Yuan for every additional kilometer. If the distance exceeds 8 kilometers, the fare is 2.4 Yuan for every additional kilometer.

There are more than 70 Mercedes-Benz brand taxis in the city of Hangzhou. The operating price for the luxury Mercedes-Benz brand is 12 Yuan for the first four kilometers and 2.5 for each additional kilometer.

If the distance exceeds 8 kilometers, the fare is 3 Yuan for every additional kilometer. The price will not be increased at night, but it may be adjusted with the price of oil. Hangzhou taxi complaint call: 0571-85155205

Note: It is hard to call a taxi during 17:00-18:00.





Car hire

Sales Department of Zhejiang Overseas Tourism Automobile Company: 32, Huaguang Road , Hangzhou City

- Zhejiang Zhongzu Car Leasing Co. Ltd.: 453 Xixi Road of Hangzhou City
- Zhejiang Guoxin Car Leasing Co. Ltd. : 139 Tiychang Road of Hangzhou
- Rental Cost price (for reference): Rental price for Santana (ordinary): 200-250 Yuan/ day; Rental price for Santana (type2000):300-350 Yuan/day; Rental price for Qirui: 200-250 Yuan/ day; Rental price for Fukang: 200-220 Yuan/ day



Renting fare and contact tips

- The rental hours of cars is based on a 24 day. The mileage allowance per day is 200 kilometers. If it exceeds 200 kilometers, the renter will be charged extra 1 to 3 Yuan per kilometer according to the type of the car. If it is less than 100 kilometers, it will be counted as half a day.
- If a driver from the leasing company is hired at the same time, the rent will be increased accordingly.



Renting a bicycle

- Huaqiao Restaurant: It is located on 15 Hubin Road (the junction of the Changsheng Road). The deposit for each bicycle is 300 Yuan. The rent is 6 Yuan/hour for a single bicycle and 15 Yuan/hour for a double bicycle. Rental hours: 8:00--21:00; phone call: 0571-87074401-6658
- Zhongshan Park: It is located in front of the gate of Zhongshan Park in Gushan Mountain. The deposit for every bicycle is 300 Yuan. The rent is 6 Yuan/hour for a single bicycle and 15 Yuan/hour for a double bicycle.