



Morbidezza of Southern China | 8 Nights / 9 Days

Day 1 Shanghai Arrival

Ni Hao! Welcome to Shanghai, the most metropolis of China!

Upon arrival, you will be met by local tour guide at the arrival hall of the airport and escorted to check in your hotel in downtown by a private comfortable vehicle. The rest of today is on your own to relax. If you want to explore nearby, feel free to get some practical suggestions from your tour guide.

Evening Optional Activity: attend an entertaining and breathtaking Acrobatic Show, including balls of death, balance of chairs, hula hoops, juggling benches, walking in the air, etc.

Day 2 Shanghai (B, L)

You will take a full day of sightseeing to explore both the past and present of Shanghai. Your first stop is **Shanghai Museum**, one of the Best Four Museums in China. This modern museum, with a round top and a square base which symbolizing the ancient Chinese perception of the world as "round sky, square earth", has collected many international-standard exhibits of bronzes, paintings, calligraphy, sculpture, ceramics, jade from more than 5,000 years ago to the Qing dynasty. To help you learn about the history and facts about the relics in the museum easily, an Audio Explanation Device will be prepared for you.

Then, take an interesting walking through the charming **Former French Concession** which used to be designated for the French and residential and as the premier residential for expats and retail district of Shanghai during the settlement period(1849 until 1943) and the Republic of China era(1912~1949). Its juxtaposition between the ultra-modern and the colonial past, tree-lined streets, boutique shops, historic lane houses and villas make it a window into the city's up-and-down history. Next you will drive several kilometers to enjoy a panoramic view of the modern face of Shanghai from the 100th floor (474m) of "the Eye of Shanghai" **Shanghai World Financial Center**.

You will then be transferred to another popular landmark of Shanghai, **Nanjing Road**, a shopping paradise as well as a great place to take a wonderful walk to experience the modern atmosphere of the City. Lastly, you will stop at the **Bund**, originally a simple towpath for transporting goods but now transformed into a feverish trading district. You will stroll along the Bund, seeing and feeling the perfect fusion of Chinese and Western cultures while at the same time taking in the stunning Shanghai skyline with your own eyes!

Optional activity: Take a relaxing Huangpu River night cruise to see the city's most significant edifices and streets sparkling under the atmospheric cover of darkness (about 50 minutes).

Day 3 Shanghai - Suzhou (B, L)

In this morning, you will be taken to the train station to take an early high speed train to Suzhou (0.5 hour).

After arrival at Suzhou, start today's trip with an interesting visit to **Lingering Garden**, one of the Four Greatest Gardens in China as well as the perfect representative of traditional Suzhou Gardens. The Lingering Garden has synthesized almost all the classic features of Suzhou gardens. It is composed of residential areas,



shrines, family temple and garden, making fully use of the changings between big and small, bend and straight, bright and dark, tall and low, tight and disperse, with the surrounding landscapes, such as trees, flowers, lake, sky, as backgrounds to create an ingenious system of space. After visiting Linger Garden, move on to next site - **Shantang Ancient Street**, a wonderful place for a relaxing walking or leisure cruise on canals. It used to be an important trade and culture center during Ming and Qing Dynasties, and now is famous as “the miniature of old Suzhou and the window of Wu culture”. Enjoy the ornate water-town style architectures, marvel at the bustling streets and savor at local snacks.

In the afternoon, you will go to explore the most historical site in Suzhou - **Tiger Hill**. The hill is only 36 meters in height, but covers about 3.5 acres areas with a number of historical sites some of which have history over 2,500 years. The most famous site is the Yunyan Pagoda which is an over-1000-year-old pagoda with seven stories in height and famously leans much the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Apart from the history, the Tiger Hill is also an amazing place to go for a walk, enjoy natural scenery and experience local custom. Next, transfer to **Suzhou No.1 Silk Factory** where you could not only see how the silk is processed from worm to the final product, but also learn some history and culture of silk in China.

After the tour, go to check in your hotel. Have a good rest!

Day 4 Suzhou - Zhouzhuang - Hangzhou (B,L)

Today after breakfast, your guide and driver will pick you at your hotel to visit the most outstanding museum in Suzhou - **Suzhou Museum** which is the masterpiece of the world famous architect I. M. Pei who has built Louvre's pyramids in Paris, Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, the Miho Museum in Japan and many extraordinary buildings all over the world. While he was designing the Suzhou Museum, he combined the features of classical Suzhou Gardens with modern and fashionable characteristics. The museum has collected more than 40,000 decent items of ancient Chinese art, ancient Chinese paintings, calligraphy, porcelains, jade wares, handmade crafts, etc., from bronze ages to Ming and Qing Dynasties.

Next, take about a half-tour driving to the beautiful water town of **Zhouzhuang**. Reputed as the No. 1 Water Town in China, Zhouzhuang is one of the “ten most beautiful towns in the globe” and “world charming water town” with a long history of over 1000 years, appealing sightseeing and authentic flavor of regions south of Yangtze River in China. Visiting Zhouzhuang Ancient Town, you can see 14 ancient particular stone bridges built in Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties, multiple courtyards linking together on the winding water, more than 800 residents living by the river, etc. which is exactly the look of serene historic water town in east China. Besides the scenery, the special folk culture in Zhouzhuang will tell you about the real gem of culture in Wu area and the sole of this charming place. Famous attractions include **Double Bridge, Old Drama Stage, Cultural Street, Zhang's Residence and Shen's Residence**, etc.

Lastly, drive to take a high speed bullet train to Hangzhou(about 1.5hrs).

Day 5 Hangzhou (B, L)

In the early morning, your private tour guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel lobby, and then set out on today's sightseeing in a comfortable, air-conditioned and private vehicle.

Firstly, spend the peaceful and less-crowded morning time to visit the iconic and World Heritage site of Hangzhou - the picturesque **West Lake**. You will start with a **45-minute leisure cruise** to enjoy the tranquil lake views as well as the ancient pagodas, traditional arched bridges, tree-lined walkways, beautiful hills,



green islands and lush gardens. After the cruise, **disembark the lake shore** to stroll leisurely on the famous Su Causeway and Bai Causeway, and explore the poetic sites around, such as Three Ponds Mirroring the Moon, Fish Viewing at the Flower Pond, etc.

Leave West Lake, and move on to next site - **Lingyin Temple**, about 3km west away from the West Lake. With a history of nearly 1700 year, Lingyin Temple is hidden in the luxurious forest, and offers charming and peaceful landscape and impressive Buddhist culture. Next, extend your visit to the adjacent **Feilai Peak** which features in uncountable Buddhist carvings lining the riverbanks and hillsides and tucked away inside grottoes.

Lastly, drive about 7km to **Meijia Dock Dragon Well Tea Village**. After arrival, you will go for a walk among the tea plantations, marvel at the beautiful surrounding scenery, and sit down to enjoy a cup of the best Dragon Well Tea. After the enjoyable tea time, say goodbye to the host, and drive to the **China National Tea Museum** to learn systematically about Chinese Tea Culture.

Optional evening activity: 1) watch a magnificent night show - the Impression West Lake, a live performance with changing lights, music and dancing on the West Lake, which usually starts at 7pm; Notice: the Impression West Lake would be unavailable during December 16, 2017 to the mid-March, 2018 for the cold winter in Hangzhou. 2) feast your eyes to enjoy an amazing Music fountain show at Third Park, near the eastern lakeside of West Lake.

Day 6 Hangzhou & High Speed Train to Huangshan (B, L)

Today after breakfast, you'll be transferred to take a morning high speed **bullet train** to Huangshan from Hangzhou East Railway Station. The fast and comfortable train journey costs you only about 1.5~2 hours to reach Huangshan North Railway Station. After arrival, your private tour guide and driver will pick you up and go to check in your hotel in Huangshan City.

After some rest, you will go to explore the most famous ancient street - **Tunxi Ancient Street**. First built about 900 years ago, during Song Dynasty (960-1279), Tunxi Ancient Street is a 100% "old" street with well-preserved houses in Huizhou style. It was once called "the Eastern Ancient Rome" by an ancient Western-European architect. Strolling along this 1.5 kilometers long and 7 meter wide street, you could taste the delicious local snacks, purchase some souvenirs, antiques or knick-knacks in the shops, and sip the region's special tea like Maofeng with hospitable locals...all are the finest experience in this ancient street.

Day 7 Huangshan (B)

Today after breakfast, our guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel, then drive about **80 kilometers** (1.5 hours) to the foot of Mount Huangshan (Yellow Mountain), the UNESCO World Heritage Sites and one of the most beautiful mountains in China. Your memorable Huangshan trip starts!

To save energy and time, you will directly transfer by park bus from the mountain foot to **Yungu Temple** to take a **cableway** to upper beautiful sightseeing area of Huangshan Mountain – North Sea Scenic Area which is famous for marvelous precipitous peaks, beautiful giant pine trees and far-reaching vision. Walk to lofty **Begin-to-Believe Peak** (1668m) to stretch your eyesight over cloud seas to far distance, and then hike about 40 minutes to Dispelling Cloud Pavilion to look down the Dreamland - **West Sea Grand Canyon**. Walk down along the stone steps to the bottom of the canyon while enjoying the Avatar-like rising rock peaks, unfathomable cliffs, bizarre stones and tenacious pine trees.

Generally speaking, it takes about 3 hours for energetic hiker to hike from the **Dispelling Cloud Pavilion**, via 1st Ring and 2nd Ring to the bottom and return to the starting point. For beginners, children, and senior



travelers, you can decide the hiking length on your own according to your, usually 2 hours for the 1st Ring and 2.5hrs for the 2nd Ring. In the bottom of the canyon, there is also a monorail cable trains for those who don't want to return by walking to transfer back to the peak area.

If time and energy allow, you can spend about one hour to explore the Sky Sea Scenic Area where you can enjoy the sunset from the second highest peak - **Bright Summit** (1840m), visit the incredible **Flying-over Rock**, then return back your hotel and have a good rest.

(Please Note: from December to the late March of next year, West Sea Grand Canyon is usually closed for the cold weather and heavy snow. Please feel free to contact us to adjust your itinerary)

Day 8 Huangshan (B)

Get up early (usually around 5am to 6am) to enjoy the magnificent **sunrise** from Huangshan. We suggest you watch the sunrise from the Refreshing Terrance which is only a few minutes' walking from Beihai Hotel. In good-weather days, you can see clearly the golden light of the sun piercing the mists, and rocky peaks rising above the frothy, ever-changing sea of white clouds. After the sunrise, get back to your hotel for breakfast.

Continue on your wonderful sightseeing on the Yellow Mountain to see the famous **Dawn Pavilion, Stone Monkey Watching the Sea** on the **Lion Peak** (1690m). Then walk along the wood path to the cable station to **take a cable car** to exit the mountain. Your driver is ready at the mountain foot to transfer you back to Huangshan City. The rest of today is free for you to relax and have a good rest.

Day 9 Hongcun - Xidi - Huangshan Departure (B)

Today, you are going to visit two remarkable ancient villages, best examples of ancient Huizhou-style architecture, which are listed in UESCO World Heritage Sites - **Hongcun and Xidi**. Quite different from other traditional ancient villages in China, the layout, landscape, architectural form, decoration, and construction techniques all retain the original features Hongcun and Xidi are much more exquisite and grandiose, because they were built by successful officials or merchants returning home from official appointments and business.

Hongcun, originated during Song Dynasty (960-1276), is praised as the most beautiful village in China. It is famous as the ancient village in the Chinese painting. The most beautiful sites are the **Moon Lake**, the crescent-like pond surrounded by several grand dwellings, and **Southern Lake Academy**, a private ancient school served for the village. One interesting fact is that the whole village is arranged in the shape of an ox. The famous Oscar-winner film **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** were filmed in Hongcun.

Xidi Village is only about 10km from Hongcun. Its well-spaced houses with white walls, elegant decorations and black tiles are surrounded by mountains, which makes Xidi an ideal place for paint from life. Xidi is a magnificent villager of imperial officers. It contributed about 130 government officials, some of whom were dignitaries in the imperial courts, during Ming and Qing Dynasties. Currently, there are still 124 well-preserved ancient dwelling with unique style in the village.

After the sightseeing, it's time for departure. Your tour guide and driver will escort you to catch your flight/train to next destination. Our service ends.



Inclusion :

- All Transfers, Sightseeing and intercity travel using A/c Vehicle as per the itinerary.*
- All expenses related to driver and the vehicle i.e. Fuel, DA, Tolls, Parking charges, Vehicle permits and Taxes, etc.
- All must-see sightseeing as per the itinerary specified

Exclusion :

- Any Train/ Air/ Bus fares, Travel Insurance, Visa (if required), etc.
- All monument entry fees, guide charges, tips, camera fees, Joy rides, etc.
- Tips and Porterage
- Any services not mentioned in the inclusion list

Our Scope of Services:

We are holiday organizers only. We inspect and select the services to be provided to you. However, we do not own, operate or control any airline, shipping company, coach or coach company, hotel, transport, restaurant, kitchen caravan or any other facility or provider etc. that is engaged to provide you services during the course of your tour. Therefore, please carefully note that:

- you will need to adhere to the conditions, rules and regulations of each service provider. For instance, you will need to check the baggage rules of the airline, you will need to check the hotel rules to check what the mealtimes are, at which you should make yourself available. The company is not responsible / liable for the consequences if you breach such rules and regulations.
- If you cause any injury or damage affecting the service provider, then you may be liable to the service provider and if the service provider recovers any monies from us for such injury or damages, we shall separately charge you for the same.
- We cannot be held responsible / liable for any delay, deficiency, injury, death, loss or damage etc. occasioned due to act or default of such service providers, their employees or agents.

Payment Policy:

- Reservation amount has to be paid upfront for us to start confirming your package.
- Full flight amount (if flights included) and any non-refundable hotel amount has to be paid within 3 days of booking.
- Balance payment (if any) needs to be completed 21 days prior to travel.
- For travel in less than 21 days from booking, complete payment must be received within 24 hours of booking.
- You can pay using credit cards, debit cards, net banking, PayPal, NEFT, IMPS, RTGS, SWIFT or deposit cash Rs 1,99,000/- in adherence to Income Tax ACT.
- We charge non-refundable **financing fees for overdue amounts:**



- Financing charges: 1% per day of pending amount, compounding per day
- Processing charges for financing: 5% per week of pending amount or INR 10,000 per week, whichever is lower; from 2nd week.
- We reserve the right to cancel your trip without notice after due date. Any cancellation costs will be borne by you.
- If the above-mentioned payment terms are not followed Ayush Tours & Travels will not be held responsible for any change made in the package itinerary due to non-availability of flights, Hotels, Ferry etc.
- There might be an increase in total package cost offered at the time of bookings in case the payments are not received by Ayush Tours & Travels as per the terms mentioned and the extra cost need to be borne by the guest.

Airline Cancellation Policy:

- Cancellation will be as per the airlines cancellation policy
- Refund will be done within 30 Working days post deduction of cancellation charges by airlines (as per airline cancellation policy) and service charge of 25% on total value by Ayush Tours & Travels.

Hotel Cancellation Policy:

- Date of booking to 31 days before travel the cancellation charges will be 25% of the tour cost
- 30 to 16 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 50% of the tour cost
- 15 to 8 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 75% of the tour cost
- 0 to 7 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 100% of the tour cost. No refund shall be given
- **Please Note:** Cancellation policy is subject to change. It depends on the hotel policy.
- In peak season (example: long weekends, festival season, summer vacation etc.) most of the hotels charge 100% cancellation.
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Useful Tips before Booking:

- If your flights involve a combination of different airlines, you may have to collect your luggage on arrival at the connecting hub and register it again while checking in for the return journey to your origin.
- For queries regarding cancellations and refunds, please refer to our Cancellation Policy.
- Disputes, if any, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Jaipur.
- We reserve the right to issue a full refund in case we believe that we are unable to fulfil the services for any technical reasons.

Terms And Conditions:

- All rates are valid on departure dates mentioned. Ayush Tours & Travels reserves the right to change departure dates given the airline seat availability changes.
- The rates are valid for minimum 02 adults travelling together at all times. A Single room booking can be processed if accompanied with another Single room booking and/or a Twin room booking.
- The Foreign Exchange rate is volatile / dynamic and the same may fluctuate at the time of final payment



- As per RBI guidelines, the Foreign exchange component of your tour towards your land portion can only be processed 120 days prior to your travel.
- The rates are not valid on block out dates.
- Surcharges as and when applicable will be advised and passengers would be requested to pay the same
- Surcharges could be over and above the total package price quoted to the passengers at the time of booking.
- Some flights depart from India on a previous date and arrive at the destination the next day of departure and likewise for the return flight to India.
- Guests are requested to check with sales staff before booking their onwards/ connecting flights.
- The rates are subject to availability of hotel accommodation and sightseeing tours at the time of booking. We reserve the right to use an alternate hotel accommodation of an equal or higher standard. If we source a more expensive alternative, we reserve the right to re-quote based on the higher rates.
- Prices are not valid during Trade Fair periods.
- Rates are valid for Indian Passport holders only.
- International Check in time is 1400 hours / Check out time is 1100 hours, early check in and checkout is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.
- Transfers wherever included are without night surcharges.
- No refunds either in part or in full will be made for any unutilized service.
- All the sightseeing tours and excursions are organized by local companies. The timings and days of operation are subject to alteration. Changes if any will be intimated at the time of booking.
- Sightseeing's tours are strictly based on whether conditions and also local service providers have rights to cancel the sightseeing tours without prior notice.
- While Ayush Tours & Travels takes extreme care to ensure all your sightseeing and excursions are not on holidays / closed dates but due to the itinerary / sudden changes it sometimes becomes unavoidable. Ayush Tours & Travels will make every possible attempt to arrange for alternate sightseeing and excursions on such days. However, no refund will be provided as such events are beyond our control
- Rates subject to change without prior notice and also for clients travelling during weekends.
- Offer if any can be withdrawn at any point without prior notice.
- Bookings once confirmed are subject to cancellation charges which shall be advised at that time. • Services of Tour Manager are not included in this package.
- Ayush Tours & Travels is not responsible for any change in the price due to factors not in the control of the organization.
- As a practice all international hotels charge a security deposit via credit card or cash, at the time of checkin for each room. The amount will vary according to the hotel and is refunded back to the clients upon check-out. Debit cards should not be offered as it will be charged immediately and refunded only after 2-3 weeks. If any additional services or mini bar or any other service is utilized at the hotel, the hotel reserves the right to charge the same on this security deposit provided by the client. Ayush Tours & Travels would not be responsible for these transactions and these are solely between the hotels and the clients