



# SUZHOU & HANGZHOU SHORT STAY

Extension | 5 Days | Physical Level 1  
Shanghai – Suzhou – Hangzhou - Shanghai

Discover Suzhou's inspiring gardens, explore the Grand Canal, and cruise Hangzhou's West Lake.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Private transfers
- Transportation as stated
- English speaking guide



## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Travel to Suzhou**

Meals: None

This morning you will be met at your Shanghai hotel and transferred approximately 1 and a half hours by road to Suzhou.

Also known as the 'Venice of the East', Suzhou is a town famous for its plethora of traditional landscaped gardens.

**Destination Information**

**Suzhou** - Suzhou, situated on the lower reaches of the Yangtze and close to Shanghai, may be a modern city at first glance, but venture into the old centre and you'll find a world of meticulously designed classical gardens, cobbled streets and picturesque waterways.

**Day 2: Suzhou**

Meals: B, L

Today, visit the Master of the Nets Garden and visit its inner sanctum with its 'master's study' of Ming-style furnishings and architecture.

Wander around the Lingering Garden, best known for its exquisite architectural art, before cruising along a section of the Grand Canal.

**Destination Information**

**Master of Nets Garden** – The Master of Nets Garden is one of the smallest residential gardens in Suzhou but perhaps the most impressive due to the way it creates an illusion of an area that is much larger than its actual size and the mood of tranquility it offers.

**Lingering Garden** – Occupying an area of 5.8 acres, the Lingering Garden is one of the four most famous gardens in China. Possessing typical Qing style, it is well-known for the beauty of its magnificent halls, and the sizes, shapes, and colours of its buildings.

**Grand Canal** – China's Grand Canal is the longest man made waterway in the world with some sections dating back to the 5th century BC. The section that passes through Suzhou makes for an interesting journey as the banks are lined with places of historical interest and crossed by elegant bridges.

**Day 3: Drive to Hangzhou**

Meals: B, L

Travel approximately 2 hours by road to Hangzhou, which is renowned for its beautiful natural scenery.

On arrival stroll through the wonderful local markets and experience oriental tea-tasting.

**Destination Information**

**Hangzhou** – As the southern terminus of the Grand Canal, Hangzhou has long played a leading part not just as a trade port, but also as a place for relaxation and contemplation. Most famous is the city's stunning West Lake which sits peacefully amongst verdant hills and the city itself.

**Day 4: Hangzhou**

Meals: B, L

Today, visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, the largest temple in southern China and the Six Harmonies Pagoda, before enjoying a relaxing cruise on the tranquil West Lake.

**Destination Information**

**Temple of Inspired Seclusion** – The most famous Buddhist Temple in Hangzhou, the Temple of Inspired Seclusion dates back to the 4th century during the Eastern Jin Dynasty when founded by an Indian monk named Hui Li. The temple today is an important place of pilgrimage for Buddhists and a centre for tourism. **West Lake** – The central inspiration of Chinese garden style and a muse to the Chinese literati for centuries, Hangzhou's West Lake epitomises China's natural charm, refinement and beauty. Laced with temples and pagodas, Hangzhou's West Lake is a source of Buddhist architecture and traditional Chinese ideologies.

**Day 5: Drive to Shanghai**

Meals: B

Leave Hangzhou and return to Shanghai. Upon arrival at your Shanghai hotel your arrangements will end.



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