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# 9-Day Yangtze South

Shanghai, Hangzhou, Tunxi, Hongcun, Huangshan, Wuzhen, Suzhou...

Depart Every Monday

9 days/ 7 nights starting from \$2050\*

\* Prices include land, air, fuel surcharges, and taxes (Disclaimer: prices based on double occupancy and subject to seasonal and currency exchange rate changes)

## **Highlights:**

### **Luxurious and atmospheric accommodations:**

- Stay in the finest accommodations in each area including luxurious 4-5 star hotels in Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Suzhou.

### **Special site arrangements:**

- Experience authentic Shanghai – a vibrant cosmopolitan city with a distinct contrast between its ancient memories and ever-changing façade.
- Three customized routes are available for hiking Huangshan; each designed for your personal physical strength level. Signet Tours will also provide a walking staff and souvenir backpack for the hike.
- Take a relaxing electric car ride on the Su Di causeway of West Lake (Xi Hu).
- Visit the Venice of China, or Wuzhen. With its artistically inspiring scenery and ancient traditions, it is one of the most emblematic water towns in the Southern Yangtze region (Jiang Nan).

### **Trip flexibility and special comforts:**

- Dine on specially-selected local cuisine showcasing the special fare of China's Jiangnan region.
- Private VIP seats at the Shanghai Grand Theatre for the Shanghai Acrobat Troupe performance are included.
- Maximum capacity 22 passengers per tour.
- Our all-inclusive tour package includes air tickets, hotels, most meals, transportations, admissions, and the services of escorted tour guides.

## **Today's Travels:**

**Day 1 • Depart North America for Shanghai, China**

**Day 2 • Arrive in Shanghai**

Welcome to Shanghai, the financial and fashion center of China! Upon arriving at the airport, a Signet representative will welcome and escort you to the hotel for dinner. Afterwards, spend time exploring the area or rest for tomorrow's sightseeing. (*Dinner*)

### **Day 3 • Shanghai • Hangzhou**

Today's sightseeing journey begins in the new district of Pudong where you will see various cultural landmarks. Explore Lujiazui financial district and walk along Binjiang Avenue, offering the best views of the historic Bund and symbolic Oriental Pearl Tower. Next, visit the much loved Old City God Temple and Yu Garden for shopping and dining. After lunch, take a stroll through the affluent Xin Tian Di Plaza, notable for its blend of traditional Chinese and modern Western styles architectures. Before leaving Shanghai, explore Dr. Sun Yat Sen's former residence. Tonight, check-in to your hotel in Hangzhou city with some free time before dinner. (*3 meals*)

### **Day 4 • Hangzhou**

Start your day in the beautiful gardens of Hangzhou. Visit Xihu, or West Lake, and walk along the Bai Causeway, sample Long Jing tea on a peaceful water front lake, and hop aboard a traditional open top boat to enjoy a magnificent scenic view. See the elegant carvings of the "Peak Flown From Afar", dating from the Song dynasty, and find yourself surrounded by the serene nature of the Lingyin temple. Next, take a slow stroll through the old town of Tunxi, a visitors' paradise full of shops with souvenirs at great prices. Finish the day by checking-in to your hotel. (*3 meals*)

### **Day 5 • Hangzhou • Huangshan**

Today, visit the impressively ancient Hongcun. Afterwards, we begin our journey on Huangshan, known worldwide as the Yellow Mountain, with a cable car ride which will take you from the Cloud Valley Temple to Shixin Feng (Beginning to Believe Peak). Shixin Feng features views so jaw-dropping, they have been described as a Chinese landscape painting come to life. See the fantastically shaped rocks at San Hua Wa (Sunken Flower bed) and the Cloud Dispersing Pavilion and its majestic natural scenery. (*3 meals*)

### **Day 6 • Huangshan • Hangzhou**

From your hotel situated in the Huangshan, you will have 3 routes to choose from:

- Ascend to the breathtaking sights of the 2nd highest peak in Huangshan - Bright Summit Peak and (descend and ascend to the next peak) to Turtle Peak. Then enjoy the view of Lotus Flower Peak from the platform at Turtle Peak and continue to the scaling ladders (or steep) of One Hundred Steps Cloud Stairs and be mesmerized by the heavenly feeling of entering a sea of clouds and mist. Lastly, travel around the mountain to the Jade Screen Tower that perched high amongst the mist and cloud, which also reputed as

the “imperial palace in heaven”. You will also have lunch at the Jade Screen Tower and then descend the mountain by cable car at the Yungu Telpher. (4 hours hike and especially strenuous from Turtle Peak to 100 steps ladder, very steep and treacherous climb)

- Ascend Fei Lai Shi (Rock Flown From Afar) or Bright Summit Peak, two of the most famous sights in Huangshan and have lunch at the your hotel and descend the mountain by cable car from Cloud Valley Station. (3 hours hike, average on stress)
- Spend leisure time at the hotel and meet the group for lunch. (FIT)

Descend Huangshan and enjoy your stay at one of our preferred hotels for dinner. (*3 meals*)

### **Day 7 • Hangzhou • Suzhou**

Visit the Venice of South China – Wuzhen, an ancient water-town in Yangtze South. Next, explore Suzhou Liu Yuan, or Lingering Gardens. Built during the Ming Dynasty, Suzhou Liu Yuan remains one of the most famous traditional gardens in China. We continue to the Dongling Silk Institute for a presentation of the silk making process. Next, travel to the famous Shantang ancient street and sail along the canal. Enjoy the night with a dinner and show, consisting of a live performance of PingTan, or musical storytelling. (*3 meals*)

### **Day 8 • Suzhou • Shanghai**

Before leaving Suzhou, visit Tiger Hill, a popular destination for locals known for its historical sites and beauty. Upon arrival in Shanghai, enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, adventure the city, and see the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe. (*Breakfast and Lunch*)

### **Day 9 • Hotel • Departure**

You will be escorted to the airport by a Signet Tours representative. Zai jian (See you again)! (*Breakfast*)