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East China Ancient Town Experience Tour

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Tour Code: CET-AT02

Length: 14 days and 13 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: Beijing, Shanghai, Huangshan Mountain, Wuyuan, Jingdezhen, Kunming, Dali, Lijiang, Shangri-la, Guilin, (Hong Kong)

Highlight Attractions: The Bund, Yu Yuan Garden, Ancient Water Town: Zhujiajiao, Scenic Areas of Yellow Mountain, Hongcun Village, Great Wall

Experience & Features: Ancient villages and towns near Shanghai and Huangshan, Wuyuan Countryside Sceneries, Porcelain and china town

As one of the Four Great Ancient Civilizations, China has long history and profound culture. This tour brings you to experience ancient culture, construction and customs around Shanghai. Besides, Beijing is also included. Our tour begins in the largest city of China-Shanghai, which will amaze you by its modern atmosphere and traditional culture and art. One day tour to the beautiful water village and graceful ancient town near Shanghai will leave you a deep impression. The Hongcun Village shows you well-preserved ancient buildings and natural sceneries, just indulge yourself in this "village in the Chinese painting". Also we can't miss the ancient county of Wuyuan-the most beautiful village in China. The unique-built houses remain almost unchanged over the last century. Jingdezhen, as "The Chinaware Capital" is also a famous ancient town in China. The last destination is Beijing, to climb the magnificent ancient construction of the Great Wall, get a brief impression of this attractive big capital.

Itinerary

Day 1: Shanghai

After you arrive in Shanghai, our guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 2: Shanghai

Today we will go to **[Yuyuan Garden]**, a place where demonstrates perfectly the sophisticated art of combining several different elements to create a world in miniature- - ingeniously mingling pavilions and corridors, small hills and carefully selected and well-placed rocks, lotus ponds, bridges, winding paths, and trees and shrubs. Then we will also go to Jade Buddha Temple], an elegant structure famous for its Buddha statue which is carved of a complete piece of solid white jade and decorated by jewels. You will have your lunch in a characteristic Shanghai restaurant.

Afterwards, we will go to visit **[Outer Bund]** where you will have a grand view of Shanghai both in traditional and modern perspectives. You can enjoy a walk on the **[Nanjing Road]**, the most prosperous commercial street. There are lots of world famous brands setting along the street and enjoy a good time in shopping.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 3: Shanghai-Zhujiajiao-Zhouzhuang-Shanghai

This morning we will drive to **[Zhujiajiao Ancient Town]**, a bazaar in Song and Yuan Dynasties. Zhujiajiao is blessed with a charming landscape similar to that of Venice, Italy. Beautiful, free-flowing rivers run randomly throughout the town, accompanied by the long streets. Lots of old stone bridges crisscross the picturesque rivers. Ancient houses in the style of the Ming and Qing (1644 - 1911) Dynasties stand along the banks of the rivers. You will greatly appreciate the most natural elements of this town as well as its friendly inhabitants.

After lunch, we will drive to Pudong New Area to see **[Jinmao Tower]**.The tower located in the center of Lujiazui Finance and Trade Districts in Pudong is the fourth tallest building of the world and the second tallest building in China. The 88-stories Jin Mao Tower was completed in 1999. It is 420.5 meters (almost 1380 feet) tall and covers an area of 2.3 hectares (5.68 acres). In the evening, we will watch **[Acrobatic Show]**.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 4: Shanghai-Huangshan

This morning is on your own to relax. After lunch we will go to the airport for a flight to Huangshan. Upon your arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel in the city. Then we will go to visit the **[Tunxi**

Ancient Street]. It locates in the center of Tunxi district, where the municipality of Huangshan is based in. The stone arch bridge crossing the river which was built in Ming Dynasty. And it starts in the west from Zhenhai Bridge, and ends up in the east with the tablet of memorial archways. It is 1500 meters long and the sides of the street are laid with slab stones. Being well preserved, there are shops row upon row, with buildings simple and elegant. It is a commercial street only for pedestrians, where the building style of Ming and Qing dynasties. The merchants from the Anhui, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, and Fujian provinces join each other in a crowd that resembles the picture "Upper River during Qing Ming Festival". You can wander along the old bridge, visit the fish beside the river, find out shoots of bamboo on the slope, and stand under a tree listening to the birds whistle. All these will enable you to rest and attain mental tranquility by getting back to the nature.

Stay overnight in Huangshan City.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 5: Huangshan Mountain

Early this morning we will take **[cable to visit the Huangshan Mountain]** to enjoy the spectacular view along the way to the top. The four wonders features Mt. Huangshan is odd-shaped pines, grotesque rock formation, seas of clouds and crystal-clear hot springs. There is an old saying goes you won't want to visit any other mountains after seeing Wu Yue (the Five Great China Mountains) but you won't wish to see even Wu Yue after returning from Mt. Huangshan. This saying reflects the beauty and uniqueness of Mt. Huangshan. You can explore scenic spots on the mountain and enjoy spectacular view.

Stay overnight at Huangshan Mountain.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 6: Huangshan Mountain-Hongcun Village

Today we **[take cable down the mountain]** and drive to [Hongcun Village] that is located at the foot of the southwest side of Mt. Huangshan. There are 158 dwelling houses dating back to the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties, nearly 140 of which are still in good shape. Hongcun Village is a unique, buffalo-shaped ancient village in the ancient style. The water system in the village is really an unparalleled construction in this village that fully reflects the construction arts in ancient China. The village has simple but elegant scenery, a fine mixture of old houses, green hills and clear creeks, so it enjoys the name "a village in the Chinese painting". You can spend some time walking along the old paths.

Stay overnight at a local inn in Hongcun Village.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 7: Hongcun Village-Wuyuan

This morning we can have a leisurely walk in the town, and then we depart for **[Wuyuan Ancient County]**. It locates in Jiangxi province, and Wuyuan County enjoys the reputation as "the most beautiful village in China". The unique-built houses remain almost unchanged over the last century. People still keep their traditions and ways of living, which make this county like a paradise that is isolated from the outside world. Walking on stone bridges and watching yellow waves of rape flowers among farmers' cottages, you may feel like in a nice paradise. Wuyuan is also is a place full of cultural atmosphere because it is the home to many famous scholars in China. We pay a visit to **[Likeng]**, a thousand year old village which has been well preserved and the local life there is interesting to discover.

Stay at a local family in Likeng.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 8: Wuyuan-Jingdezhen

We can enjoy a Chinese breakfast made by local hospitable hostess, and then we depart for **[another ancient village]**. It takes more than one hour on the bumpy way. Upon arrival, we walk along the stone-path to see the ancient buildings, and to know more about the local life by visiting a local market. Lunch is arranged in a local family, this afternoon we will depart and drive to Jingdezhen-a town famous as "The Chinaware Capital". Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is your own, we suggest you to pay a visit to the local porcelain market in the center square, where you can have a look of various porcelains and purchase some if you are interested.

Stay overnight in Jingdezhen.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 9: Jingdezhen-Nanchang

Jingdezhen has a long history and a magnificent culture. Its white glazed porcelain was known as the "false jade ware" in the Sui and Tang dynasties. In the Ming Dynasty, Jingdezhen became one of the four famous towns in China. As long as 2000 years ago, in the Han Dynasty, some ancient kilns for pottery were built here. We will pay a visit to the **[Jingdezhen Ancient Folk Kiln Museum]**. There are rich cultural deposit of porcelain from Wudai Dynasty to Ming Dynasty (907-1644 AD), which covers an area of more than 400 thousand square meters (98.8 acres). Jingdezhen is the pilgrimage place of porcelain historiography pursuer, the porcelain industrial arts fans and the tourists all in the world. About 20 locations of the relics of valuable kilns and porcelain factories in the important history periods of Song, Yuan and Ming dynasties are well

preserved in the Jingdezhen Ancient Folk Kiln Museum. You can watch different procedures of making porcelain done by professional workers, or you may try yourself to learn to mould a vase. You will have a great time there.

After the visit, we will take our van/car/bus going to Nanchang City (about 3 hour drive), the capital of Jiangxi Province.

Stay overnight in Nanchang.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 10: Nanchang-Beijing

After breakfast, we will leave Nanchang to take a flight to Beijing.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. You can arrange the rest of time.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 11: Beijing

In the morning, we will have a tour to **[Temple of Heaven]**, which is a complex of buildings, gardens, and pathways; the relationship between Earth and heaven is reflected in organization. Later let's take a walk on the **[Tian'anmen Square]** -- one of the largest city squares in the world. It is located on the central axis of old Beijing. In the center of Tian'anmen Square stands the Monument to the People's Heroes. Then we go to the **[Forbidden City]** -- Imperial palaces for the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties. There are 800 ceremonial buildings, 9,999 rooms, and a courtyard that can hold 100,000 people in the city. The best ancient Chinese architectural styles offer an imposing view. Later the day is on your own to explore more about this city.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 12: Beijing

There is a famous saying goes "you are not a true hero unless you climb on the Great Wall." And today we will drive to the **[Jinshanling Great Wall]**, the less developed and commercial section of the Wall. Jinshanling Great Wall is one of the best preserved parts and the longest sections of the Great Wall with many original

hiking features. Even though that it is somewhat dangerous to climb, the splendid views will make your trip a worthy one. People say that a visit to Beijing isn't complete without trying the crispy and tasty Peking duck dinner, so we highly recommend a featured dinner for you at one famous restaurant.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 13: Beijing

This morning, let's go to visit the [**Summer Palace**] -- one of China's architectural masterpieces. The beauty of the Summer Palace is delicate. The pavilion, kiosks, terraces, bridges, dikes, corridors are delicately crafted and placed, and it well displays the thousand-year old Chinese landscape gardening. Chinese profound philosophical and aesthetic traditions are well represented in this scenic spot. The rest of the day is on your own to relax or visit Beijing by yourself.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 14: Beijing-Departure

You can enjoy your own time until you are ready to be transferred to the airport for an onward flight to your next destination or a flight flying back home.

Meals: (B)

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