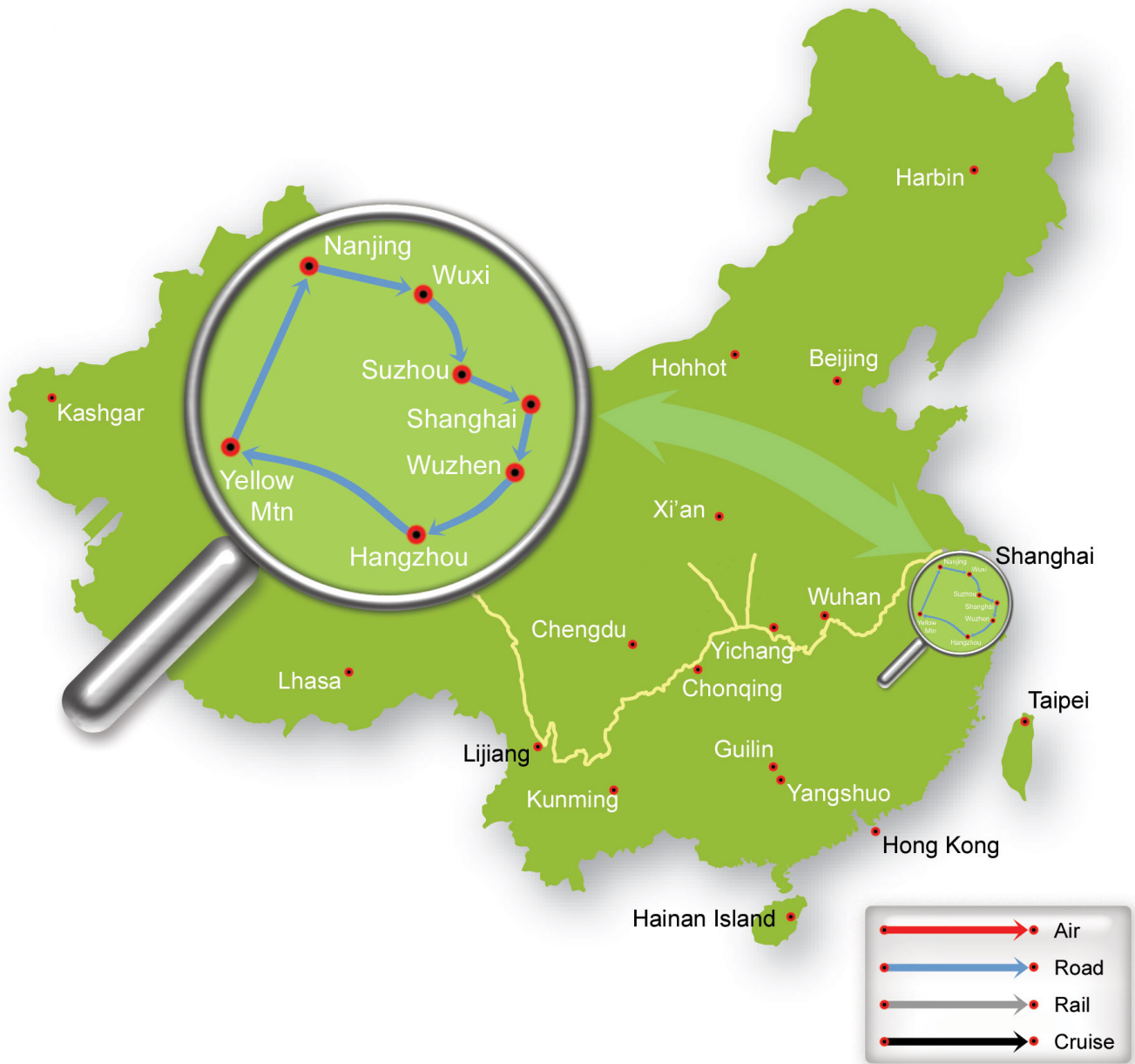


VENICE OF THE ORIENT TOUR



Shanghai - Wuzhen - Hangzhou - Yellow Mountain - Nanjing - Wuxi - Suzhou

Whether you're a naturalist or someone who simply appreciates beautiful countryside, this is one of the most picturesque tours available. We'll start this tour in cosmopolitan Shanghai where there's a little something for everyone. Next you'll embark on a wonderful discovery of tranquil waters, majestic mountains and picture perfect gardens. Along the way you'll meet some fascinating villagers who are still practicing the traditions of their ancient past. This trip's also bound to be a hit with your palate as we treat you to local delicacies and the very best of Chinese tea.

Duration	11 Days, 10 Nights
Route	Shanghai - Wuzhen - Hangzhou - Yellow Mountain - Nanjing - Wuxi - Suzhou - Shanghai
Fitness Level	Average
Tour Price	From AU \$1,475 per person - twin share 4-Star Hotels
Inclusions	10 nights accommodation with Breakfast (B), Lunches (L) & Dinners (D) as per the itinerary, accredited English-speaking tour guide, transportation for all specified transfers & tours, entry fees to shows & attractions as per the itinerary, visa application fees for Australian passport holders, complimentary travel wallet
Exclusions	International airfares & taxes, personal expenses such as telephone, dry cleaning, taxi fares etc, gratuities to guides and drivers, optional activities, shows, meals or any items denoted by ** throughout the itinerary

Suggested Itinerary:

- Day 1 On arrival to Shanghai Airport, you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Please note no meals have been arranged for this day.
- Day 2 In the morning visit the Jade Buddha Temple and admire the peaceful Yuyuan Gardens in Shanghai's old city quarters. Afterwards, take a stroll along the Bund to study the architecture of the waterfront promenade and snap up a bargain in the busy markets of nearby Nanjing Road. In the evening, enjoy a BBQ banquet and cap off your day with a breath-taking performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Show. (BLD)
- Day 3 Today you'll depart Shanghai on a road trip to Wuzhen Water Village. Lying on the Grand Canal, Wuzhen has retained its old world charm and traditional lifestyle. Continue on to Hangzhou to visit the Lingyin Temple and have an overnight stay in Hangzhou. (BL)
- Day 4 This morning, you'll take a cruise on the beautiful West Lake - another national treasure of China. You'll then visit the Liuhe Pagoda Museum before touring one of the many splendid Tea Plantations. Here you'll gain a wonderful insight into the culture of tea and have an opportunity to sample some of China's finest brews. Tonight you'll partake in a specialty dinner local to Hangzhou. (BLD)
- Day 5 Journey to the magnificent Yellow Mountain (Huangshan Mountain) to experience the postcard sceneries of this pristine region. Tour the age-old villages that surround the mountain and admire the elegance of Hongcun & Tunxi Villages. Tonight you'll stay[^] in a village at the foot of Yellow Mountain. (BL)
- Day 6 After breakfast you'll catch a cable car to the top of Yellow Mountain and check in to your hotel[^]. Your guide will then escort you on some mountain excursions to enjoy the many vantage points & sensational views. Enjoy a wonderful night's stay on the Mountain. (BLD)
- Day 7 Wake a little earlier this morning for a chance to view the superb sunrise from this idyllic mountain setting. Afterwards you'll check out and take the cable car down to the foot of the Mountain. Travel to Nanjing City and venture around the scenic Qinhuai River, the Ming City Wall and the Ming Tomb. Later relax and enjoy a local specialty dinner and an overnight stay in Nanjing. (BLD)
- Day 8 Depart Nanjing on a road journey to Wuxi where you'll explore the beautiful Taihu Lake. Relax in your serene surroundings and stay overnight in Wuxi dining on local cuisine. (BLD)
- Day 9 Today you'll depart Wuxi and head for the wonderful Suzhou, which is renowned for its beautiful stone bridges, pagodas and meticulously maintained gardens. You'll visit Tiger Hill, the Silk Spinning Factory, Hanshan Temple and the Master of the Nets Garden, which is reported to be the most balanced design of all the gardens in China. (BL)

- Day 10 This morning you'll check out of your hotel and pay a visit to the Humble Administrator's Garden. Later you'll return to Shanghai for an afternoon & evening free of activities. This is an ideal time to get in some last minute shopping prior to the end of your tour. (BL)
- Day 11 After breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

Tour Prices are per person twin-share in AU\$		
Travel Dates	Total People Travelling	4-Star Hotels
01 Nov 2009 – 30 Nov 2009, 01 Mar 2010 – 30 Nov 2010	2-3	\$2,575
	4-9	\$2,045
	10 or more	\$1,655
01 Dec 2009 – 28 Feb 2010, 01 Dec 2010 – 28 Feb 2011	2-3	\$2,415
	4-9	\$1,885
	10 or more	\$1,475
5-Star Upgrade[^]	Add an additional \$500 per person twin share [^]	
Single Supplement[^]	\$685 for 4-Star Hotels or \$1,105 for 5-Star Hotels [^]	

Important

[^] There are no 5-Star Hotels currently available in the Yellow Mountain area. Please note that public holidays & seasonal demand directly affect availability, fares & accommodation pricing. To enable us to refine your travel plans and provide you with an accurate quotation, please send us some key details via our Enquiry Form. Prior to making a booking, please visit our Terms & Conditions web page to view our policies related to travel in China. We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance prior to your departure to safeguard against unforeseen events. LetsdoChina.com is a registered Safe Travel Charter Partner with the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and is an authorized agent to issue travel insurance. Visit our Quick Quote site where you can also purchase an online policy. For further information, please go to our Travel Insurance web page and also find other useful links regarding advice on safe travel practices.

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