

## [ Tour code: GW-PQ-002 ] Shanghai, Mt. Putuo, Ningbo, Hangzhou, Suzhou (10 days)

### Day01 Arrive in Shanghai

Arrive in Shanghai, known as "Paris in the East". Be transferred to the hotel for rest. (D)



### Day02 Shanghai

Visit **the Bund**, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Jin Mao Tower can be seen on the opposite side. The splendid row of early 20th century Europe buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Visit fascinating **Yuyuan Garden**, a well-restored Suzhou-style garden, and take a walk through the Old Town filled with antique markets and specialty stores. A fabulous **Acrobatic Show** concludes your first day's activity in Shanghai. (B-L-D)

### Day03 Shanghai

This morning you will visit marvelous **Shanghai Museum**, a leading attraction of the city since it opened in 1994, containing some priceless collections of paintings, porcelains and bronzes. Move on to check out the **St. Ignatius Cathedral** (Xujiahui Cathedral) built in 1846. Wander around the former French Concession represented by the leafy **Fuxing Park** and the architecture in the area. Then pay a visit to the **Jade Buddha Temple** where two rare jade statues of Sakyamuni Buddha are treasured. You will have some free time in the afternoon to explore the city. (B-L-D)

### Day04 Shanghai-Mt. Putuo

Be transferred to Shanghai pier for the fast ferry to Mt. Putuo, a famous Buddhism scenic spot located on the sea in the four Chinese famous Buddhism Mountains. Putuo means "beautiful little white flowers". Today's highlight is to visit the **Puji Temple**, the largest temple on this island. The Hall of Yuantong is the main building in Puji Temple, in which there is an 8.8-meter-high bronze statue of Guanyin, the only representation of Guanyin constructed by Putuo Mountain natives. You will also see the "Not-leaving Guanyin", and the name is given so because of a legend - "Buddha chooses the Mount". (B-L-D)

### Day05 Mt. Putuo

After breakfast, you will ride cable-car to visit **Huiji Temple** which is the third largest on the mountain. Only in Huiji Temple is Buddha Sakyamuni worshiped. The temple is also

famous for its large collection of ancient brick carvings portraying the Guanyin Buddha. Next, proceed down to visit the second largest temple on the island - **Fayu Temple**. This temple is famous for its ancient architecture, delicate woodcarvings and inscribed calligraphy by ancient emperors. You will also have some free time to explore this island. (B-L-D)

#### **Day06 Mt. Putuo-Ningbo-Hangzhou**

Take a morning ferry to Ningbo. Then, drive to Hangzhou, one ancient capital city in southern China, Visit **Huqingyutang**, a pharmacy shop and museum of traditional Chinese medicine. Then, you will visit the **Former Residence of Hu Xueyan** who set up Huqingyutang Drugstore and was called "the medicine king in south of the Yangtze River".

The former residence boasts 13 towers, Zhiyuan Garden, pavilions, terraces, a small bridge over a flowing stream and bright verandas, all ingeniously designed. (B-L-D)



#### **Day07 Hangzhou**

A full day tour is to appreciate the incomparably lovely **West Lake** with its soaring bridges and flower-bright islets. Enjoy a **boat ride** on West Lake. Visit the **Huangang Park (Flower Harbor Park)**, the most attractive waterside park. Ancient Chinese people praised the West Lake area as a land of intoxicating beauty. Then, enjoy a walk along the **Su Causeway** that is spanned with six bridges offering different views, the willows tossing among blooming peach flowers in spring. Also, you will visit a **Tea Museum** showing the history and production of Chinese tea. Move on to visit the **Meijiawu Tea House**, the tea village of famous Dragon's Well Tea. (B-L-D)

#### **Day08 Hangzhou-Suzhou**

Take a morning train to Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East". It was so named by early travelers because the town was built around a network of canals and 300 bridges. You will begin the day with a visit to **Zhuozheng Yuan (Humble Administrator's Garden)** and **Garden of the Master of the Nets**. Humble Administrator's Garden is the largest private garden in Suzhou with features of Chinese classical garden in Ming Dynasty. Garden of the Master of the Nets, the smallest of the Suzhou residential gardens, is the most impressive because of its use of space which creates the illusion of an area that is much greater than its actual size. (B-L-D)



### **Day09 Suzhou-Shanghai**

After breakfast, pay a visit to **Suzhou Silk Museum** to see how the world's most beautiful silk is produced. Enjoy a **boat ride on the Grand Canal** reveals the traditional way of life for the people who have lived here for generations. China's emperors took such route many times to inspect their territory and people in the South, leaving lots of legends and stories in the history. Then, take a train back to Shanghai. (B-L-D)

### **Day10 Depart from Shanghai**

Be transferred to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. (B)