

Hangzhou

杭州

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Ancient land of plenty, hometown of silk, an earthly paradise

Hangzhou has a history of over 2200 years, since Qin Dynasty in 2nd century B.C. In Song Dynasty Hangzhou was established as Capital of China. For travelers in hundreds of years, Hangzhou's called "Heaven in the real world", nowadays could we experience modern urban & traditional architectures in Hangzhou in both; all places are surrounded by woods, but we still feel the atmosphere of this modern society.



Keywords of Destination

- Climate Subtropical monsoon climate, Average annual temperature 20°C
- Tour days 2 ~ 3 days
- Must-see West Lake, Lingyin Temple
- Specialty Longjing Tea, Silk Umbrella

Bucket list

- 1 . Going around Xi Hu(West lake) by bike
- 2 . Drink a cup of tea on the boat of Xi Hu, like poets in the ancient times
- 3 . Experience tradition Chinese life in Qing He Fang & Great Song Street

Write down your own Bucket list:

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best season to travel

All year is fine, and in autumn there are Qiantang Tides & mid-autumn festivals' celebrations.

And it is not expensive in Hangzhou; about 200 Yuan for one day is enough.

There are 2 parts of Hangzhou that people whoever come to this place for the first time: West Lake and Xixi Wetlands. From Chinese travelers' view, scenic spots in Hangzhou, seems "all are on hills or in woods" so bring a pair of sneaker would help.

Top1: West Lake 西湖

West Lake & "Ten Scenes of West Lake". These are the words composed by the famous Song Dynasty poet Su Dongpo (960-1127) when he compared the West Lake to Xi Zi, the most beautiful woman in ancient China. These poetic sentiments leave one in no doubt of the glory of the scenery that inspired them.

苏堤春晓 Dawn on the Su Causeway in Spring
曲院风荷 Wine-making Yard and Lotus Pool in Summer
平湖秋月 Moon over the Peaceful Lake in Autumn
断桥残雪 Remnant Snow on the Bridge in Winter
雷峰夕照 Leifeng Pagoda in the Sunset
柳浪闻莺 Orioles Singing in the Willows
花港观鱼 Fish Viewing at the Flower Pond
三潭印月 Moon and Candlelight Mirrored in the Lake
南屏晚钟 Evening Bell Ringing at the Nanping Hill
双峰插云 Two Peaks Piercing the Clouds

Transportation inside West Lake:

Battery Van

There are lots of stops around the lake, so don't afraid of not being able to catch one. There is no ticket office for the vans so usually people wave their hands when van comes, it would stop. It is 40 Yuan for a round trip, 10 Yuan for 8 stops.

Boats

There are traditional(画舫), normal(休闲船), man-power boat(自划船), at all docks could people take one to sail in West Lake. It is 55 Yuan per person for the boats; but man-power boat's counted on time, 30 Yuan per hour.

苏堤春晓 Dawn on the Su Causeway in Spring



Su Causeway became a tourist attraction as early as 1090. That year, Su Dongpo, a famous poet in Song Dynasty and the governor of Hangzhou, had the lake dredged. The silt and debris were piled up and formed into a causeway. In order to honor the poet governor, local people named the Causeway after him. Today's causeway is the result of many refurbishing projects over centuries. Romanticized as Spring Dawn by Su Causeway, the scenery has stayed on the top of the best ten resorts around the West Lake since the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279).

Opening Time: All-day

Referral visiting time: 40-50 minutes by walk

柳浪闻莺 Orioles Singing in the Willows



Once an imperial park in the Southern Song Dynasty, Orioles Singing in the Willows is off the Southeast bank of

the West Lake. The park was so named after the pier (Liulang Pier) and the bridge (Liulang Bridge). Orioles Singing in the Willows was recognized as one of the Ten Views of the West Lake in the Southern Song Dynasty, but began to be neglected from the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) on. The park came back to life again 1950s by a series of refurbishing projects. Today, the park covers an area of 21 hectares, with luxuriant trees surviving the past dynasties along the winding bank. Vast lawns stretch, flowers are bright, pavilions reveal their ancient romantic style, birds flap by and grasses show their best greens.

Opening Time: All-day

Referral Visiting Time: 20 minutes by walk

雷峰夕照 Leifeng Pagoda in the Sunset



Leifeng Pagoda was built in Warring States Ages (2400 years ago) for a King in celebration of his child's birth. And after that this pagoda was destroyed by earthquake & fire, now there are only 2 storey remains. The pagoda people are climbing is rebuilt as origin in recent years, but through the glass could well see the relic.

Address: 15, Nanshan Road, Xihu District 西湖区南山路15号

Ticket: 40 Yuan, 30 Yuan for students (students' tickets only sold in July & August)

Opening Time: 7:30- 20:30

Tips: Going to the top of the pagoda by escalator and going down would be a good way to visit. Best time to take photos of landscape is 17:00-19:00.

Top2: 3 Tombs of Chinese National Heroes 西湖三杰墓



Around West Lake, there are 3 tombs of national heroes of Chinese civilization, Yue Fei (1103-1142), Yu Qian (1398-1457), Zhang Huangyan(1620-1644) , if time allows, going there would let you know more about Chinese civilization.

Yue Fei(岳飞) and his temple(岳王庙)

Yue was an eminent general during the southern song dynasty. He was born in a rural family, and became a general after he passed the Imperial Exam, and at that time, he was hailed as the reason that the dynasty was able to defend itself against various barbarians that invaded central China. Barbarians (ancestors of Manchus) slaughtered over 1 million Chinese civilians in China, while they've captured Chinese emperor and insulted him. Like Scipio Africanus of Rome, he saved this country by leading civil troops to counter-attack, but he was framed by false accusations and executed by a courtier called Qin. In memory of General Yue, Chinese government built this tomb & temple beside West Lake in 1162. 2 iron statues of kneeling Qin and his wife in front of the temple, were destroyed by the angry tourists for 11 times, even now some Chinese tourists in spite of manners, still going to spit towards these statues to express their disdain.

Address: South of Qi Xia Hills, northwest corner of West Lake

Opening Time: 7:30-17:30

Ticket Price: 25 Yuan

Yu Qian's Tomb (于谦祠)



National Hero of China, born in Ming Dynasty (1398). He offended the influential court eunuch Wang Zhen and ended up being imprisoned. However, he was released later, reinstated as an official. In 1449, Yu Qian played an important role in leading the defense of the capital, Beijing, from invasion by Mongols, who had earlier captured the Emperor at the Battle of Tumu which 300 thousand soldiers died on battlefield because of the misleading of eunuch Wang Zhen. Yu Qian retrained left 30,000 soldiers and beat 80,000 Mongol cavalries outside Beijing City, protected millions of Chinese people from barbarian invasions. But, in 1457 Yu Qian was falsely accused of treason and executed. He was later posthumously rehabilitated by following emperors.

Address: 161, Santaishan Road, near "Turtles' Pool" (三台山路161号)

Ticket: Free

Opening Time: 9:00-18:00

Zhang Huangyan's Tomb(张苍水先生祠)

Born in late Ming Dynasty (1620), Zhang was a writer at first, and soon with the invasion of Manchus, massive innocent Chinese civilians were slaughtered by them, so when Zhang witnessed all those massacres he discarded his stand of scholar and raised an army against the Manchus. Though finally he failed to drive barbarians away from China, but he is also respected by Manchus after executed by them.

Address: 2-1, Nanshan Road, NanPing Mountain(南屏山南路2-1) south bank of West Lake

Ticket: Free

Opening Time: 9:00-18:30

Top3: Hupao Spring (Hu Pao Quan, 虎跑泉)



One famous spring in Hangzhou, it is said to be the place where a famous Taoist, Ji Gong, died and buried. Also, LongJing Tea, one of 10 top Chinese teas, are planted here.

Ticket price	15 Yuan, half price for students, free for elders over 70 yrs old
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Address	47, Hupao Road, Xihu District (西湖区虎跑路47号)
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Opening time	6:00-18:00
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Top4: Lingyin Temple (灵隐寺)



Lingyin Temple was built in Jin Dynasty (5th century), and at first this temple was called Yunlin temple. Since an Indian Monk Huili (his Chinese name) came to this temple in 11st century, he thought that here is “where Gods & Ghosts live in seclusion”, in abbreviation he changed name of the temple into “Lingyin”. Now in this temple, all things are with a history of over 500 years, and part of them are at the same age with the temple.

Ticket price 45 Yuan, with Feilai Mountain.

Address 1, Fayunnong, Xihu District
(西湖区法云弄1号)

Opening time 7:30-17:15

Arriving Bus J17/J18/ K7 at Lingyinsi Station

Top5: Xi Xi Wetland Park(西溪湿地)



It is a grand area that is fame among people in Hangzhou, and previous years there was a popular Chinese film called “If you are the one”(非诚勿扰) made this wetland famous countrywide. 6 rivers gathered here so walking along the riverbank while seeing Huafang (Chinese traditional boats) on water would bring visitors to a world of fantasy.

Ticket price 80 Yuan, 40 Yuan for students, Man-power boat 100 Yuan/hour/boat, Electric boat 60 Yuan per person

Address there are several entrances of Xixi Wetlands, Zhou Jia Cun (周家村主入口) entrance is often used.

Opening time 8:30-17:00/17:30

Arriving Bus 310/K310, K506, Tour 1, K823 at Xixi Wetland Station

useful

Wearing flat shoes is strongly recommended.

There are Dragon-boat races in every Dragon Boat Festival (May 5th in Lunar Calendar)

Sight6 : HangZhou Songcheng (Theme Park of Song Dynasty, 宋城)



The largest theme park that simulating ancient Chinese dynasties in China. By rebuilding towers, squares and blocks of Hangzhou in 11st century in this place makes people time slipped back to that times.

Ticket price 480 Yuan, 280 Yuan for children, teachers/professors, elders

Address 148, Zhijiang Road, Xihu District(西湖区之江路148号), at the southwest corner of West Lake

Opening time 10:00-21:00

useful

Liuhe Tower(六和塔, Pagoda of Six Harmonies) is nearby

Sight7 : Hefang Street(河坊街/Qing He Fang)



This street is rebuilt in ROC era as a commercial zone, lots of shops are founded here dozens years before, so Hangzhouese buy handicrafts here on usual. Though it is commercialized there but it is still a good place to visit.

Ticket price	Free
Address	Hefang Street, Nanshan Road, Xihu District (南山路河坊街)
Opening time	All-day

tips

Former residence of Xueyan Hu(胡雪岩故居) is in this street
Hu was a famous Chinese merchant converted from politician. When in pre-modern times, China was invaded by European powers, and he started his enterprise that helps Chinese government to found a modern army & financial system. In his residence, since he was the richest merchant in that time, there are great decorations which stand for his position and honor.

Sight8 : Zhejiang University (浙江大学)



One of Top 10 Universities in China, Zhejiang University was founded in 1897, in ROC era. it was called "Oriental Cambridge" by British historian Joseph Needham. In campus area of Zhejiang University, sceneries that attracted lots of local residents & visitors can't help going there for a walk.

Ticket price	Free
Address	154 Yugu Road, Xihu District (西湖区玉古路154号)
Opening time	All-day

Sight9 : Zhejiang Provincial Museum(浙江省博物馆)



It is an old museum since part of the nowadays museum was part of loyal library hundreds years ago. Also, it is not only a museum but a courtyard. Relics exhibited in this museum shown us life on this land for thousands of years. The most famous one is "the golden Asoka Tower" (吴越鎏金银阿育王塔) made in 5th century, when Buddhism imported in China.

Ticket price	Free
Address	25 Gushan Road, Xihu District 西湖区孤山路25号
Opening time	9:00-17:00, entrance closes at 16:30, Every Monday the museum closes
Arriving	Bus route 850 at Zhejiang Provincial Museum Station.

Around Hangzhou

Sight10: Tian Mu Mountain(天目山)



“Park of Giant woods”, it is a grand valley that not far away from Hangzhou City. If time allows, going there would be fine.

Ticket price	140 Yuan for “the King of Trees”, 50 Yuan for “Ice crayon”
Opening time	7:30-17:00
Address	Lin’An, Hangzhou (临安城北, 杭州)
Arriving	take a bus at west Hangzhou Bus Station(杭州汽车西站) to Zaoxi Station(藻溪站) it takes 2 hours on road; and transfer for “Green Bus” to Tian Mu Mountain Or take bus route 598 at west Hangzhou Bus Station to Lin’An

useful

“我要去天目山” (I am going to Tian Mu Mountain)

Sight11: Qian Dao Lake (千岛湖, Thousand Islands Lake)



There are 1078 lakes in Qian Dao Lake area, and sitting on a boat to visit those islands’ landscape will people experience a world of green. Besides, water in Qian Dao Lake is direct drinking water with sweet taste, take a sip if you like.

Ticket price	Peak Season (Mar.- Nov.) 150 Yuan, Off-peak Season (Nov. – Mar.) 120 Yuan, 45 Yuan for cruise ticket
Opening time	Line A: 8:45, Line B 12:00, Line C : 8:40/10:20/13:00
Address	Chun’An County, Hangzhou 近郊西郊淳安县境内
Arriving	From West Hangzhou Bus Station(杭州汽车西站) there are buses departure every 20 minutes, so it would be easy for you to get there.

useful

“我们要到千岛湖” (we are going to Qian Dao Lake)

For more information on Qian Dao Island, please download HiChina: Qiandao Lake Guidebook

Eating : Food & beverage

Cuisine in Hangzhou is typical South China branch, and Dongpo Pork(东坡肉) is one of the representatives. It is said to be invented by famous Chinese poet, Su Shi (or Su Dongpo) in Song Dynasty (11st century), and since its great flavor & taste, Dongpo Pork became a home cooking in Hangzhou.

Famous dishes

干炸响铃Crispy Tofu Paper Roll



猫耳朵Cat-ear Shaped Noodles



白斩鸡 Boiled Chicken with Soy Sauce



others

百鸟朝凤 Dumplings with Chicken

叫花鸡 Baked Chicken Wrapped in Lotus Leaves

龙井虾仁 Fired Shelled Shrimps with Dragon Well Tea

宋嫂鱼羹 Sister Song's Fish Broth

西湖醋鱼 West Lake Fish in Vinegar Sauce

useful

If you are going to some hot restaurants, don't forget to avoid rush hour, or you'll experience how Chinese love the event of eating. About 11:00 and 16:30 would be much better.

For a night snack in Hangzhou, Jingzhou Road(竞舟路) and Gaoyin Street(高银街) will be a good choice.

Suggested Restaurants

Wai Po Jia(外婆家, Grandma's Restaurant)

A chain restaurant that is famous for Hangzhou cuisine.

Hangzhou Building B, 8th floor, Wulin Square, 武林广场1号杭州大厦B座8楼

Average Cost: 50 Yuan

Transportation: Metro Line 1 at Wulin Square Station

LvCha (绿茶)

Address: .83 Longjing Road, Hangzhou 龙井路83号

Tel: 0571-87888022

Average Cost: 60 Yuan

Zhi Wei Guan Wei Zhuang(知味观味庄)

A restaurant with long tradition, and it had become a holy land for gourmets.

Address: 10-12, Yang Gong Di, West Lake District 西湖区杨公堤10-12号

Dongpo Pork is most famous one among the dishes.

Tel: 0571 87970568

Average Cost: 90 Yuan

Transportation: K284 at Wensan Road Station

HuBin 28 Restaurant 湖滨28 餐厅

Address: Hyatt Regency Hangzhou, 上城区湖滨路28号凯悦酒店1楼

Average Cost: 100 Yuan

Lou Wai Lou(楼外楼)

西湖醋鱼(West Lake Fish in Vinegar Sauce) is popular there.

Address: 30 Gushan Rd, Hangzhou 西湖区孤山路30号

Tel: 0571-87969023



Sleeping

Like metropolis in other places, Hangzhou is a city that all kinds of hotels & hostels open here. For 4-5 star hotels, price is about 400-1000 Yuan, while hostels cost about 50 Yuan. On general, travelers choose to stay in Wulin Square & West Lake area, for it is convenient in transportation.

West Lake area

Four Seasons Hangzhou at West Lake 杭州西子湖四季酒店

Address: 5, Lingyin Road 灵隐路5号

Hyatt Regency Hangzhou 杭州凯悦酒店

Address: 28 Hubin Road, Shangcheng District 上城区湖滨路28号

Ruo Yin Guesthouse 若隐度假旅馆

A Mediterranean style guesthouse with good service

Address: 105, Manjuelong, West Lake District, 西湖区下满觉陇105号

Tel: 0571 87799481

Referral Price: 300 Yuan

West Lake State Guesthouse 西湖国宾馆

Address: .18 Yanggong Causeway, Xihu District, Hangzhou 西湖区杨公堤18号

Official Website: <http://www.xihugh.com/>

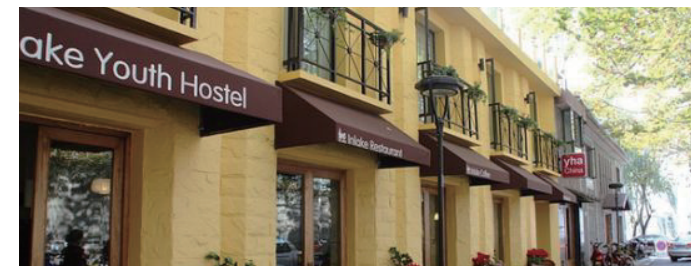
Liu Hu Xiao Zhu Hostel 柳湖小筑青年旅社

A hostel near West Lake, welcomed by Chinese young travelers

Address: 5, Lvyang Road, 上城区绿杨路5号

Tel: 0571 86826700

Referral Price: 90 Yuan for one bed in multiple room



Entertainment

Bars

Huanglou Jazz Bar 黄楼爵士酒吧

Bar with Concerts & Shows

Address: 6 Liuying Road, Shangcheng District 上城区柳营路6号

Business Time: 6:30 am - 2:00 am

G-Plus G-Plus 酒吧

Address: 169 Qingchun Road, Shangcheng District 上城区庆春路169号

Shares Bar

Address: Room 203 2F Gemini Manton, No.1785 Jiangnan Road, Binjiang District 滨江区江汉路1785号 双城国际2F203室

Phone Number: 18657157919

Business Time: 12:00- 2:00

NanShan Road Art Zone (南山路艺术休闲街)

It is a famous street zone in Hangzhou, with lots of bars and gallery

Shopping and Particular souvenirs

Specialty

龙井茶 (Longjing Tea, Chinese Tea in Top Level)

天竺筷 (Tianzhu Chopsticks, In ancient times, Buddhist monks came to Hangzhou and planted bamboos here.

Then locals started making chopsticks with bamboo, "Tianzhu" means "India" in Chinese)

昌化山核桃 (Changhua Mountain Pecan)

杭州丝绢 (Hangzhou Silk)

西湖绸伞 (West Lake Silk Umbrella)

张小泉剪刀 (Zhang's Scissors)

Where to buy

Qing He Fang Zone (清河坊)

There are over 100 shops that selling food, silk, antiques, other stuffs in Qing He Fang. From where you could experience China in Late Qing Empire & Republic times.

Going there in the evening is recommended.

Address: 1. Wushan Square, Hefang Street 上城区河坊街吴山广场1号

Royal Avenue of Southern Song Dynasty. 南宋御街

When Hangzhou was established as China's capital in Song Dynasty, this Royal Avenue has been a commercial area till now. While, this street was the axis of Hangzhou in ancient times.

Address: From North Gate of Hangzhou to Mid Zhongshan Road, 万松岭/凤凰山到凤起路/武林路

useful

"请带我到南宋御街" (please take me to the Royal Avenue)

Xinhua Road Silk Zone (新华路丝绸特色街)

The largest vending & purchasing market of silk in China.

Address: Jiankang Road/Xinhua Road 健康路/新华路

Notes

Tel

Official Travel Service Center of Hangzhou: 96118

Tourist Bureau of Hangzhou: 96123

Network

There are free WIFI hot points set by local government in all areas of Hangzhou, Only Mobile Devices could access to internet, people would connect to "i-Hangzhou" to use internet for free.

Medical Care

There are hospitals in Hangzhou, so do not worry about illness

No.1 Peoples' Hospital 杭州市第一人民医院

Address: 261, Huansha Road, Shangcheng District

useful

"我有点拉肚子" (I've got a diarrhea/ I have got a run)

"我感冒了" (I've caught a cold)

"我头疼" (I've got a headache)

Tourist offices

There are lots of tourist offices in Hangzhou, especially around West Lake, and usually there are English/Japanese/Korean/Russian versions of local guide map, and you could take one for free.

Arriving

Xiaoshan International Airport 杭州萧山机场

There are buses in Hangzhou urban area- Airport **From Airport to City**

7:30-21:00, one bus departures every 20 minutes after 21:00, one bus departures every 30 minutes

From City to Airport

5:30-21:00, one bus departures every 20 minutes

Official Website: www.hzairport.com/bus.aspx

Tel: 0571 86662539

Hangzhou Railway Station 杭州火车站

From Hangzhou Railway Station there are high speed railways to all directions of China, when people are going to Hangzhou from Shanghai, it is the best way to get to Hangzhou. Address is Xihu Avenue, East Huancheng Road, 环城东路/西湖大道

Taxi

There are Normal Taxi (Blue Cover) and Electronic Taxis (Yellow Cover). Price starts from 11 Yuan, and every extra km for 2.5 Yuan.

It is hard to call a taxi in rush hours, when it is about 5 in the afternoon, taxi drivers would hand over to next shift, so they would hang a sign on the taxi, for demands to different directions they do have right to refuse, so it is better to take a bus & metro at that time. Or call a Uber is capable in Hangzhou


Bicycle

In Hangzhou, public bicycles had become an important part of public transportation, and public bicycle spots are everywhere in Hangzhou, by using a card applied at the service counter, you could ride everywhere.

Time: 6:00-21:00 in Summer

6:30-20:30 in Winter

Basic information of Local

- Time zone : UTC+8
- Area code : +86/0571
- Post code : 310000 - 311700
- Language : Chinese
- Currency : Yuan
- Symbol : ¥
- Conversion: Decimal system, 10 Jiao/Mao = 1 Yuan/RMB
- Plug base : 
- Voltage : 220V, you might need a adapter before you set out
- Frequency : 50Hz
- Exchange : 1\$ = 6.37RMB, it changes frequently, only for reference

Language & Pronunciation

Hello	你好	nǐ hǎo
How much?	多少钱	duō shǎo qián
I wanna go to	我想去	wǒ xiǎng qù
Thank you	谢谢	xiè xiè
You are welcome	不客气	bú kè qì
Toilet	厕所	cè suǒ
Help	救命	jiù mìng
Rsestaurant	餐馆	cān guǎn
Yes	是	shì
No	不是	bú shì
Hotel	酒店	jiǔ diàn
Male	先生	xiānshēng
Female	女士	nǚ shì
Attention	注意/禁止	zhùyì/jìn zhǐ

Note in case of emergency

name 姓名: _____ age 年龄: _____ blood type 血型: _____

email 邮箱: _____ phone number 电话: _____

hotel address 酒店地址: _____

emergency contact 应急联系方式: _____

something important 重要事项: _____

The End

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