

## Arts & Crafts of Shanghai



Approximately 3¾ Hours



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Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and the Shanghai Arts & Crafts Research Institute on this tour into Shanghai. The **Jade Buddha Temple** was first built in AD 1882 to house two jade Buddha statues brought back from Burma by the monk Huigen. The temple was rebuilt in 1918 and is easily identifiable by its bright saffron walls. The centerpiece is a six-foot-tall, white-jade seated Buddha, encrusted with jewels. Artifacts abound, although not all are on display, and some 7,000 Buddhist sutras line the walls. This is one of the busiest and most famous working Buddhist temples in the south of China. The **Arts & Crafts Research Institute** was set up in 1956 and is located in a beautiful, former French bourgeois villa by the French Concession area. This is the first center in Shanghai to focus on a comprehensive study of the traditional Chinese folk arts and crafts. When first established, it had only twelve veteran craftsmen with consummate skills, and in 30 years it has developed into the present institute staffed with more than 160 artisans. The institute is engaged in the comprehensive research of woolen needlepoint work, silk embroidery, knitting, boxwood carving, lacquer ware carving, jade carving, ivory carving and fancy lantern making.

## Best of Shanghai



Approximately 8½ Hours



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5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

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Known as the Paris of the East and the Queen of the Orient, Shanghai is the largest city in China with a population of 13 million. This tour will show you the many highlights of this vast city. Your first stop will be at the **Shanghai Museum**, which houses 110,000 historical objects and 430,000 reference pieces. Continue to the **New Economic Zone** in the Pudong New Area, where you will view the Jin Mao Building and the oddly futuristic Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower. The fifth-tallest structure in the world, this peculiar tower has become a symbol of the city and fully captures the boldness and glitz that embody today's Shanghai. It's hard to believe that prior to 1990, the Pudong New Area was farmland and rice paddies. Today, it is an urban experiment that is expected to become Asia's financial, economic and commercial center. Travel by motor coach along Shanghai's premier attraction, **the Bund**. It was here that early English trading companies set up shop and built enduring colonial structures that overlook the river. Watch for the legendary Peace Hotel and Shanghai Club. Enjoy a **Chinese lunch** at a four-star hotel before visiting the **Yuyuan Garden** which, with less than five acres, has more than 40 scenic spots in the inner and outer gardens, both following the classical style of the Ming Dynasty. The last stop on your tour today is the **Jade Buddha Temple**. It was first built in AD 1882 to house the two jade Buddha statues brought back from Burma by the monk Huigen. The temple was rebuilt in 1918 and is easily identifiable by its bright saffron walls. The centerpiece is a six-foot-tall, white-jade seated Buddha, encrusted with jewels. Artifacts abound, not all on display, and some 7,000 Buddhist sutras line the walls. This is one of the busiest and most famous working Buddhist temples in the south of China.

## Chinese Acrobat Show



Approximately 3 Hours



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5 out of 5

Value



4 out of 5

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The Chinese have long been famous for their sporting and athletic prowess, and no sport is more closely associated with China than **acrobatics**. This evening you will see a program of approximately 90 minutes' duration, featuring some remarkable feats of tumbling, tossing, and artistic gymnastics as you are entertained by one of the nation's finest acrobat troupes.

## High-Speed Train to Hangzhou & West Lake Cruise



Approximately 12 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4 out of 5

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Explore the exceptional mystery and scenery of Hangzhou's shimmering waters and tranquil temple. Marco Polo described **Hangzhou** as the most beautiful and elegant city in the world. Hangzhou was born of an ancient commercial boom and now is a rising metropolis with its own unique blend of natural beauty and historic attractions. Traveling by the new **high-speed train**, you will reach Hangzhou in less than an hour with a maximum speed of 258 mph. You will discover the tranquility of **West Lake** as you take a leisurely **boat ride** on the rippled and sparkling water. West Lake is surrounded by mountains near and far, serene forests and dense foliage, enhancing the lake's intoxicating beauty and tranquility along with delicately designed Chinese gardens along the banks. Later enjoy a Chinese **lunch**. Then, visit **Lingyin Temple**, originally built by an Indian monk. The temple has been restored several times by ancient dynasties and now stands as one of the largest and most visited Buddhist temples in China. It is surrounded by forested hills, and is a quiet and sheltered sanctuary for soothing the soul. In complete contrast to the serenity of the lake and the temple, you will re-board the high-speed train and return to Shanghai.

Notes:

Tour bookings must be confirmed two weeks prior to the tour's departure date with no cancellations allowed thereafter.

## Maglev Train Ride & New Shanghai



Approximately 3¼ Hours



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5 out of 5

Value



4.5 out of 5

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Made with the help of cutting edge European technology, the **Magnetic Levitation (Maglev) Train** is the new state-of-art mode of transportation in Shanghai. Using no wheels, the train floats on an electromagnetic cushion, propelled along a guideway at incredible speeds. Meandering for 20 miles from Long Yang Lu Station to Pudong International Airport, and built with a budget of more than US\$1 billion, the train can reach a speed of 267mph—the highest ever for any operational transport on the ground. Your tour starts with a ride from the pier to the Long Yang Lu Station at Pudong New District. Then board the Maglev Train for an eight-minute ride to Pudong Airport and experience the sensation of almost flying as the train accelerates to maximum speed in no time. Pause for a short while before the train brings you back to Long Yang Lu Station on the return ride. Board your motor coach again and visit the **Lujiazui area** of the **Pudong New District**. Developed only a decade ago from farmlands, this area is now the financial center of China with numerous high-rise office buildings. Continue with a visit to the futuristic Jinmao Hyatt Building—the tallest building in China. From its lofty heights, you will take in the panoramic view of Shanghai. Return to the ship by motor coach.

## Scenic Suzhou



Approximately 9¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.3 out of 5

Value



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A town of great scenic beauty, **Suzhou** was founded in the 5th century BC and inspired the famous Chinese proverb, 'In heaven there is paradise; on earth Suzhou and Hangzhou.' By coach you will travel 1½ hours through China's countryside. One of China's most famous gardens is the **Humble Administrator's Garden**, which occupies an area of ten acres. The garden's name comes from the proverb which says, 'To cultivate a garden for a living is really the politics of a humble man.' About two thirds of the garden is made up of lakes with islands dotted throughout. Next, a **boat ride** on the **Grand Canal** reveals the beauty of Suzhou— whitewashed houses with gray tile roofs, old stone bridges spanning a spider web of waterways, women washing clothes in the river, and children playing nearby. After **lunch** at a local hotel, stop at the **Silk Embroidery Research Institute** to learn more of this region's important contribution to the silk and textile industry. Return to the ship by motor coach.

## Shanghai Delight



Approximately 3¾ Hours



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## Shanghai Old & New



Approximately 3½ Hours



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3 out of 5

Value

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From the pier, travel by motor coach along Zhongshan Road to **the Bund**. Extending between the Woosung River and the Old Town on Shanghai's waterfront, this area was formerly the financial hub of colonial Shanghai. Perhaps the city's most important sightseeing spot, the Bund showcases outstanding examples of foreign buildings from the pre-1950s. After passing through the Yan'an Lu Tunnel, you will arrive at the **Pudong New Area**. One of the most identifiable structures in Shanghai is the imposing Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower. This tower is considered by some to be one of the most commanding structures in Asia. Monstrous or magnificent—what do you think? Rising 1,535 feet above the Huangpu River, it was commissioned to be defiantly and symbolically 21st century. Nearby lies the 88-story **Jin Mao building**, the tallest skyscraper in China and a soaring monument to Shanghai's economic boom. Completed in 2001, this building's gently tapered design is said to embody China's history and culture. From the **observation deck** on the top floor, your guide will explain the skyline and the building's symbolic structure. Re-board your motor coach and head to **People's Square** on the former site of a colonial British racecourse. Long considered the city's commercial, cultural and political hub, People's Square is easily accessible and provides a great opportunity to people watch, take a short stroll or photograph the surrounding sights. Before heading back to the ship, you will pass the lovely architecture of French Town—originally the French expatriate quarter. This fascinating area gained quite a reputation for lawlessness at one time, but its reputation has been softened by time and it now boasts an enchanting history.

### Shanghai Private Touring - Extended Day (Car)







Approximately 11 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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This option is for guests who would like to go outside the city limits of Shanghai. If you would like to stay within Shanghai, you may prefer the Signature Collection - Full Day Private Car (Shanghai Only) option.

### Shanghai Private Touring - Extended Day (Minibus)





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### Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Car) (Shanghai Only)





8 hours



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### Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus) (Shanghai Only)



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## Xian & the Terra Cotta Warriors Overland Adventure - Double



4 days/3 nights



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Value



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1 out of 1(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Day 1 (L/D)

Enjoy a morning tour to **Yu Yuan Garden** and the **Old Town Shanghai** area. You'll have **lunch** at a local Chinese restaurant before flying across China on an afternoon flight to **Xi'an**. A buffet **dinner** will be served at your hotel after check-in, and the rest of the evening is free.

Day 2 (B/L/D)

Depart your hotel this after **breakfast** morning for a motor coach ride to the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**—a temple built to house Buddhist scriptures brought back from India by traveling monk Xuan Zang. Enjoy a pleasant **shoppingstop** at the **Jade Factory** with thousands of products made from one of the most beautiful stones in the world.**Lunch** will be served at a local Chinese restaurant; then you will visit the **Terra Cotta Warriors Museum**. Archaeologists unearthed this unbelievable collection of thousands of life-size terra cotta warriors and their horses in 1974. One of the most important finds to date in the world, this legion was created under the command of unified China's first emperor, Qin Shihuang. He was terrified that his enemies would pursue him even after death, and so he ordered this "army" to protect his burial site—and for centuries indeed it did. Each warrior is different, as you will discover as you are

led through the vaults where these and other treasures have been found. Marvel at the sheer numbers, and the incredible detail in each and every figure. Later, visit the ancient **City Wall**. Dinner will be at the **Tang Dynasty Palace Restaurant Theater**, where you will enjoy a cultural program, including a concert played on Tang Dynasty musical instruments and colorful dances over a thousand years old.

Day 3 (B/L/D)

Begin your day with a flight from Xi'an to **Beijing**, the youngest of China's Imperial Cities, and the capital of modern China. Visit the famous **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest gathering spot in the world. Continue to the **Forbidden City**—a collection of temples and imperial buildings. After enjoying **lunch** at a local Chinese restaurant, you will visit the 15th-century **Temple of Heaven**, set in one the largest parks in Beijing. Tonight, you will be treated to a feast of the famous **Peking Duck** dinner.

Day 4 (B/L)

After **breakfast** at the hotel, begin your day with a visit to the **Great Wall of China**, which was built progressively from 476 BC to guard against invasion and harassment by the northern nomadic tribes. Enjoy lunch at a local hotel before you bid farewell to Beijing and transfer to the ship, waiting for you at **Xingang** pier.

**Notes:**

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**Xian & the Terra Cotta Warriors Overland Adventure - Single**



4 days/3 nights



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## Zhujiajiao Watertown



Approximately 7¼ Hours



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Value



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On this full-day excursion, venture beyond the modern city of Shanghai to discover one of East China's traditional waterside towns. Situated beside the Dianshanhu Lake, Zhujiajiao illustrates the customs and culture of old-world China. Commencing your journey at the pier, you'll travel by air-conditioned motor coach for approximately 1½ hours, past rustic farms and rippling fields of rice. On arrival in the small town of **Zhujiajiao**, make your way along meandering streets and narrow alleyways. Admire numerous stone bridges and centuries-old buildings of white wall or black brick. Reminiscent of Venice's canal commerce, the wares made by local women are on display from wooden boats bobbing in the water. Although this community boasts 36 moss-covered bridges, the most famous is the five-arch **Fangsheng Bridge**—a remnant of the Ming dynasty. Further exploration reveals the **Daqing Youju Post Office**, which dates back to the Qing dynasty. Next you will visit the **Tongtianhe Chinese Pharmacy**, the largest one in Zhujiajiao dating from the late Qing dynasty. For centuries this pharmacy has established its fame among the locals as it has adhered to the principle of 'Healing the Pain & Saving the Life' based on traditional Chinese ethics and medical culture. Following a delicious **lunch** of Chinese cuisine at a local restaurant, visit a **silk factory** and learn how traditional Chinese silk products are made.

Discover the mysterious and dramatic lifespan of the silkworm by exploring the whole breeding process, and gain an understanding of the Chinese silk industry through spinning and quilt making demonstrations. Finally you'll have some **free time** at the factory store where you can find numerous silk products for sale. Return to the port of Shanghai and re-board your ship.