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Hangzhou & Suzhou Grand Canal Culture Tour - 5 Days

The world's longest canal, the Grand Canal once meandered for almost 1,800km from Beijing to Hangzhou. There are boat rides along certain sections of the canal in Hangzhou and Suzhou – with all surrounding waterside residential houses.

240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China

China is implementing a 10-day (240 hours) visa-free transit policy. The transit program allows visitors who have existing flight bookings from China to a third country (region) to snag a visa on arrival at a Chinese airport (port) and stay for 10 days before departure. Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan all count as third destinations.

Passport holders of 54 countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, can enter visa-free through any of the 60 open airports (ports) in 24 provincial regions, covering popular tourist cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Chengdu and Guangzhou.

Read more about [240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China](#).

Meanwhile, citizens from 38 countries can [enter China visa-free for up to 30 days](#).

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Hangzhou	 Arrive in Hangzhou, meet your guide at the railway station or airport. Transfer to the hotel and have rest.

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Day 2 Hangzhou

 breakfast, lunch

 Pick up from your hotel and drive to the **Canal Square**. Pay a visit to the **Grand Canal Museum**. The museum is divided into five sections with the topic “Canals in the world and the Grand Canal in China” in the lobby. Here you can know the history, the formation, the digging and changes of the canal. Then **enjoy the canal view by taking a boat**, walk around DaDouLu historic district and visit an ancient temple built in northern song dynasty—**Xiang Ji Temple**.

In the afternoon, take an excursion along **Qinghefang Historical Street** and have a contact with the marketplaces and the civil customs in this ancient street. There are more than 100 stores of tea, Chinese medicine, silk, foods, curios, paintings and collections.



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Day 3 Hangzhou

 breakfast, lunch

 Delight in a scenic boat trip of the highlight of Hangzhou - **West Lake**, which has become an inspiration to painters and poets with its attractive views and breathtaking scenery.

In the afternoon, pay a visit to **Southern Song Guan Kiln Museum**. It is the first porcelain theme museum built on the original place, with a deep historical cultural connotation. Afterwards visit the **Six Harmonies Pagoda**, a masterpiece of ancient Chinese architecture, where you can get a panoramic view of the Qiantang River on the very top.

4	Day 4 Hangzhou – Suzhou - Hangzhou (by bullet train)	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> In the morning, take the bullet train to Suzhou. Upon arrival, meet the guide at the railway station. Your day tour begins with the Master of Nets Garden, the smallest and most proportional of all the beautiful gardens in Suzhou. Continue to take a small boat trip along the Grand Canal and get close to the world's oldest and longest canal. Afterwards head to the Tiger Hill, a popular destination known for its natural beauty such as peculiar rocks and ponds, as well as historical sites. Take afternoon train back to Hangzhou. Upon arrival, meet the guide and transfer to your hotel in Hangzhou.</p> 
5	Day 5 Hangzhou	<p> breakfast</p> <p> Today, transfer to the railway station or airport for your departure.</p>

Tour Includes :

- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- Air-conditioned car
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed in the above itinerary
- Lunches as listed
- Hotel accommodations with breakfast
- Domestic train tickets as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flights & airport tax
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Entry Visa, travel insurance

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