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• A Tour of Wuhan City

Route: Wuhan University - East Lake - Hubei Provincial Museum - Yellow Crane Tower -Qingchuan Pavilion - Hankou Beach Park

Sight: Wuhan is a famous Chinese historical and cultural city. The Yangtze and Hanjiang rivers flow through the city, dividing it into Wuchang, Hankou and Hanyang districts, which are arranged in a triangular layout across the rivers, highlighting the beautiful views of this spectacular city.

A Tour of Three Gorges of Yangtze Rive

Route: Three Gorges Dam - Tribe of Three Gorges - Xiling Gorge - Shennong Stream Sight: The Three Gorges region of the Yangtze River boasts a most amazing and spectacular mountain and

canyon scenery. Here, one can see the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest dam, discover the rich ethnic customs of the local households, and taste authentic local farmhouse food.

A Tour of Wudang Mountains Pilgrimage Route: Yuxu Palace - Lao Zi Hall - Prince Slope

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> Sight: Located in Shiyan City, Hubei Province, the Wudang Mountains are a famous Chinese Taoist shrine and hometown of martial arts. Boasting beautiful natural scenery and rich cultural landscapes, this sight is hailed as "the world's first immortal





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Ubei Overview

Hubei, "E" for short, is located in from subtropical to warm temperate zones. central China at the middle reaches of the Yangtze River, and is so named because it birthplace of Chu culture, it has a rich lies to the north of the Dongting Lake.

with 1,000 lakes". The lakes appear like battlefield site from the Three Kingdoms scattered pearls among the intertwining Period, the Yellow Crane Tower, rivers. Northwest Hubei boasts the famous immortalized in Chinese poetry, as well as Shennongjia and Wudang Mountains scenic the Xinhai Revolution ruins of the Uprising areas with overlapping mountainous and Gate, Yuema Square and other relics of peaks, and is a famous tourist destination. Most areas here have a subtropical

monsoon climate with climatic transitions

Area and Population 185,900 square kilometers. By the end of 2012, the permanent population was 57.79 million.

The province has a long history. As the cultural heritage and many cultural and Hubei is also known as "a kingdom historical sites, including the Red Cliff

> Minguo Period. Website: www.hubeitour.gon.cn

> > Hubei Province comprises 12 prefecture level cities and 1 ethnic autonomous prefectures, including Wuhan, Shiyan, Xiangyang, Jingmen, Xiaogan, Ezhou, Huangshi, Xianning, Jingzhou, Huanggang, Yichang, Suizhou and Enshi.

Han Dynasty, silk from the Warring States

Period, Goujian's Swords and other precious

Xiangyang Xiangyang Ancient

Located in a communications hub,

Xiangyang has been a town of great military

importance throughout the Chinese history. The

ty was built in the Han Dynasty, and the existing

ayout was constructed in the early Ming Dynasty.

With high walls and wide rivers, the town is

majestic, called "the first city in China".

Website: www.x.gov.cn

artifacts have been unearthed there.

Website: www.jztour.gov.cn

Administrative Divisions



Ancient Town

Xiangyang Ancient Longzhong Ancient Longzhong is the place where Zhuge Liang lived in seclusion during the Three Kingdoms Period. In this scenic area surrounded by mountains, there are towering pine trees, as well as attractions such as the ancient Longzhong, the Shuijing Village, the Cheng'en Temple, the former residence of Zhuge Liang, and Wuhou Memorial Hall



Jingzhou Jingzhou Ancient

The Jingzhou Ancient Town is one of the centers of origin of Chu Culture with many historical sites. Ancient corpses from the Western



ransportation

By Air

aviation airports, namely, the Wuhan Tianhe Expressway, and the Erenhot-Guangzhou International Airport, the Yichang Sanxia Expressway. "Three horizontal" refers to the Airport, the Xiangfan Liuji Airport and the Fuzhou-Yinchuan Expressway, the Wuhan-Enshi Xujiaping Airport. Among them, the Yichang Expressway, and the Shanghai-Wuhan Tianhe International Airport provides Chongqing Expressway, while the "one ring" a number of domestic and international refers to the Wuhan Ring Expressway. routes. Yichang Sanxia Airport also provides Yichang-Hong Kong flights and international charter flights to Japan.

By Train

including the Beijing-Guangzhou Railway, the Xiangyang-Chongqing Railway, the Hankou-Danjiangkou Railway, the Jiaozuo-Zhicheng Railway, the Zhicheng-Liuzhou Railway and the Wuchang-Daye Railway. In the provincial capital Wuhan, there are direct trains to various places in the province as well as to Beijing, Zhengzhou, Tianjin, Luoyang, Chongqing, Xi'an, Kunming, Guiyang, Changsha, Liuzhou, Guangzhou, Nanchang, Shijiazhuang and other places.

By Road

Hubei Province has a vast network of highways with big cities at its center. Work has already begun on the highway network named "four vertical, three horizontal and one ring".

"Four vertical" refers to the Beijing-Hong Kong and Macao Expressway, the Daqing-Hubei Province has four major civil Guangzhou Expressway, the Heze-Guangzhou

Water Transportation

The Yangtze River passenger transportation in Hubei Province is concentrated in the Three Gorges river way, Hubei Province has many railways and mainly includes cruise ships from Yichang to Chongqing.

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Golden Palace

The city is divided into three parts by the plum. Yangtze River: Wuchang in the east, and Website: www.whdonghu.gov.cn Hankou and Hanyang across the river in the

Yellow Crane Tower ———

west.

cornices like flying cranes. Standing on the elegant, majestic and impressive. tower and looking far into the distance, one can fully enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the city's three towns. Website: www.cnhhl.com

East Lake

The East Lake is the largest downtown lake in China. It boasts a winding lakeshore, a boundless expanse of blue water and green hills, and flowers which blossom throughout



Huangpi Mulan Great Lake Mulan Great Lake, known as "Jiuzhaigou in Hubei", is a north-south canyon that incorporates three major scenic spots: the Romantic Landscape, High Gorge Households and Forest Park.



Honghu Lake is one of the few fine spirits of the universe and a pleasant climate, ted freshwater lakes left in the the area is a wonderland which is "hidden from world, and presents the natural simplicity of the public by green vegetation and mist". original ecological beauty. The Lotus Source is a natural island on Honghu, and every summer the fragrant lotus flowers here are the first to bloom.

With a long history, Wuhan has been a the year, the most famous of which are the military and commercial center in southern spring orchid, the summer lotus, the sweet-China since the Spring and Autumn Period. scented autumn osmanthus and the winter

Wuhan University —

Surrounded by the East Lake and the Luojia Mountain, Wuhan University has a The Yellow Crane Tower, one of the beautiful campus and picturesque scenery, "three famous towers in Jiangnan", is hailed praised as "the most beautiful university in as "the best tower in the world". It is China". The campus includes Chinese and magnificent, simple and elegant with Western-style buildings that are simple,





Hubei Provincial Museum

Hubei Provincial Museum is a national museum with three pillars supporting the entire building, forming a huge triangular layout. It houses the world's largest bronze bells, which belonged to the Marquis Yi, King of Yue Goujian's Sword, Yuxian County Man skull fossils and other precious artifacts. Website: www.chinawudang.com

uiyuan Temple

Guiyuan Temple is one of the four main Buddhist monasteries in Wuhan. It is famous



Camous Mountain and Karst Caves

Tongshan Jiugong Mountain

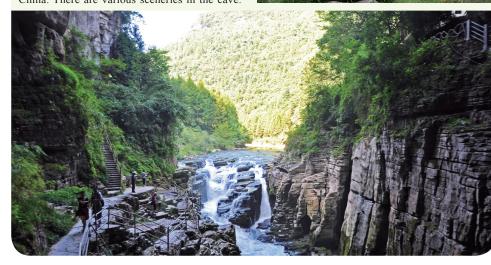
The Jiugong Mountain got its name because of the Jiugong Palace built during the Southern Dynasties. The scenery here boasts both the peculiar and elegant mountains of the regions south of the Yangtze River and the grand, perilous, quiet, and elegant mountains of the northern frontier. The mountain is known as the "Immortal Mountain in Heaven"

Yichang Sanyou Cave

Sanyou Cave is named after the "three early visits" of Bai Juyi, Bai Xingjian, Yuan Zhen and the "three later visits" of the Su Xun and his sons Su Shi and Su Zhe. With precipitous terrain and beautiful scenery, the cave is spacious, peculiar and distinctive

Lichuan Tenglong Cave

Tenglong Cave is the largest karst cave in China. There are various sceneries in the cave



ining and Shopping

Dining

Wuhan cuisine is a classic example of in Tianmen, braised Yi river clam, braised Muqin fish, braised shark's fin in brown sauce, steamed shrimp eggs, sea cucumber and fish in bowl, ketchup mandarin fish, sautéed chicken



Hubu Lane Food Street: Hubu Lane Food Street is the most popular snack street in Wuhan. Snacks such as hot dry noodles, wontons, beef pancakes, Doupi, fish pancakes and stinky tofu are all delicious specialties here.



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Shopping

Special local products include Honghu Hubei cuisine. Famous Hubei cuisine includes feather fans, Yichang rockery stone, navel steamed Wuchang fish, Three Steamed Dishes oranges, Wufeng tea, and Chunmei tea. Shennongjia and the Wudang Mountains also produce a variety of medicinal herbs such as gastrodia elata, codonopsis pilosula, eucommia ulmoides, coptis chinensis, wolfiporia extensa,

> Xilankapu: Xilankapu is the highlyvalued and most characteristic handcraft of Tujia people. Other special local products include crested ginger, gem lacquer chopsticks, chrysanthemum stone, papaya and various medical herbs.





for its exquisite Buddhist architecture,

wonderful sculpture and rich collections. The

500 gilded arhats, which are worshiped in the

The Mulan Mountain is named after

General Mulan, who came from here. A

General Mulan statue is worshiped in the

Mulan Hall, and a gilded statue of the

Mysterious Heavenly Upper Emperor with

disheveled hair and bare feet is enshrined in

Mountains stand in it while it is surrounded by

mountains. Water caves connect dry caves. Main

caves link with branch caves You will enjoy very

mysterious atmosphere here.

Hall of the Arhats, are especially unique.

lan Mountain 🛛 —

Website: www.whmls.cn

the Golden Palace.

Three Gorges Dam = The Three Gorges Dam is the world's largest water conservancy project. Standing magnificent gorge in the whole Three Gorges on the Tianzi Mountain, one can overlook the area. Here, every peak is grand, every shoal majestic dam, which becomes even more is dangerous, and every cave is peculiar. magnificent and thundering when the flood Every view is picturesque, so the gorge is gates are released. Website: www.sxdaba.com

Tribe of Three Gorges ——

The Tribe of Three Gorges is located in Yandu River, is the first tributary where the the fantastic and magnificent Xiling Gorge. Yangtze River flows out of Wu Gorge and Its beauty lies in its torrential coves, quiet runs into Xiangxi Wide Valley. On both valleys, stilted buildings, black-awning banks there are scenes of eternal mystery, boats, ancient sailing boats, and the local such as the Ba people's stone coffins hanging girls, all of which provide a moving from cliffs and an ancient plank road. landscape.

Website: www.sanxiarenjia.com





The Wudang Mountains are also known **Prince Slope** as the Taihe Mountains and the Canshang Mountains, and contain ancient architecture listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site. The area consists of scenic spots including the Golden Top, Nanyan, the Purple Cloud Palace, the Fuzhen Temple, the Five Dragons palaces and rooms. Palace and Laoying.

Golden Top —— The Golden Palace was built on the Golden Top in the reign of Emperor Yongle of the Ming Dynasty. It is a rare exquisite bronze building. Every time there is thunder and lightning, a ball of light harmlessly rolls around the Golden Palace. This wonderful scene is called "Tempering the Palace with Thunder and Fire".



Shennongji

located in northwest Hubei. Its name comes from Shennong who tasted hundreds of herbs here in an ancient myth. The area boasts primitive forests with a wild landscape, and an age-old legend of a savage people that once lived here adding to the mystery. Website: www.snj.gov.cn

Shennongding =

Shennongding is a rare well-preserved primitive forest. With an elevation of 3,105.4 meters, it is the highest peak in the region, covered in mist all year round and known as the "finest peak in Central China"

Hongping Gallery

The main attractions in Hongping Gallery include the Yanzi Cave, Cloudclimbing Ladder, Yanzi Pass, 36 Hongping peaks, and so on. Within the scenic area, strange peaks stand everywhere with beautiful scenery that varies in different seasons. It is praised as "Hongping Gallery"

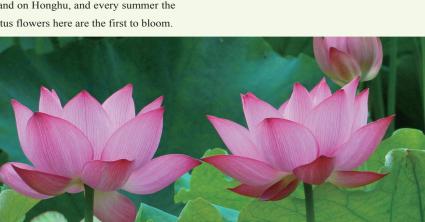
Xiangxiyuan —

There are strange and elegant peaks in Xiangxiyuan. In the depth of the forest, exotic flowers and rare herbs bloom in flying clouds and pervading mists. In the mountains, creeks and valleys intersect with fragrant vegetations. The local Xiangxiyuan tea is known far and wide.

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Xiaochang Guanyin Lake Surrounded by the Dawu, Xiaowu, and Sifang mountains, the Guanyin Lake has an Honghu Honghu Lantian Scenic enchantingly beautiful landscape. With rolling mountains, winding streams endowed with the



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Xiling Gorge

Xiling Gorge is the most marvelous and

known as the "landscape gallery".

Shennong Stream ———

Website: www.cnsnx.com

Shennong Stream, also known as the

The Prince Slope is built on a steep

slope of 60 degrees on Lion Peak in the

Wudang Mountains, and is an architectural

wonder. Its architects made use of the

mountain terrain and built more than 200

Five Dragons Palace _____

the Holy Five Dragons Palace, considered as

the "Holy Dragon Palace" by the Taoists of

the Mysterious Heavenly Upper Emperor is

worshiped at Yuanjun Hall in the Five

Dragons Palace, and is the largest bronze

statue of the Mysterious Heavenly Upper

Emperor in the Wudang Mountains.

The full name of Five Dragons Palace is

Website: www.chinawudang.com

Wudang. The holy bronze gilded statue of

The Shennongjia Nature Reserve is









Enshi is the birthplace of Ba culture and the hometown of the excellent folk song "Dragon Boat Melody". The natural scenery in the region is world-famous for its infiniteness, majesty, oddness, elegance, and quietness.

Enshi Grand Canyon

Website: www.esly.gov.cn

Enshi Grand Canyon is a section of the Qingjiang River Grand Canyon with a total length of 108 kilometers. In the canyon, there are beautiful attractions including a 100-li precipice, 1,000-zhang waterfall, isolated peaks, primitive forests and ancient villages. Other attractions include Dahebian Scenery, Qianshan Precipice, and Tunbao Qingjinag River Gallery.

Enshi Tusi Town

Enshi Tusi Town is the best-preserved Tujia Tusi Imperial Town in China. It is hailed as the best Tujia town in the country. Main buildings in the town include the Mochong Building, Tusi Palace, Laociluoyou and the Bell Tower.



Wudang Mountains

Yuxu Palace _____

Yuxu Palace is the largest Taoist temple in the Wudang Mountains. Wellstructured worship platforms are built in front of and behind the temple. There are numerous palaces and adjoining pavilions where the winding Yudai River flows through. It is surrounded by high red walls that guard the temple courtyard.



Suobuya Stone Forest —

largest stone forest. Shaped like a giant

gourd, the forest is surrounded by green

barriers and boasts elegant peaks. There are

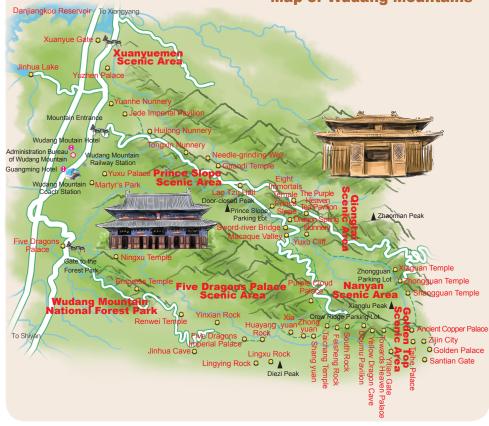
8 scenic spots here including the Green

Dragon Temple, the Six-Step Pass, and the

Lotus Village.

Suobuya Stone Forest is China's second

Map of Wudang Mountains



Thennong

Banbiyan ———

Banbiyan attracts a lot of attention because of the "savages" that haunt the region. Thick bamboo forest covers the area, and the remains of the savages, including hair, waste and bamboo nests are often found in the arrow bamboo forest.

Scenery Pass ———

The Scenery Pass is hailed as "the first top in Shennong". Here, there are strange peaks, elegant valleys, numerous peculiar rocks and curved peaks, which are beyond



description. The entire pass is covered with zigzagging trails and beautiful flowers. At the peak, high and steep peaks and tall and straight mountain chains can be viewed.

Dajiu Lake ——

At an altitude of 1,700 meters, the Dajiu Lake area is an alpine pasture, covering an area of 36 square kilometers. There is a 17-square-kilometer plain in the middle. Surrounded by high mountains, it is hailed as the "alpine plain"

