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In this city with white walls, grey tiles, and clear

water flowing under small bridges, one can

experience the gentle misty rain, charming peach

blossoms, countless water lanes, ancient streets and

Route: Zhouzhuang Ancient Town - Tongli

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necommended Tourist Itineraries Classical Gardens of Suzhou

Route: Humble Administrator's Garden - Lion Grove - Lingering Garden - Canglang Pavilion Sight: Gardens are a symbol of Suzhou. They not only reflect an elegant architectural interest and aesthetic pursuit, but also express the their owners'

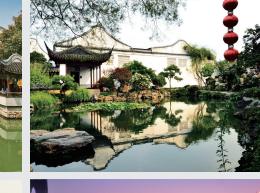
• Ancient Water Towns perspectives on life. Suzhou gardens are free of pretention and ostentation, and maintain an introverted poise but symbolic meaning.

Suzhou Ancient City

蘇州旅遊圖-英文.indd 1

Sight: Water is the soul of Suzhou and the ancient town is the memory of the city. Rowing a boat and Route: Tiger Hill - Hanshan Temple - Pingjiang rocking mildly in its water lanes, the sights along History Block - Temple of Thanksgiving both sides spread out just like an unfolding ink-and-Panmen Gate wash scroll. Only in this way can you get a genuine Sight: Suzhou has a history of more than 2,500 years. experience of the unique style of the water town.







Duzhou Overview

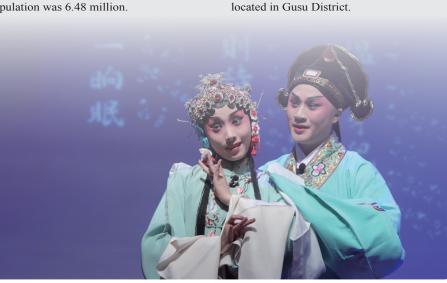
Suzhou, historically named Wujun, was special temperament. Elegant and tender, built during the reign of the King Helü of Suzhou is honored as the "Oriental Venice." Wu, with a history of 2,500 years. Suzhou has enjoyed such a long history with rich not only reflect an elegant architectural cultural development and is well known at interest and aesthetic pursuit, but also express home and abroad for its reputation captured their owners' perspective of life. Suzhou in the phrase: "Just as there is paradise in gardens are free of pretention and Heaven, there is Suzhou and Hangzhou on ostentation, and maintain an introverted Earth." It is a fascinating place indeed.

Suzhou has a typical subtropical monsoon prestigious gardens include the Humble climate, comfortable in spring and autumn with Administrator's Garden, Lingering Garden, a pleasant temperature, hot in summer and cold Master of the Nets Garden, Lion Grove and

Water is the soul of Suzhou. Its gentleness and agility help create the city's

Area & Population

6,267 square kilometers. By the end of 2012, the registered opulation was 6.48 million.



istorical sites of Suzhou

Construction of the Suzhou Ancient city began in B.C. 514, giving it a history of 2,500 years. Since ancient times, it has been a place where cultural elites and pretty girls have gathered. It is well known at home and abroad for its reputation captured in the phrase: "Just as there is paradise in Heaven, there is Suzhou and Hangzhou on Earth."

Pingjiang History Block —

Pingjiang History Block is the bestpreserved ancient block in Suzhou. With clear water flowing under small bridges, and deep and serene lanes, it is deemed as the epitome of Suzhou Ancient City. The wellknown Quanjin Guild Hall and Kunqu Opera Museum are also located on this block.

Panmen Gate

Suzhou Ancient City, and is the only city gate with both land and water throughout the country. It represents the earliest eras of Suzhou Ancient City's construction history. The position and scale of the city have remained largely unchanged over the past 2,500 years, making it unique across the country.

uzhou Museum

Suzhou Museum was designed by the famous Chinese-American architect Ieoh Ming Pei. Its geometric exterior has a simple, mild and elegant tone suitable for Suzhou's general landscape.



Gardens are a symbol of Suzhou. They

poise but symobolic meaning. The most

Website: www.visitsz.com

Suzhou comprises 5 municipal districts and 4 county-level cities, and the City Hall is

Canglang Pavilion.

ransportation

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Pan Pacific Hotel Suzhou	5	No.259 Xinshi Rd., Suzhou	512-65103388
Garden Hotel Suzhou	5	No.99 Daichengqiao Rd., Suzhou	512-67786778
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Shangri-La Hotel Suzhou	5	No.168 Tayuan Rd., Suzhou	512-68080168
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Suzhou Garden Hotel	4	No.477 Liuyuan Rd., Jinchang District, Suzhou	512-85888588
New Jinlong Mansion Hotel -Suzhou	4	No.601 Nanhuan E. Rd., Canglang District, Suzhou	512-89177777

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lumble Administrator's Garden

The Humble Administrator's Garden was section, West Garden boasts the Pagoda Shade built during the Ming Dynasty. It is known as Pavilion, Stay and Listen Pavilion, Floating one of the "Four Famous Gardens of China" Green Pavilion, Bamboo Hat Pavilion, Whomtogether with the Summer Palace in Beijing, to-sit-with Pavilion, Both Families Pavilion and the Summer Resort at Chengde and the other sights. On the North of the pool stands Lingering Garden of Suzhou. It is representative the Fan-shaped Pavilion, which has a small and of ancient gardens south of the Yangtze River, delicate profile. described as an outstanding example of garden art in the world.

East Garden

The design of the East Garden is themed bodies of water, as well as a hill in the pool, on an idyllic setting, with main sights and has chambers and pavilions arranged including the Millet Fragrance Hall, Pine around the pool, presenting the designs of the Forest Lawn, Waterside Lotus Pavilion and Ming Dynasty. Celestial Spring Pavilion. The souvenir shop for the Humble Administrator's Garden is als found here.

West Garden

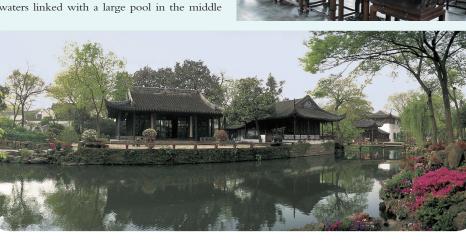
With a pond at the center and winding



The middle section is the highlight of

the whole garden. Its places importance on

Middle Garden



storical Sites of Suzhou

Hanshan Temple ———

— Temple of Thanksgiving — Maple Bridge brought Suzhou City great temple with the longest history in Suzhou. It renown both at home and abroad. Nearby, is said that it was built by Sun Quan of the the Ancient Maple Bridge Town was Eastern Wu to give thanks to his mother. The constructed along the river with streets pagoda of the Temple of Thanksgiving is a arranged beside the water. The ancient canal typical pavilion-type stupa in Chinese style. It encircles the Maple Bridge like a ribbon, is a bright pearl of Suzhou City. presenting a picturesque sight. Website: www.hanshansi.org

The Tiger Hill has not only beautiful scenery, but also many popular legends. The yearly Tiger Hill Temple Fair is bustling with noise and excitement. Shantang Street inside the scenic spot is a waterside lane with a typical Suzhou flavor.





ransportation

By Air

By Train

Suzhou has no airport. The closest

close to Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station, regional transportation quite convenient. which has a CRH train departing to Suzhou about every 10 minutes.

Sunan Shuofang International Airport is located at Wuxi Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone. It is 20 kilometers to the northwest of Suzhou and has airlines connecting nearly 30 large and medium domestic cities, making it convenient to fly to Suzhou from all over China.

Suzhou has four railway stations: Suzhou Station, Suzhou North Station, Suzhou Park Station and Suzhou New District Station. Suzhou Station is mainly a stop for ordinary passenger trains. Suzhou North Station is a stop for high-speed trains traveling towards Beijing and Shanghai. Suzhou New District Station and Suzhou Park Station are mainly stops for CRH trains and high-speed trains traveling to Nanjing, Wuhan, Hangzhou and

By Road

Suzhou has a developed road network. airports to Suzhou include Shanghai The expressways passing through Suzhou Hongqiao Airport and Sunan Shuofang include the Suzhou Loop Expressway, Suzhou-Jiaxing-Hangzhou Expressway, Hongqiao Airport is located in the Shanghai-Nanjing Expressway and Shanghai-airports in China. It includes flights to nearly there are highways directly to Suzhou from 100 international and domestic cities. It is many cities in Jiangsu Province, making

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Suzhou Tourist Complaints	512-65223377



Cloud-Crowned Peak ———

The magnificence of Cloud-Crowned

gardens South of the Yangtze River. Its name

comes from its towering rock summit, which

Built during the Ming Dynasty, the and furniture inside are all made of precious Lingering Garden integrates the garden- nanmu, so it is also known as the "Nanmu building art typical of the South of the Hall". Yangtze River and is unique in its structure. With a residence, ancestral temple, household temple and garden, it is an excellent representative of the famous gardens South of Peak is the largest lakeside rock among the Yangtze River.

—ingering Garden

Celestial Hall of Five Peaks

The Celestial Hall of Five Peaks is the kissing pillar. Stalagmites spread out under the largest hall inside the Lingering Garden. The Cloud-Crowned Peak, highlighting the hall includes five broad bays, which are delights of the forest spring. spacious and luxurious. The beams, columns



lake surface.

that this is the place where the ancient military

strategist Sun Zi once lived in seclusion and

wrote the first military strategy book in

Dongting West Mountain —

fresh water lake islet in China. Hidden Peak

is the first among Taihu Lake's 72 peaks, with

an elevation of 336.6 meters. Viewed from

the crest of the peak, the West Mountain is

just like a pearl embedded on the rippling

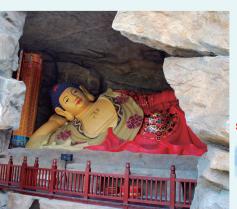
Dongting West Mountain is the largest

Chinese history: Sun Zi 's Art of War.

Dongting East Mountain — The East Mountain Scenic Spot is well known for its beautiful scenery, such as lakes, hills, flowers and fruits and numerous ancient houses, villages and towns as well as famous gardens. Thanks to the favorable natural landscape and numerous places of cultural and historical interest, it is honored as "paradise of



Qionglong Mountain is the most famous mountain in Suzhou, and enjoys abundant natural sights and a secluded environment. It has a number of cultural landscapes. It is said



igorous selection of ingredients and its

meticulous workmanship. Famous dishes

include Yangcheng Lake hairy crab, squirrel-

shaped Mandarin fish, shark's fin in clear soup

and ring oil eel paste. Famous snacks include

sweet dried bean curd, pine nut candy, jujube

paste sesame cake, lard new year cake and

Caizhizhai pastries etc.

Jiangsu Cuisine is characterized by its

Yangcheng Lake Hairy Crab Yangcheng Lake hairy crab is a wellknown freshwater crab, characterized by its large size, fat flesh, blue back, white belly, yellow hair and golden claw. It is honored as

Eunuch Lane

Eunuch Lane is an inner street of Guangqian Street and a famous gourmet street in Suzhou. Though the whole street is only 200 meters long, it houses the most famous restaurants in Suzhou.

Squirrel-shaped Mandarin Fish

Squirrel-shaped Mandarin fish is the nost representative dish of Jiangsu cuisine. This dish has a delicate color, scent, shape and taste. Topped with steaming gravy, it sizzles and crackles before being eaten.





Duzhou Gardens

Master of the Nets Garden

The Master of Nets Garden was built during the Southern Song Dynasty. As a typical mansion garden of Suzhou, it has a compact layout and delicate architecture. The Master of Nets Garden boasts fine garden building techniques, profound cultural details and an elegant garden flavor.

appears just like a stretched crown and a sky-Lion Grove — The Lion Grove is one of the four most famous gardens in Suzhou and representatives of the gardens of the Yuan Dynasty. There are a wide variety of bamboos and stones

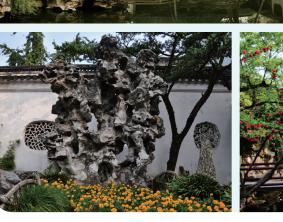
there. Its multifarious stones are shaped like thousands of lions, and it is known as the Website: www.szszl.com

glang Pavilion =

Shunqin, a poet in the Northern Song Dynasty, and has preserved the typical style of the gardens of the Song Dynasty. The rockery, tracery wall and stone tablet are considered the "three treasures in the garden," and are firstrate works of Song Dynasty garden art.

Canglang Pavilion was built by Su landscape. Website: www.tongli.net Luzhi Ancient Town — Luzhi Ancient Town, boasting 41 ancient bridges, is a genuine "bridge capital







later Towns South of W the Yangtze River

pictorial splendor to its splashed-ink

Tongli Ancient Town — Chuihong Bridge and West Chuihong Bridge. It is known as the "Ancient Chinese Tongli Ancient Town, just like a smooth pearl immersed in water, presents a fine, elegant landscape. The old houses, udu Ancient Town —— ancient bridges and running water add a

The pattern and scenery of Mudu Ancient Town remains in keeping with the style of the Ming and Qing dynasties. It is the best water town in Suzhou. The town features deep and quiet courtyards and water gurgling under bridges. The Xujiang River is the first artificial canal in China. Website: www.mudu.com.cn



Twin Bridge, made up of one horizontal

and one vertical, one with a square bridge

opening and one with a round one, and

known as the "Key Bridge," best represents

Zhouzhuang is a typical water town richest person in this region, but was finally South of the Yangtze River, where civilian exiled to the frontier regions, leaving all the houses are built beside the water and brooks visitors to sigh with regret for his personality flowing through the whole town. The small and deeds. stone bridges constitute a wonderful water landscape painting. It is honored as "the First **Twin Bridge** Water Town South of the Yangtze River."

houzhuana

Ancient Tow

Shen Hall is the largest civilian house in the charm of this water town. The oil Zhouzhuang and contains a seated statue of painting Memories of Home Town by Chen of the Yangtze River. He was once the

Website: www.zhouzhuang.com





Suburban Landscape Shajiabang ——

Shajiabang is a typical water town South of the Yangtze River. Rowing a boat gently across the reed marshes, or pedaling a farmer's water wheel, one can experience the joy of life in an ancient water town. Website: www.sjb-ys.com

Yushan Mountain—Shanghu

Yushan Mountain is a sea of flowers. It has quiet and secluded labyrinths and temples among the mountains. It enjoys the

musical fountain that dances along to music and a water curtain film honored as "Number One Heaven Curtain in the World," Suzhou

Yangtze River." Shanghu Lake's name comes

from the Master Jiang Shang, who lived in

Jinji Lake represents modern Suzhou.

With a 120-meter high happy ferris wheel, a

seclusion and went angling there.

Jinji Lake

Website: www.sipjinjilake.com

represents a new "paradise on Earth".





Entertainment

Kunqu Opera

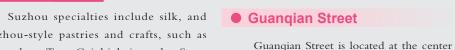
Kunqu Opera is a treasure of traditional

Suzhou Pingtan is known as the "story

Suzhou Pingtan

Chinese culture and art. It is well known for telling" and is honored as having the sweetest its elegant lyrics, graceful tune, and exquisite voice. Its performance is available at small performance. Hence, it is honored as "the parks, Pingjiang Road, Shantang Street, Stone mother of all Chinese operas." Excerpts from Road and various towns. Famous the Kunqu Opera are performed at the performance artists often appear to give Shantang Kunqu Opera Museum every day. regular shows.





Suzhou-style pastries and crafts, such as Biluochun Tea, Caizhizhai candy, Song of Suzhou Ancient City, and is the most Brocade, Suzhou-style preserves, Suzhou bustling business district there. It has a embroidery, Taicang meat floss, Taihu Lake number of famous shopping malls, bringing silver fish and Taohuawu woodcut new year together time-honored Suzhou shops and integrating business,

Suzhou Embroidery

Suzhou embroidery is colorful and florid. As a pearl in China's art treasure, the gorgeous and abundant brocade and multicolored lines are main features of Suzhou embroidery









