

# Hangzhou --- Welcome you!

## The beautiful scenery of Hangzhou

Hangzhou was settled as early as 4,700 years ago, thus giving birth to the auroral Liangzhu Civilization. One of the seven ancient capitals and the key scenic tourism and historical culture cities in China, Hangzhou once was applauded as "the most splendid and luxurious city in the world" by Marco Polo, the Italian traveler in the 13th century.

### Climate

Hangzhou is located in the southern part of the Yangtze River Delta, at the western end of Hangzhou Bay, in the lower reaches of the Qiantang River, and at the southern end of Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal. It is an important and central city in the Yangtze River Delta and a traffic hub in southeast China.

### Population Distribution

Eight districts Shangcheng, Xiacheng, Gongshu, Xihu, Jianggan, Binjiang, Xiaoshan, and Yuhang, and five counties (county-level cities) Fuyang, Lin'an, Jiande, Tonglu, and Chun'an are under the jurisdiction of Hangzhou. The total area of the city is 16,596 km<sup>2</sup> with a population of 6,663,100.

### Reputation



Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province with the sub-provincial administrative level, is the center of provincial politics, economy, culture, science and education. It covers an area of 16596km<sup>2</sup> with a population of 6.60 million. The economic development level of Hangzhou is very high, its economic strength is continuously ranked second among all provincial capitals and its economic general strength is listed in the top ten among all the big-middle cities in China. Hangzhou is not only one of the safest tourist-city, but also one of the best cities of internal security.

It was the capital of the Southern Sung dynasty from 1132 to 1276, when it was sacked by Kublai Khan. In the Southern Sung period, Hangzhou rich with a thriving silk trade, was a center of art, literature, and scholarship and a cosmopolitan city with a large colony of foreign merchants Arabs, Persians, and Nestorian Christians.

Hangzhou locates close to China east coast, in the lower reaches of the Qiantang River and at the southern end of the Grand Canal (Beijing - Hangzhou). The distance between Hangzhou and Shanghai is 200 kilometers, which is connected by the railway and highway. It only takes less than 2 hours to reach Shanghai; the trip is quite comfortable and efficient. The city tree is Camphor Tree and the city flower is Osmanthus.

As a famous scenic city in China, Hangzhou attracts more than 20 million domestic and foreign tourists every year. Hangzhou is known for its natural beauty of West Lake worldwide. Above is paradise, below is Suzhou and Hangzhou expresses peoples indeed praise to Hangzhou. In the Yuan Dynasty, the famous Italian traveler Marco Polo described this city as the finest and most splendid city in the world.

## West Lake Scenic Area



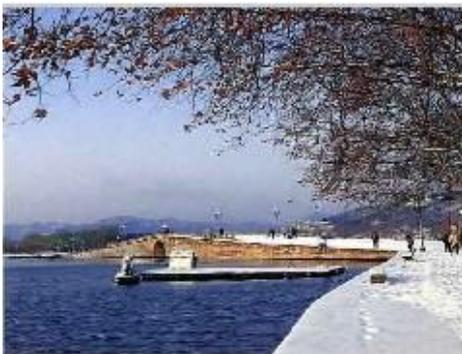
The West Lake came from a shallow bay in ancient times where Qiantang River ran into the sea. It was formerly named as Wulin Waters, Golden Buffalo Lake, Qiantang Lake and Xizi Lake. As it lies in the west of Hangzhou, it was later named the West Lake.

It covers an area of 6.38KM<sup>2</sup>, the average depth being 2.27M and the deepest being 5M. It has mountains on three sides and the city on the remaining one side. The lake and mountain are magnificent.

Centered on the West Lake, the West Lake Scenic Area is a national scenic area with a total area of 59 KM<sup>2</sup>. There are over 60 cultural relic sites of state, provincial and municipal levels and over 100 attractions. Among them, the most classic is the Ten Scenes and the New Ten Scenes at the West Lake.

### Lingering Snow on the Broken Bridge

The snow scene of the west lake is enjoyed very high praise by people, especially the view of “malting snow at broken bridge”.



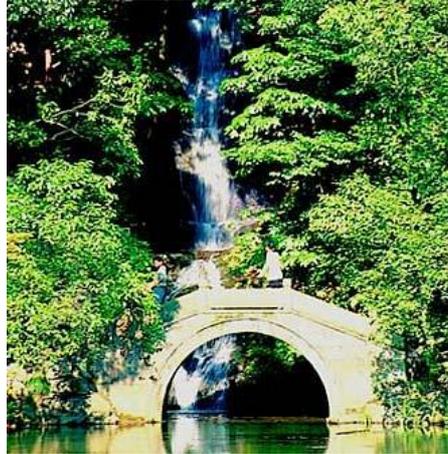
### Three Pools Mirroring the Moon



**Flying clouds over jade Emperor hill**



**Nine creeks in misty forest**



**Gu Shan (Solitary Hill)**

Gu Shan boasts of beautiful landscapes. It is bordered by Bai Causeway on the east, Xi Ling Bridge on the west, the Outer West Lake on the south, and the Inner West Lake on the north. Autumn Moon over the Calm Lake, one of the ten scenes of the West Lake; is formed on the boundary of Gu Shan and Bai Causeway.



**The Autumn Moon over the Calm Lake**



## Xixi National Wetland Park



Xixi National Wetland Park, the first and so far only National Wetland Park in China, is located in the western outskirts of China's beautiful paradise city of Hangzhou and lies at the southern tip of the longest and oldest canal in the world, the Hangzhou-Beijing Canal. Xixi covers an area of 3.46 square kilometers and features abundant ecological resources, beautiful natural scenes and a rich cultural heritage of many millennia. It ranks one of the "Three Xi" in Hangzhou along with the famous West Lake and Xiling Seal Society. It includes many thousands of ponds, networks of streams and rivers, extensive reedbeds and ecological areas and provides rich examples of aspects of urban wetland, as well as agricultural and cultural wetland environments.

## Thousand-Island Lake

Qiandao (Thousand-island) Lake in Hangzhou is one of China's most popular tourist destinations. Famed for its greenery, the lake is surrounded by the largest forest park in the country. Its average depth of the lake is 34 meters, and the water is clear to a depth of 7 to 12 meters, and so fresh that it can be drunk directly from the lake.



lifestyle. They use solar energy and liquefied gas instead of polluting fuels, even in the buses and taxis. Xiaoliu is a local



One local tells of his idyllic lifestyle: "People here live in scenic houses, drink mineral water, eat fresh lake fish, and breathe pure oxygen." All the residents of Qiandaohu enjoy their simple, unsophisticated



publicity officer. She says, "Air and noise pollution have been dramatically reduced. The local government has also invested US \$25 million in improving waste water and garbage treatment system." There are two air quality monitors in the city that inform the people of the air quality on a daily basis.

## Superb Workmanship in Hangzhou

Hangzhou is also well known for producing fine-quality workmanships like silk-products, handicraft fans and Zhang Xiaoquan scissors, etc. "Zhang Xiaoquan" has been awarded many times at Panama International Commodity Fair and South Asia Hypothec Association Fair. If you are interested in those elegant and particular products, you can get the detail information through the following websites: [http://zxq2.mountor.net/e\\_index.asp](http://zxq2.mountor.net/e_index.asp)

### Hot product



### Arts and Crafts Tourism Gift Scissors Series



### Offices Stationary (Children)



<http://cn.7ye.net/>

[silk-products and handicraft fans](#)



## Special Dishes

There are so many orthodox delicious dishes you can only taste in Hangzhou, for example, Dongpo pork, Beggar's Chicken, Steamed Ham in Sweet Syrup, West Lake Water-Shields Soup, Deep Fried Bean Curd Skin, Sister-in-law Song's Sticky Fish Soup, Fried Shelled Shrimps with Longjing Tea, and so on. There are also kinds of palatable pastries like Wushan Crisp Cookies, Sweet Lotus Slices with Glutinous Rice. If you want to know the stories and ways of cooking these dainty dishes you can enter the website: <http://www.louwailou.com.cn/english/intro.asp>



Dongpo pork



Fried shelled shrimps with Longjing Tea



The stem fries the bell



Steamed pork with rice flavor in lotus leaves

### Snack



In Hang Zhou, a characteristic breakfast food is "**CongBaohui**" (Shallot & Fried bread stick after being heated are swathed by a thin flour pancake, with sweet sauce).

The snack is related to "Qin Hui" who had an awful name in Chinese history. In Song Dynasty, he is a local tyrant but authority in politic. He accused "Yue Fei" of non-exist reason. As we all know, Yue Fei is honored as a national hero. Hang Zhou people start from hates to Qin Hui and commemorate Yue Fei, they seem fried bread stick as Qin Hui. The shallot in it means "offering a humble apology"



The **Zhi Wei Guan dumpling**, an elegant culinary achievement masquerading as a humble snack, consists of a ball of minced pork (sometimes with an added dollop of crab or crab roe), wrapped in a pleated flour dough skin, which is then steamed. But every **Xiao long bao** also holds a delightful surprise: there's a spoonful of hot soup, made from chicken or pork, sometimes both, inside.

## Special shopping street

### Nanshan Road Arts and Leisure Street



### Qinghefang Historical Block

In front of a crystal crafts shop in Hefang Street, a group of tourists are fascinated by the exquisite craftsmanship of the shop owner who has even forgotten to do the business. This is a very common scene on Hefang Street.



Now more and more such shop owners can be seen in Hefang Street: those who sell the bamboo flutes play the flute at the shop; those who sell the knitting sweaters knit the sweater; and those who sell the

writing brushes make them at the shop. The harmonious combination of such traditional "workshop" model of business operation with the tourism has become an attractive scene to tourists.

### Xinhua Road Silk Market



The Silk Market is an old-time favorite when looking for small gifts or fabric for that robe. They have a range of quality and taste, and it's all nicely priced. The cluster of shops makes it easier to find bargains because if one doesn't agree, most often someone next door will. Also be sure to check out the road running parallel to the main street just on the east side near Fengqi road. They have some of the less commercial items.

## Songcheng Park

Songcheng Park is the largest theme Park of Song Dynasty culture and a national AAAA attraction in China. It is the first group of “National Culture Industry Demonstration Base”. Song Dynasty Town just demonstrates the rich cultural contents during Song Dynasty by different kinds of folk-custom and the large performance “The Romance of the Song Dynasty”.

In the several years’ development, Songcheng Group always persists in the principle of tourist development” architecture as form and culture as soul”, carries out the “High Quality” stratagem. Songcheng will give you a promise “Give me one day, return you thousand years”.

### **The Romance of the Song Dynasty**

The Romance of the Song Dynasty is invested by Hangzhou Songcheng Group which is an indoor and panorama style large-scale performance. It is based on Hangzhou’s history and mythology which is mixed with both world singing and dancing and acrobatics together. The performance will give you a pleasure feeling!



It is a symbol performance in Hangzhou and it is performed by 300 actors with an investment of RMB 60 million. It is destined for the “VII China Art Festival” as the open up performance .Also it is honored the “Give prominence to the Literature” prize from the Hangzhou government as a private performance.



The classic tourist program seen by 10 million tourists with a history of 12 years, 800 scenes average for one year. It is a must for the tourists come to Hangzhou!

## ✈ Arrive hangzhou



### Air

Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport is considered a Garden Airport due to its verdant setting and floral gardens and is one of the most important territorial airports in China. Hangzhou currently attracts 126 airlines that offer flights to 13 International destinations, 44 Chinese cities and two regions. You can arrive Hangzhou airport from Hongkong, Tokyo, Beijing, Guangzhou

### Railroad

Hangzhou Railway Station (colloquially the "City Station" ) and the significantly less modern Hangzhou East Railway Station (colloquially "East Station" ) serve the city centre, from which one can catch a train to Shanghai and almost anywhere in China.