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HEE Classic China Tour

Tour Code: **CN-PCC13**

No. Day: **13 Days**

PRICE:

Departure:

Cities:

Shanghai – Hangzhou – Wuzhen

Suzhou – Wuxi – Xi'an - Beijing

Code: B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner



Day 1: Departure ✈

Flying to Shanghai, China.

Day 2: Arrive in Shanghai

Hotel: ★★★★★ Wyndham Grand Plaza Royale Oriental or similar

Arrive in Shanghai, Pudong International Airport (PVG). You will be greeted by our guide at your luxurious hotel where you are at your leisure to relax and enjoy the evening.

Day 3: Shanghai 🚌 **Wuzhen** 🚌 **Hangzhou**

Meals: B - L - D

Hotel: ★★★★★ New Century Grand Hotel or similar

In the morning, the city tour starts with a visit to **Pudong**, the eastern modern section of Shanghai. Take an hour and a half bus ride to **Wuzhen**, experience the romance and the poetic beauty of Jiangnan ancient water village which is a thousand years old coastal town. A boat ride takes you back to the old days and experiences the life of the ancient time. Arrival in **Hangzhou** for dinner.

Day 4: Hangzhou

Meals: B - L

Hotel: ★★★★★ New Century Grand Hotel or similar

Boating to discover the dreamlike beauty of **West Lake**, which is marked by a stele with the epithet written in the calligraphy of the Qianlong Emperor. Formed from what was originally an inlet of the Qiantang River, the lake was created in its current form by the silting of the river in the 4th century. With its historic bridges, pagodas, islands and gardens, the lake is surrounded by verdant hills and its shores and causeways are lined with fragrant trees and lotus blossoms. Hangzhou is one of the seven capitals of ancient China, known for its tea products. Enjoy a cup of Chinese famous Longjing tea at **Longjing tea village** to experience the mysterious Chinese tea culture. Then visit some of the magnificent scenes of West Lake. Tonight after dinner, enjoy a Song Dynasty dance show (at extra fee), with over 300 performers in beautiful costume, high-tech lighting effects, telling the stories of Hangzhou.

Day 5: Hangzhou 🚌 **Suzhou**

Meals: B - L

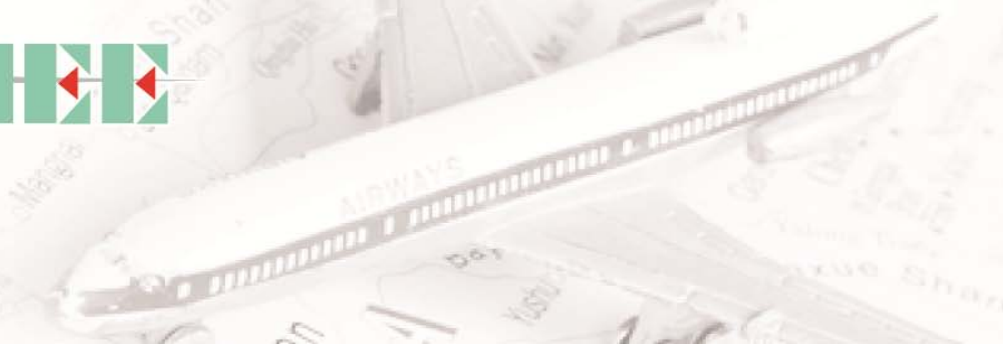
Hotel: ★★★★★ Grand Metropark Hotel or similar

After breakfast, head to **Suzhou**, visit **Panmen Gate** which originally built during the Warring States Period in the state of Wu, historians estimate it to be around 2,500 years old. Later after, continue on to the **Lingering Garden** - Liu Yuan in Chinese, it is one of the four famous gardens in China. Covering an area of 27,867 square yards, it represents the garden style in Qing Dynasty. The masterly workmanship, imaginative variation, and luxurious decorations in the garden are greatly appreciated by visitors and gardeners. In the evening, go to take a look at Suzhou Times Square where has the largest LED screen in the world, free time to choose your favorite food, you can enjoy a rainbow walk with a beautiful fountain and light show at **Li Gong Di** which is the causeway of **Jinji Lake** water-side leisure area where represents the most modern face of Suzhou.

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Day 6: Suzhou 🚌 **Wuxi**

Meals: B - L - D

Hotel: ★★★★★ Gloria Grand Wuxi or similar

Pay a visit to Suzhou **Shan Tang Street**, has a long history of about 1,100 years, its layout and architecture are best to represent the characteristics of Suzhou's old alleys, and it has connections to many ancient Chinese celebrities and anecdotes. Later on, continue on to experience Chinese culture, visit **Suzhou Silk Museum**, where is the great place to learn silk making and Chinese silk craft. Head to Wuxi after lunch, visit the biggest **Lingshan Temple** compounds the **Copper Buddha statue** and **Fangong Palace** (at extra fee) which is made of white marble, and constructed with materials fashioned by artisans from around the world, it is one of the most impressive and beautiful and modern structures in China. You will be served with traditional imperial dinner tonight.

Day 7: Wuxi 🚌 **Shanghai**

Meals: B - L - D

Hotel: ★★★★★ Wyndham Grand Plaza Royale Oriental or similar

After having breakfast, take a walk and relax at the **Imperial Garden XiHui Park**, where the Emperor of the Qing dynasty spends their summer. Visit **Taihu Lake** which is the third largest freshwater lake in China, along the Taihu Lake, the tourists can appreciate the beautiful natural scenery of Wuxi, and visit freshwater pearl factory, have a taste of pearl powder tea while listen to pearl expert explaining the growth of pearl. Thereafter, heading to Shanghai. Upon arrival, you will visit the eastern section **Shanghai Old District (Cheng Huang Miao shopping mall)**, forms the core of the old city of Shanghai, China. Today the "City God Temple" not only refers to the large temple complex, but also the traditional district of commerce in the city, surrounding the temple. There are over a hundred stores and shops in this area, and most of these store buildings are nearly a century old. You're free to enjoy shopping in this district. Later, you will be served the authentic Shanghai cuisine for dinner tonight.

Day 8: Leaving Shanghai ✈️ **Xi'an**

Meals: B - D

Hotel: ★★★★★ Grand Noble or similar

Have a restful morning. Our tour guide will accompany you to the airport after the delicious breakfast, catch the flight to Xi'an.

Xi'an, one of the oldest cities in China, with more than 3,100 years of history, the city was known as Chang'an before the Ming Dynasty. Xi'an is one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China, having held that position under several of the most important dynasties in Chinese history, including Zhou, Qin, Han, Sui, and Tang. Xi'an is the eastern terminus of the Silk Road and home to the Terracotta Army.

Upon arrival, visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, the most distinctive landmark in Xi'an. It was constructed for a Buddhist monk from Tang dynasty, Xuan Zang, whose pilgrimage to India was immortalized in one of the famous Chinese classical novel "Journey to the West". The pagoda was used to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought back from India. He asked 50 hierarchs to the temple to translate Sanskrit sutras into Chinese. With translated scripts of 1,335 volumes, it heralded a new era in the history of translation. You will be transferred to the hotel after dinner.

Day 9: Xi'an

Meals: B - L - D

Hotel: ★★★★★ Grand Noble or similar

Exploring **Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum**, which is a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. The Terracotta Army was discovered in the spring of 1974 in the eastern suburbs of Xi'an, the figures vary in height, according to their roles, with the tallest being the generals. The figures include warriors, chariots, horses, officials, acrobats, strongmen and musicians. Current estimates are that in the three pits containing the Terracotta Army there were over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses, the majority of which are still buried in the pits. It's known as the 8th miracle in the world. The whole mausoleum is like a cultural treasure vault with large collections of relics. Visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horse Reproduction factory on the way back to the city. Thereafter, visit **Ancient City Wall** which is Xi'an's 14th-century wall, one of the most complete city walls in China and certainly one of the best examples from the Ming dynasty. Watching the world famous **Tang Dynasty Stage Show** shortly after Dumpling dinner.

Day 10: Xi'an ✈️ **Beijing**

Meals: B L

Hotel: ★★★★★ Pullman Beijing West Wanda or similar

Buffet breakfast at hotel, and then pay a visit to **Shaanxi Historical Museum**, where houses over 300,000 items including murals, paintings, pottery, coins, as well as bronze, gold, and silver objects. The modern museum was built between 1983 and 2001 and its appearance recalls the architectural style of the Tang Dynasty. Thereafter, continue with a visit to **Grand Mosque**, which is the oldest and one of the most renowned mosques in the country founded in 742 (if time is allowed).





You will be later transferred to airport and fly to Beijing around noon. Having lunch on board.

Welcome to **Beijing Capital International Airport**, the 2nd busiest airport in the world by passenger traffic. You will be greeted by our local tour guide at your luxurious hotel where you are at your leisure to relax and enjoy the evening. Beijing is the capital city of China, with population of 17.4 million.

Day 11	Beijing	Meal : B L D	Hotel: 5★ Pullman Beijing West Wanda or similar
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We embark for a full day tour which begins at the **Great Wall**, is a series of stone and earthen fortifications in northern China, built originally to protect the northern borders of the Chinese Empire against intrusions by various nomadic groups. After lunch, visit the **Ming Tombs - Chang Ling**, it is a Tomb Cluster of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), with 13 emperors buried in a complex spreading some 15 square miles. Covering an area of more than 120 square kilometers, it appears extremely spectacular, and was listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 2003.

Day 12	Beijing	Meal : B L D	Hotel: 5★ Pullman Beijing West Wanda or similar
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Visit at the **Tian An Men Square**, noted as the largest public square in the world with its monuments and buildings situated around the square's perimeter. Thereafter, continue on to tour **Forbidden City** is located at the exact center of Beijing, and is the world's largest palace complex, covering 720,000 square meters with 800 buildings and 9,000 rooms in total. It was the palace to 24 emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties, and is recognized as one of the most attractive five palaces in the in 1987, the Forbidden City was nominated as World **Cultural Heritage by UNESCO**. A lunch is served with a fabulous Peking Duck Banquet. Thereafter, Visit the **Temple of Heaven** where the Emperors of Ming and Qing dynasties performed annual ceremonies of prayer to heaven for good harvest. Continue with a visit to Tong Yen Tong, to discover the traditional Chinese herb culture.

Day 13	Beijing ✈	Meal : B	
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After breakfast, visit **Summer Palace**, which is the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in the world, a veritable museum of classical Chinese garden architecture. In 1998, it was listed as one of the **World Heritage Sites by UNESCO**, and it declared the Summer Palace "a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design". The natural landscape of hills and open water is combined with artificial features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges to form a harmonious ensemble of outstanding aesthetic value. Viewing the beautiful Bird's Nest National Stadium and the Water Cube (are both designed for Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics) up close. Later after, you will be transferred to airport to catch the flight back home or begin your optional Post-Trip Extension to your next destination.

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Tour Inclusions

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| 1. Accommodations: 5-Star hotels based on double occupancy | 5. Tour guides: Professional English-speaking guide. |
| 2. Sightseeing spots specified above | 6. Tour Bus with Professional Driver |
| 3. Admissions and activities above | 7. Travel Agency Liability Insurance during the tour; |
| 4. Meals: as specified above; | 8. Government taxes & fees. |

Tour Exclusions

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| 1. International airfare & Domestic airfares | 4. Gratuities to guides & drivers and any expense of personal nature |
| 2. China visa fees; | 5. Optional International Flight Transfer |
| 3. Special Tour and Show Admissions | |

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