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## Essence of Old Towns around Shanghai Tour

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**Tour Code:** CET-AT05

**Length:** 8 days and 7 nights

**Cities Visited/Stayed:** (Shanghai), Huangshan Mountain, Wuyuan, Jingdezhen, (Shanghai)

**Highlight Attractions:** Ancient Water Town: Zhujiajiao, Scenic Areas of Yellow Mountain, Hongcun Village, Jingdezhen Ancient Folk Kiln Museum

**Experience & Features:** Wuyuan Countryside Sceneries, Ancient villages and towns near Shanghai and Huangshan, Porcelain and china town

This old towns' tour is especially designed for those who live in China and has interested in the civil customs, unique architectures and sceneries and brilliant cultures of China ancient towns near Shanghai. The first day is a one-day tour to the beautiful water village and graceful ancient town near Shanghai. It will leave you a deep impression. The Hongcun Village shows you well-preserved ancient buildings and natural sceneries, just indulge yourself in this "village in the Chinese painting". Also we can't miss the ancient county of Wuyuan-the most beautiful village in China. The unique-built houses remain almost unchanged over the last century. Last destination is Jingdezhen, which is known as "The Chinaware Capital" all over the world. You can have a good chance to get close to famous China porcelains in Jingdezhen.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Shanghai-Zhujiajiao-Zhouzhuang-Shanghai

Today let's go to visit [**Zhujiajiao Ancient Town**]. Zhujiajiao Ancient Town's standing history can be traced back to the Neolithic Age as a large quantity of historical relics of the era as well as of the Spring and Autumn and Warring States Periods (770BC-221BC) were found in the Dianshan Lake. The crystal water runs through the town with 39 bridges connecting the nine old streets, forming a graceful water village scene. When you take a walk on the north street, you will find that it still keeps its style in Ming and Qing Dynasties, displaying a picture of prosperous ancient commerce background. Local snacks are delicate and delicious, you can choose and try.

Afterwards, we will continue to **[Zhouzhuang]** -- one of the most famous water towns in China, only 30 kilometers (18 miles) southeast of Suzhou. Zhouzhuang is well-known for its profound cultural background, the well preserved ancient residential houses, the elegant watery views and the strong local colored traditions and customs. Visitors to Zhouzhuang can spend the night in a restored mansion, eat in traditional restaurants, see performances of local operas, and watch craftsmen shape local handicrafts as they have for centuries. Most of the buildings there are still home to the families who have lived there for centuries; many of the skiffs plying the canals are not filled with tourists, but storekeepers making their deliveries; and neighbors coming from the market still pause on the charming stone bridges for a quick chat.

We will drive back to Shanghai after the visit to Zhouzhuang.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 2: Shanghai-Huangshan**

You can spend your own morning time to relax. After lunch we go to the airport for a flight to Huangshan. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel in the city. Then we will go to visit the **[Tunxi Ancient Street]** located in the center of Tunxi district. The street is paved with maroon flagstones with a total length of 1,273 meters (about 1,392 yards), of which 895meters (about 979 yards) is the pedestrian commercial street. There are shops that are generally of two or three floors standing on both sides, and they feature the local Anhui style: stone base, brick construction and tile roof. The layout of these buildings commonly takes on the appearance of shops in front while houses and workshops are to the rear. Tunxi Ancient Street was once considered as Oriental Ancient Rome. Whether you are wandering along the old bridge, visiting the fish beside the river, finding shoots of bamboo on the slope, or standing under a tree and listening to the birds whistle, it is easy for you to rest and attain mental tranquility by embracing the nature.

Stay overnight in Huangshan City.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## **Day 3: Huangshan Mountain**

Early this morning we take **[cable to visit the Huangshan Mountain]**. We can enjoy the spectacular view along the way to the top. Mount Huangshan (The Yellow Mountains) extends across four counties - -Shexian, Yixian, Taiping and Xiuning. They rose above the earth surface as a result of movement of the earth's crust over a hundred million years ago. Later they underwent the erosion of Quaternary glaciation and have gradually become what they are today. Mt. Huangshan is characterized by the four wonders, namely, odd-shaped pines, grotesque rock formation, seas of clouds and crystal-clear hot springs. There are marvels almost everywhere, especially in the following scenic areas: Wenquan (Hot Spring), Yupinglou (Jade Screen

Tower), Xihai (West Sea), Beihai (North Sea), Yungusi (Cloud Valley Temple) and Songgu'an (Pine Valley Nunnery). It is said that you won't want to visit any other mountains after seeing Wu Yue (the Five Great China Mountains) but you won't wish to see even Wu Yue after returning from Mt. Huangshan.

Stay overnight in Huangshan Mountain.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 4: Huangshan Mountain-Hongcun Village

Today we **[take cable down the mountain]** and drive to **[Hongcun Village]** which is located at the foot of the southwest side of Mt. Huangshan. Located in Northeast of Yixian County, this village is famous for its long history, deep culture and splendid environment. Hongcun Village was built in the Southern Song Dynasty (1131CE). There are 158 dwelling houses dating back to the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties in the village, nearly 140 of which are still in good shape. Hongcun Village is a unique, buffalo-shaped ancient village in the ancient style. The village has simple but elegant scenery, a fine mixture of old houses, green hills and clear creeks, so it enjoys the name of "a village in the Chinese painting".

Stay overnight in a local inn in Hongcun Village.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 5: Hongcun Village-Wuyuan

This morning we can have a leisurely walk in the town, and then we depart for **[Wuyuan Ancient County]** that enjoys the reputation as "the most beautiful village in China". The unique-built houses remain almost unchanged over the last century. People still keep their traditions and ways of living, which make this county seem like isolated from the outside world. With 81.5% tree coverage of woods, Wuyuan is one of the sixteen most ecologically advanced agriculture counties in China. Like a large park, the county is praised as the "Last ShangriLa". Wengong Hill, Yuanyan Lake (theMandarinDuckLake) and Linyan Cave are known as ecological wonders. Wuyuan is also home to many famous scholars in China. Later we pay a visit to **[Likeng]**, a thousand year old village which has been well preserved and the local life there is interesting to discover.

Stay overnight at a local family in Likeng.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 6: Wuyuan-Jingdezhen

In the morning, you can enjoy a Chinese breakfast made by local hospitable hostess, and then we head for **[another ancient village]** from Likeng. It takes more than one hour on the bumpy road. Upon arrival, we

walk along the stone-path to see more ancient buildings, and to know the local life by visiting a local market. You will have your lunch in a local family, this afternoon we will depart and drive to Jingdezhen -- a town famous as "The Chinaware Capital". Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is on your own. Local porcelain market is the place where you can have a look of various porcelains and may purchase some of the products.

Stay overnight in Jingdezhen.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 7: Jingdezhen

Jingdezhen's white glazed porcelain was known as the "false jade ware" in the Sui and Tang dynasties. In the Ming Dynasty, it became one of the four famous towns in China. Today we pay a visit to the [**Jingdezhen Ancient Folk Kiln Museum**]. Rich cultural deposit of porcelain from Wudai Dynasty to Ming Dynasty (907-1644 AD) can be seen there. And it covers an area of more than 400 thousand square meters (about 98 acres). Jingdezhen is the pilgrimage place of porcelain historiography pursuer, the porcelain industrial arts fans and the tourists all in the world. Besides, there are 20 locations of the relics of valuable kilns and porcelain factories in the important history periods of Song, Yuan and Ming dynasties. You can watch different procedures of making porcelain done by professional workers, or you may try yourself to learn to mould a vase. You will have a great time there.

Stay overnight in Jingdezhen.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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## Day 8: Jingdezhen-Shanghai

Today you can visit Jingdezhen or go to buy some local products by yourself.

In the evening, we will take a flight to go back to Shanghai.

**Meals:** (B, L)

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