

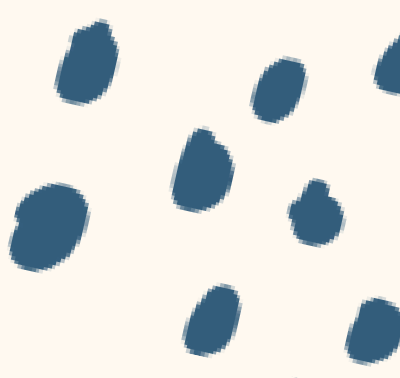
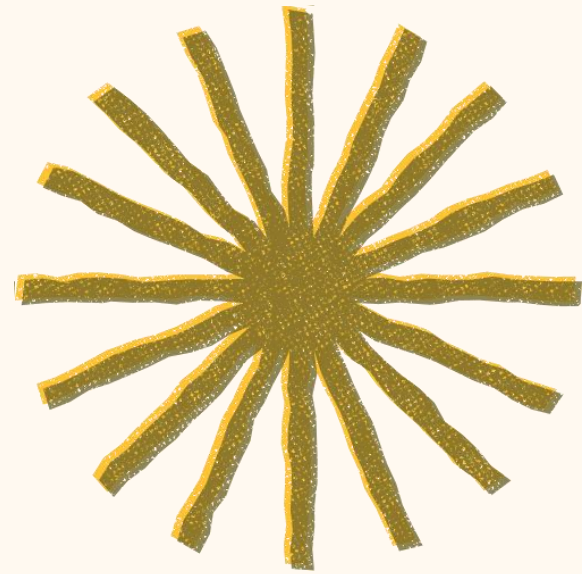
Crescendo International Music Competitions

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou
June 30 to July 9, 2024

Prepared by Ishindo





INTERNARY

June 30 (Day 1)

Arriving in Shanghai. Check into hotel upon arrival

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai

July 1 (Day 2)

- Visit and communicate with Shanghai Conservatory of Music
- Preparation & Practice

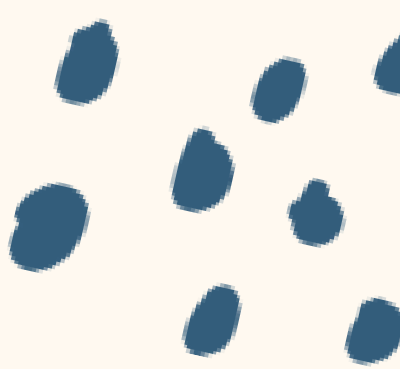
Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai

July 2 (Day 3)

- Open Master Class
- 1st Concert in Shanghai Conservatory of Music Concert Hall

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai





INTERNARY

July 3 (Day 4)

- Class at Shanghai Conservatory of Music
- 2nd Concert in Shanghai Conservatory of Music Concert Hall

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai

July 4 (Day 5)

- Heading to Suzhou
- Visit Tiger Hill
- Visit the Suzhou Silk Museum

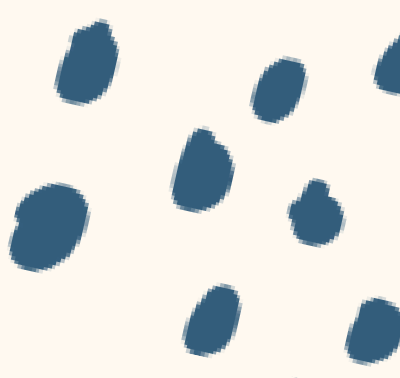
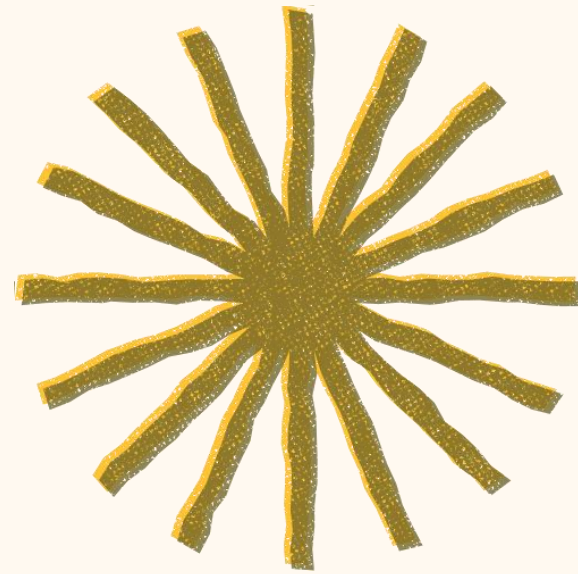
Accommodation: Hotel in Suzhou

July 5 (Day 6)

- Visit Mudu Ancient Town
- Watch Pingtan Performance
- Visit the Hunble Administrator's Garden
- Heading to Hangzhou

Accommodation: Hotel in Hangzhou





INTERNARY

July 6 (Day 7)

- Explore West Lake in Hangzhou
- Visit Song Dynasty City

Accommodation: Hotel in Hangzhou

July 7 (Day 8)

- Visit Lingyin Temple and the Peak That Flew Hither
- Heading to Shanghai
- Visit the Shanghai Art Museum

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai

July 8 (Day 9)

- Visit Zhujiajiao Ancient Town
- Visit the Bund
- Huangpu River Cruise

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai

July 9 (Day 10)

Departure from Shanghai



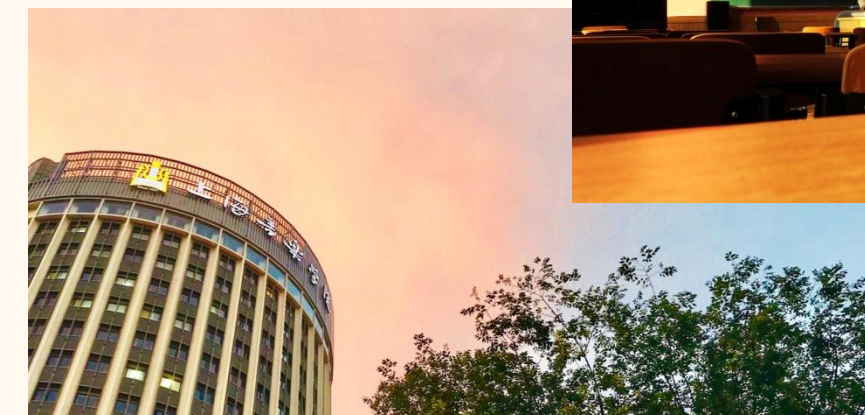
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY

Collaboration with Shanghai Conservatory of Music

As one of the most important part of our enriching itinerary, we are planning an exchange with Shanghai Conservatory of Music. The Shanghai Conservatory of Music is a prestigious institution in China, renowned for its comprehensive education in music. It has played a pivotal role in the development of China's music culture, blending Eastern and Western traditions. The conservatory offers a wide range of programs in performance, composition, conducting, musicology and music education, fostering talent with a global perspective.

The benefits of such an exchange allows for exploring its facilities, engaging with faculty and students, and participating in joint performances. Benefits include:

- Cultural Exchange: Enhances understanding and broadens perspectives.
- Educational Insight: Provides a glimpse into innovative music education practices.
- Networking: Opens up collaboration and professional opportunities.
- Performance Opportunities: Allows for showcasing talents and learning through joint performances.
- Personal Growth: Inspires creativity and contributes to artistic development.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY

Tiger Hill

Suzhou's Tiger Hill is a renowned historical site and a must-visit attraction located in the northwest part of Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. This picturesque area is celebrated for its natural beauty, historical significance, and cultural heritage, stretching over 3.5 hectares. Tiger Hill is famous for its leaning pagoda, the Yunyan Pagoda, often compared to the Leaning Tower of Pisa for its similar tilt. According to legend, Tiger Hill is the burial site of King Helü of Wu, and it is said that a tiger was seen guarding the tomb, hence the name. The hill is also home to numerous historical and cultural relics, including ancient temples, gardens, and other architectural wonders, making it a fascinating destination for visitors interested in exploring China's rich past and enjoying its serene landscapes.



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The Suzhou Silk Museum

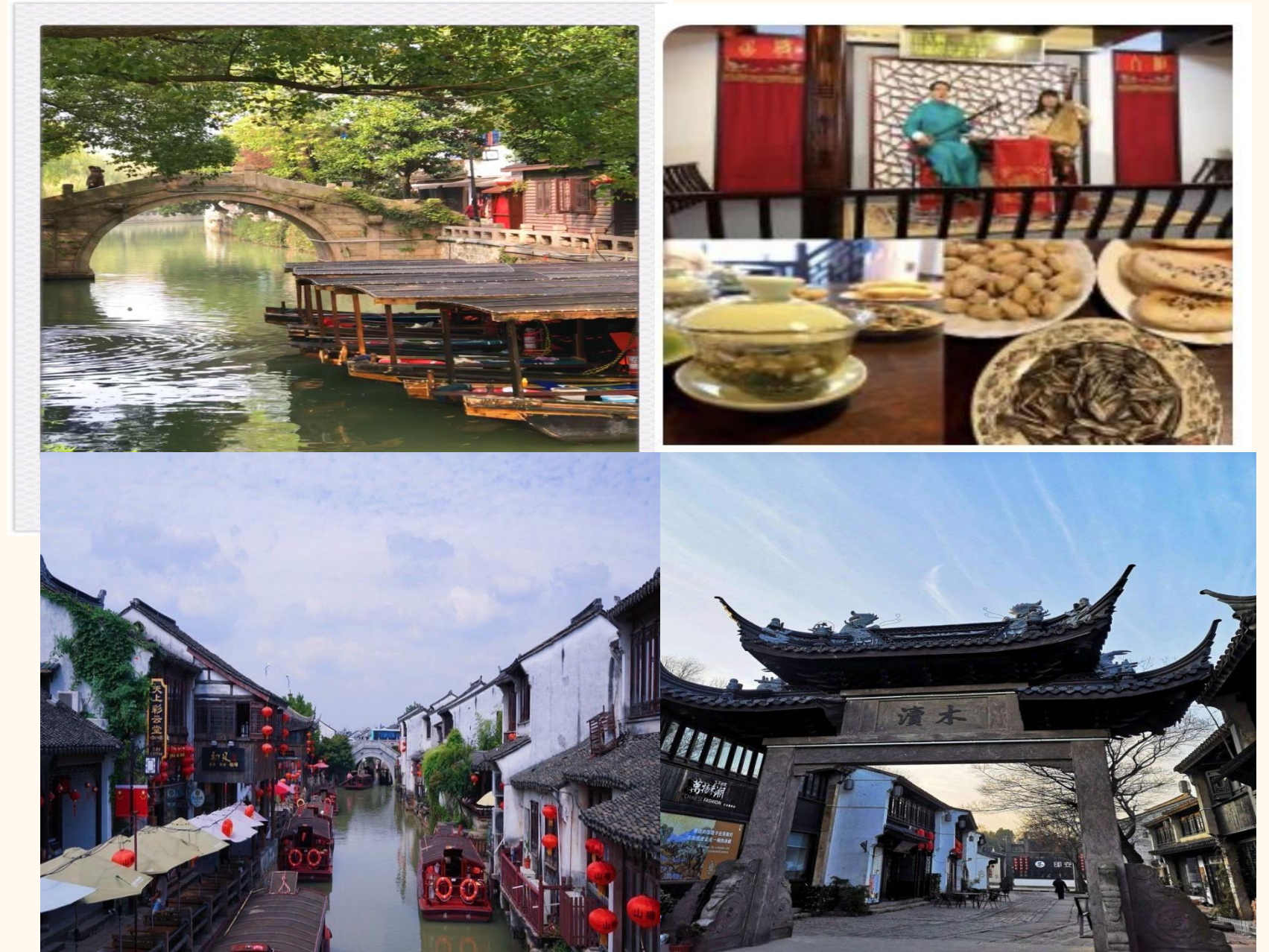
The Suzhou Silk Museum, serves as a testament to the city's profound contributions to silk culture and production, a tradition spanning thousands of years. This museum offers visitors an in-depth look at the ancient Silk Road's history, the intricate process of silk-making from silkworm cultivation to the final woven fabric, and showcases exquisite silk garments and artifacts that reflect the craftsmanship and artistry of Chinese silk weavers. Through interactive exhibits and live demonstrations, the museum educates its visitors on the significance of silk in China's cultural and economic development, making it an essential destination for those interested in the rich tapestry of Chinese heritage.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY

The Mudu Ancient Town

Mudu Ancient Town is a charming and well-preserved historical settlement that dates back over a thousand years. Renowned for its beautiful waterways, traditional architecture, and lush gardens, Mudu offers a glimpse into the leisurely lifestyle and rich cultural background of Jiangnan's ancient elite. Visitors can stroll through narrow alleys lined with ancient buildings, cross stone bridges spanning serene canals, and explore classical Chinese gardens, such as the famous Yan's Garden and the Bangyan Mansion. Mudu Ancient Town is not only a place of great natural beauty but also a cultural hub, with a history intertwined with prominent literary figures and scholars. It provides a peaceful retreat from the modern world and a deep dive into the region's historical and cultural legacy. You can also enjoy Pingtan performances in this Ancient Town.



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The Humble Administrator's Garden

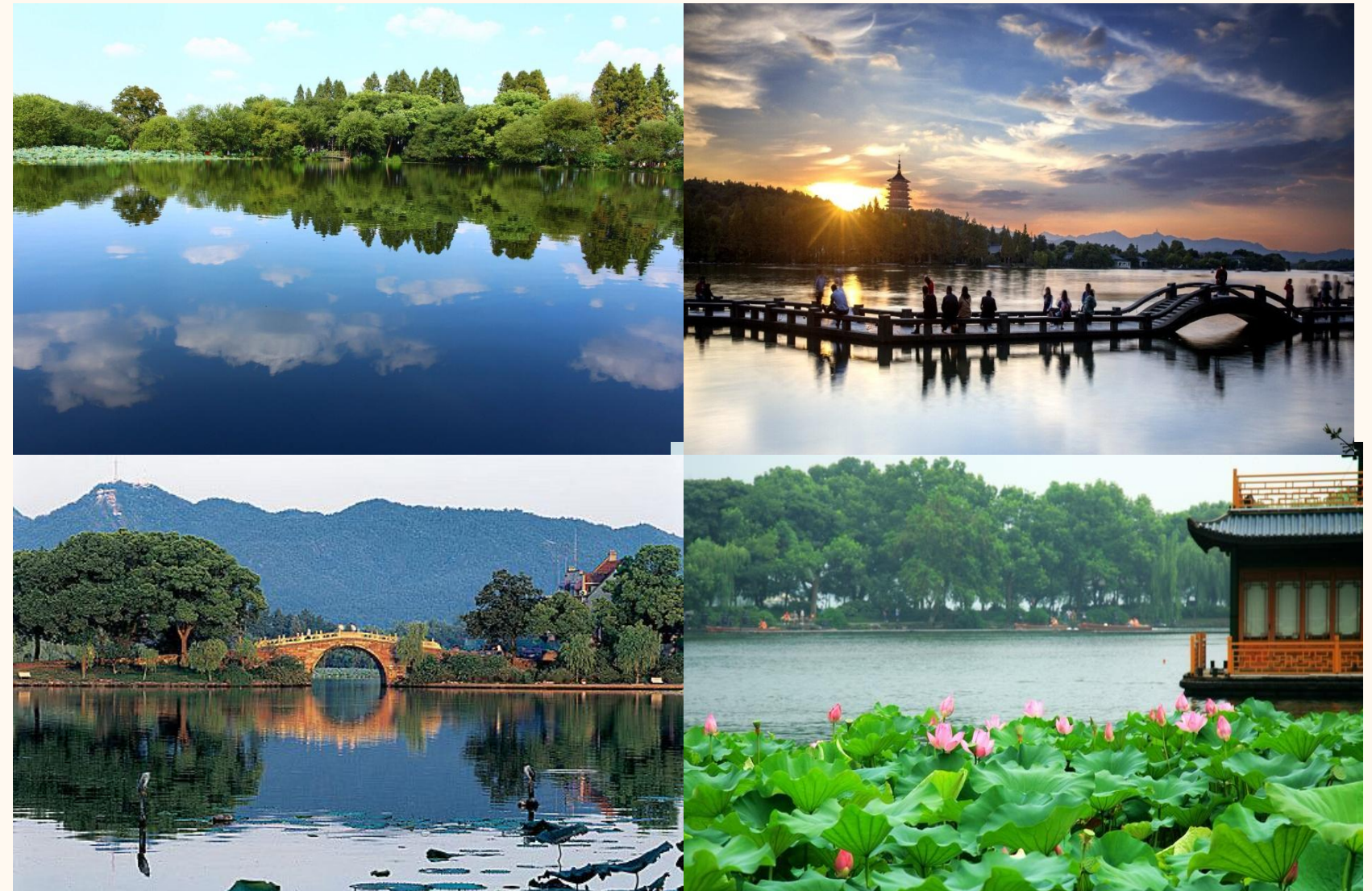
The Humble Administrator's Garden stands as one of the most renowned classical gardens, embodying the sophisticated garden culture of the Ming Dynasty. Spanning approximately 52,000 square meters, this sprawling garden is celebrated for its elegant water features, intricate pavilions, and lush, meticulously arranged landscapes. Designed around the central theme of water, the garden's layout seamlessly blends art, nature, and architecture, creating serene and picturesque scenes at every turn. It offers visitors a tranquil escape into nature, where they can appreciate the timeless beauty of traditional Chinese garden design, reflecting the philosophical harmony between humans and nature.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY

West Lake

West Lake in Hangzhou is a picturesque and iconic destination, celebrated for its stunning natural beauty and cultural significance. Encircled by lush mountains, the lake's surface mirrors traditional pavilions, pagodas, and gardens, creating a tranquil and poetic scene that has inspired artists and poets for centuries. Visitors can enjoy leisurely boat rides, explore historic temples, or stroll along causeways lined with willow trees. Each season brings a unique charm to West Lake, making it a year-round attraction.



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The Song Dynasty City

The Song Dynasty City is a vibrant theme park that brings the Song Dynasty to life, offering visitors a unique journey through ancient Chinese history and culture. It's packed with thrilling performances, traditional crafts, and cultural exhibits that recreate the ambiance of one of China's most flourishing periods. Highlights include the spectacular "Romance of the Song Dynasty" show, which blends folklore, dance, and acrobatics. Walking through city, visitors can experience the bustling market streets, sample traditional Song cuisine, and even dress in period costumes for a fully immersive experience. This attraction provides a fascinating insight into the Song Dynasty's rich heritage, making it a must-visit for history buffs and families alike.



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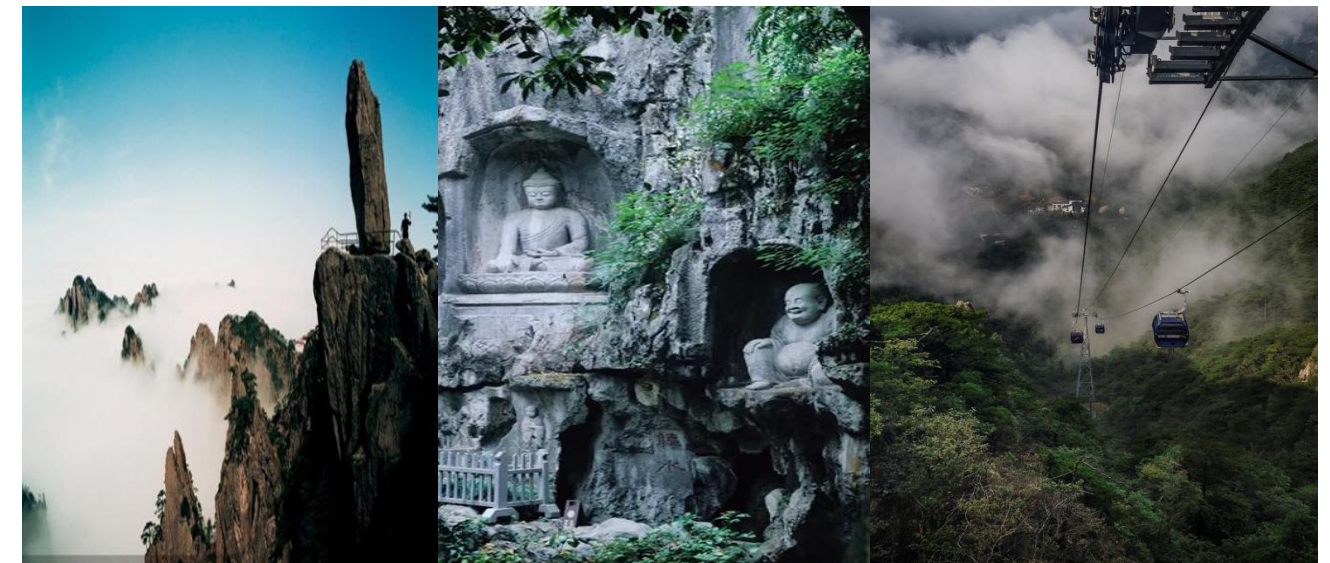
Lingyin Temple

Lingyin Temple, one of China's oldest and most significant Buddhist temples, was founded in 328 AD and serves as a serene sanctuary for those seeking peace and enlightenment. Surrounded by lush forests and nestled against the backdrop of the North Peak, the temple's tranquil atmosphere is enhanced by the intricate carvings and majestic halls that dot its grounds.



The Peak That Flew Hither

The Peak That Flew Hither is a limestone mountain famous for its ancient Buddhist grottoes. The peak is adorned with hundreds of stone statues of Buddha and religious figures, carved directly into the rock face. Together, Lingyin Temple and the Peak That Flew Hither offer a profound glimpse into China's Buddhist heritage, attracting both pilgrims and tourists to admire their natural beauty, artistry, and historical depth.



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The Shanghai Art Museum

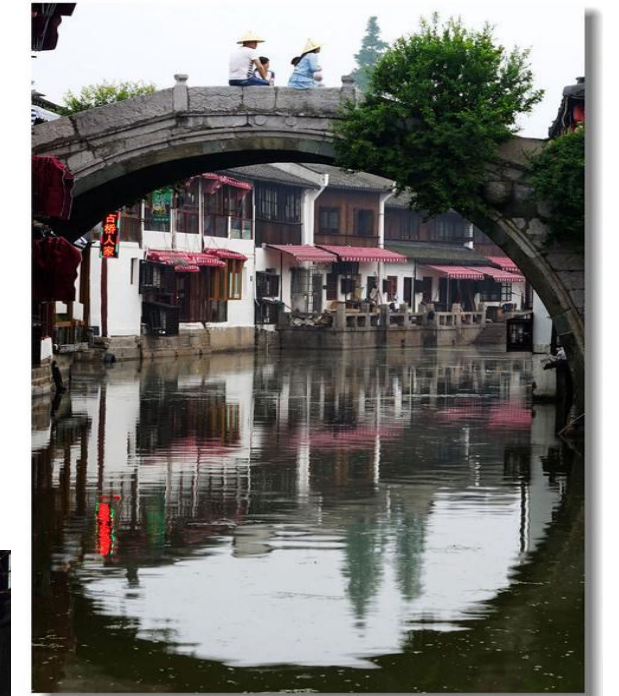
The Shanghai Art Museum is a premier institution showcasing a diverse range of art from both contemporary and traditional Chinese artists. Housed in a striking, modern building, the museum serves as a cultural hub, offering visitors a deep dive into the vibrant world of Chinese art. Its extensive collection includes everything from ancient calligraphy and traditional Chinese paintings to cutting-edge contemporary art installations. The museum also hosts various temporary exhibitions, bringing in works from around the globe to foster a dialogue between Chinese art and international trends. With its commitment to education and cultural exchange, the Shanghai Art Museum provides a rich, immersive experience for art lovers and casual visitors alike, making it an essential destination for anyone interested in exploring the dynamic landscape of Chinese and global art.



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Zhujiajiao Ancient Town

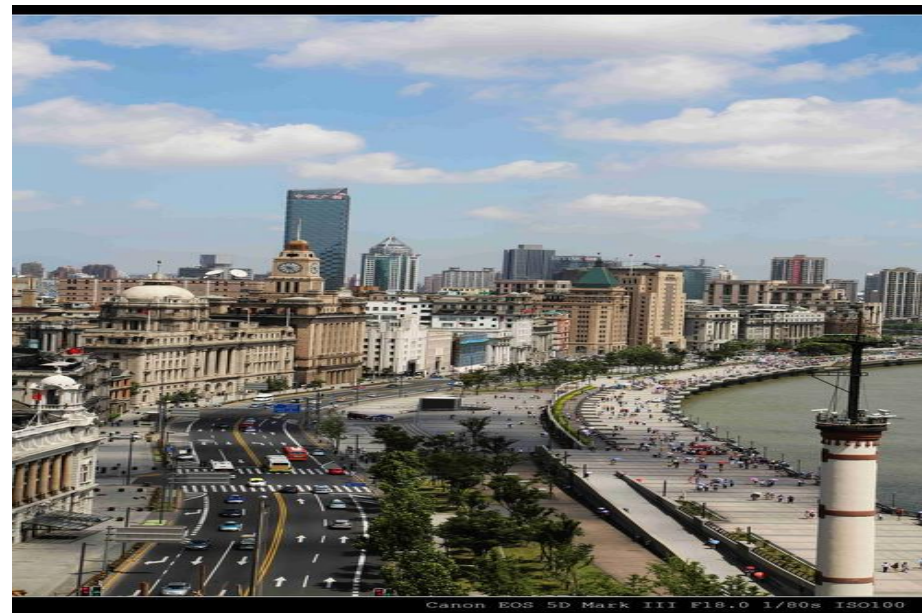
Zhujiajiao Ancient Town, nestled on the outskirts of Shanghai, is a well-preserved water town with a history spanning over 1,700 years. Characterized by its ancient waterways, stone bridges, and traditional Chinese architecture, Zhujiajiao offers a glimpse into China's rich past. Visitors can explore the narrow alleyways, visit historic sites like the Fangsheng Bridge, and enjoy boat rides along its peaceful canals. The town also boasts a variety of local shops and eateries, where guests can sample traditional Chinese snacks and shop for handmade crafts. Zhujiajiao Ancient Town is a tranquil escape from the bustling city life of Shanghai, providing a picturesque setting that reflects the charm and tranquility of ancient Chinese water towns.



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The Bund

The Bund in Shanghai is a renowned waterfront district, famous for its historic architecture and panoramic views of the city's skyline. It's a key spot for experiencing Shanghai's blend of colonial past and modern development, especially striking at night with illuminated buildings.



Huangpu River Cruise

A Huangpu River Cruise offers a unique perspective of Shanghai, showcasing the contrast between the historic Bund and the futuristic Pudong skyline. It's an essential experience for visitors, providing breathtaking views and a glimpse into the heart of the city.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY

Instructors

Dr. Alex Babayev

Dr. Babayev had his first solo performance in age of 5 in State Conservatory where he debuted with classical and original compositions.

As a child prodigy he was invited to the State school of musically gifted children where he was studied with prof. G.G. Sharoyev.

Master of Arts from State Conservatory (Moscow, Russia);

Doctorate degree in music from Academy of Science (Moscow, Russia);

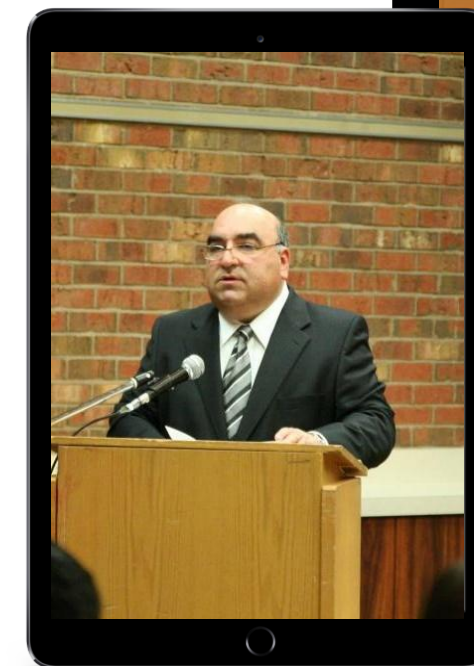
Pianist, solo and orchestra performer.

Author of Symphonies, piano and variety of chamber music, number of music scores for movies.

Dr. A.Babayev has numerous of articles published in prestigious scientific magazines.

Membership includes European Concert Musicians Alliance (Europäisches Konzert-Musiker-Bündnis), Russian Composer Association, Music Teacher National Association, Music Educators Association.

Certified by US Board of Education.



▲ Dr. Babayev
Lecturing students



▲ Dr. Babayev
performing at the
Carnegie Hall

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Instructors

Mr. Dizhou Zhao

Born in Shanghai, China in 1979, he studied piano at the age of 4. Won the first prize of Shanghai music competition at 7 years old with his outstanding musical talent. At the age of 11, he was admitted to the secondary school affiliated to Shanghai Conservatory of music.

1999: Admitted to the New England Conservatory of music (NEC) with full scholarship, became student of Russell Sherman and Patricia Zander.

2000-2003: Participated in The Music Academy of the West music festival, student of Jerome Lowenthal.

2003-2005: Student of Aleander Korsantia, winner of Arthur Rubinstein Master competition. Finished Master Degree.

2007-2008: Earned graduate diploma, Studied Artist Diploma at Boston Longy Music School with full scholarship.

2009-2010: Release of his first album. Earned Doctoral Degree.

2012: Winner of Astral's 2012 National Auditions.



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Instructors

Professor Wu Chuheng

Background: Began piano studies at a young age under the tutelage of renowned piano educators. Progressed from affiliated elementary and middle schools to graduate from the Shanghai Conservatory of Music.

Professional Career: Since 2001, has been teaching at the Piano Department of East China Normal University's School of Music, focusing on piano education. Served as a judge for the Shanghai Musicians' Association and piano grading at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. Guided students to win numerous awards in competitions at various levels.

Major Achievements:

- First and third all-around prizes at the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th "Pearl River Cup" National Music Education Professional Student Basic Skills Competition
- First place in the Shanghai regional competition and Bronze Award in the national competition of the 3rd "Little Golden Bell" National University Piano Competition
- Received multiple awards for outstanding teaching
- Authored several notable works, including "Mozart's Little Sonatas Collection," "Piano Basic Course" (Volumes 1-4), and "Bach's French Suites."



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Concert Venue

Two concerts are planned to be held in the concert hall of Shanghai Conservatory of Music, with specific names to be determined.





KEY NOTES

1. All the hotels are International 3 star standard hotels and above with standard double room. Meals are included during the camp unless otherwise stated.
2. International air tickets are not included in this price.
3. All the travel transportation in China will be by bus.
4. All the entry tickets for the trip are included.
5. All the programs will be hosted in English. English translator will be prepared.
6. Airport transportation and meal for the arrival and departure day need to be further decided, since it is quite depend on the flight schedule.
7. All the date showed in this itinerary are China Time Zone.
8. It is strongly recommended that you purchase the travel accident insurance and other related insurance that you think is necessary to protect for your life, body, property or related interests during your trip.
9. Please notify us if you have any kind of allergy or dietary restriction (refer to next page)



KEY NOTES

Dietary Restriction

1. G6PD deficiency, avoid peas and honeysuckle
2. Allergic to peanuts
3. Allergic to Clarithromycin
4. Allergic rhinitis
5. No fried food
6. No pork
7. No spicy food
8. Allergic to egg, milk, crabs of all kind
9. Severe allergic to shrimps and crabs, allergic to cats, dust mite, grass, hypersensitive to temperature change and dryness.



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