



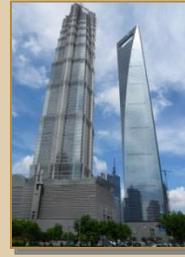
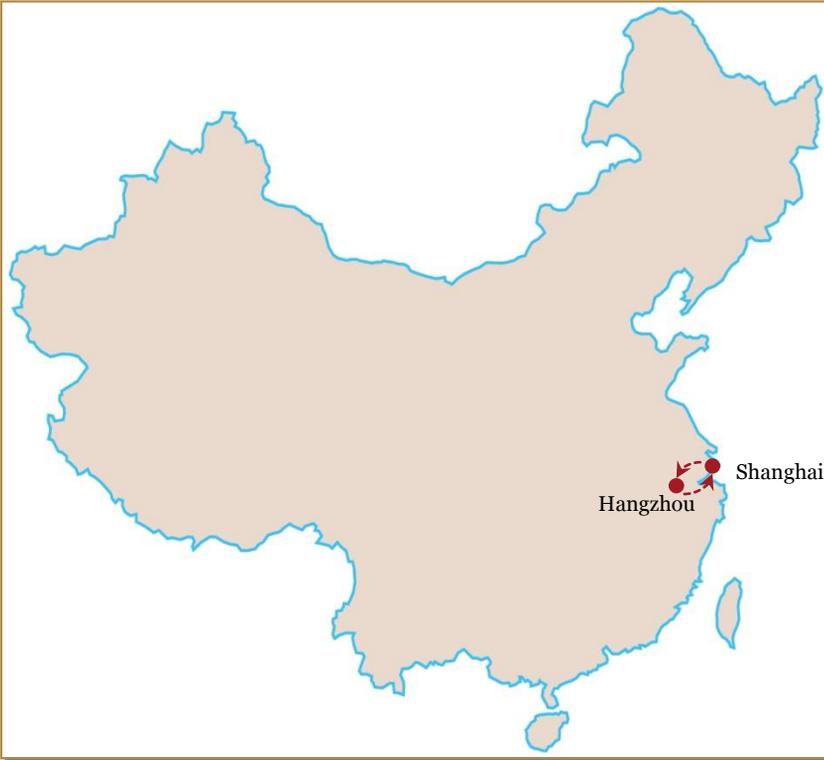
IMPERIAL TOURS®

China Escapades Itinerary

Prepared For Distinguished Guests

Masters of Food & Wine

Your Tour at a Glance



DATE	CITY	HIGHLIGHTS
Wed, 11/27	Arrive Shanghai	VIP Airport Pickup, Transfer to Park Hyatt
Thu, 11/28	Shanghai	Colonial Architecture Tour, French Concession, Acrobatic Show
Fri, 11/29	Shanghai	Shanghai Museum, Champagne Class or Contemporary Art Tour, Gala Dinner with 2 star Michelin Chef
Sat, 11/30	Shanghai	Floral Design Class, Yu Gardens, Gala Dinner with 3 star Michelin Chef
Sun, 12/1	Shanghai –Hangzhou	Drive to Hangzhou, West Lake Boat Ride, Transfer to Four Seasons Hotel
Mon, 12/2	Hangzhou	Peak that Flew from Afar, Tea Tasting with Specialist
Tue, 12/3	Depart Shanghai	Introduction to Five Disciplines, Drive to Shanghai, Airport Transfer

Day 1, Wednesday, 11/27 - Shanghai

Upon arrival at **Shanghai** International Airport, you will be met at the gate by airport VIP staff who will whisk you through the airport's **Diplomatic Channel**. No need to wait in line for Customs and Immigration. Your local guide will then meet you after you have claimed your luggage.

Whether you prefer “Paris of the East” or “megacity of the new millennium”, one thing is really worth noting: this brash, energetic 21st century metropolis is really just a baby, young even by American standards. (Park Hyatt – Park Room)

Day 2, Thursday, 11/28 – Shanghai B, L, D

Your tour of Shanghai begins with a **tour on colonial architecture** in Shanghai given by a member of the Shanghai Historical Society. This tour will take you into some of the most important buildings along the Bund and French Concessions including the former Hong Kong Shanghai Bank.

En route to lunch, we will travel along sycamore-lined boulevards into the heart of the **French Concession**. This section of the “Paris of the Orient” now hosts many arts-based businesses and art galleries that we can visit if you so desire. The afternoon will be spent discovering some of Shanghai’s great shopping treasures. This might include a contemporary ceramics shop, the private studio of a renowned fashion designer or a shop selling cashmere for children.

Later today you will be taken to witness the marvelous stunts of the **Acrobatic Show**.

DAY TWO OPTIONALS

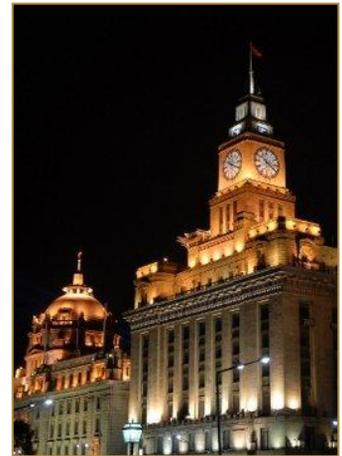
+*Shanghai Jewish history tour*

+*Navigate Shanghai’s markets with a pearl expert*

Day 3, Friday, 11/29 – Shanghai B, L, D

This morning we will visit one of the best museums in the world for classical Chinese art. While walking you through millennia of beautiful bronzes, jade, calligraphy, paintings and furniture, the **Shanghai Museum** simultaneously guides you through whole chapters of Chinese history.

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The Bund



Park Hyatt Shanghai

In Shanghai’s tallest skyscraper with incredible views, the Park houses a major art collection. Furnishings & suites are exquisite, and GM, Christophe Sadones, perpetuates a residential feel.

Location

Facing the Bund on the Pudong side of Huangpu River.

Amenities

Welcome greeting by GM or senior management; complementary cocktail; 10% discount off spa treatment

174 Rooms

www.park.hyatt.com

Day 3, Friday, 11/29 – Shanghai

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Back at the Park Hyatt you begin your Food & Wine experience with a class on **Champagne** with Ned Goodwin, Master of Wine from Tokyo. Should you prefer you can also get a taste of Shanghai's **contemporary art scene** with visits to a selection of the city's best galleries. This will include the M50 area, where a cluster of former factories have been converted into studios and contemporary exhibition spaces.

This will be followed by a **Gala Dinner** hosted by **Michelin 2 Star Master Chef Jean-Luc Rocha** from Chateau de Corbeillan-Bages.

DAY THREE OPTIONAL

+Be accompanied by a *contemporary art expert*

Day 4, Saturday, 11/30 – Shanghai

B, L, D.

This morning you will get learn about **Floral Design** with Sebastien Lathuile, a French Master Florist and Emily Zhou, Master Florist at Park Hyatt.

This afternoon we will visit the **Yu Gardens**, one of the best examples of traditional Chinese garden design in the country. Dating back to Ming Dynasty this garden shows an impressive collection of rocks, small bridges and pavilions. Afterwards, you will have some time to stroll through Shanghai's Old Quarter and see true local life. From a wet market to an old lady selling handmade slippers this would be the best time to take photos.

In the evening, a **Gala Dinner** will be hosted by **Michelin 3 star Master Chef Anne-Sophie Pic** from Maison Pic.

DAY FOUR OPTIONAL

+*Shanghai Jazz Tour*

Day 5, Sunday, 12/1–Shanghai-Hangzhou B,L.

This morning you will be transferred to Hangzhou. Marco Polo once called **Hangzhou** "by far the most glorious city in the world".

In the afternoon you will follow more closely in Marco's footsteps by your boarding a **private gondola** to tour the romantic West Lake. It's not hard to guess why countless Chinese philosophers, politicians and poets came, stayed and died here. As your guide will surely tell you: "In heaven there is paradise, on earth Suzhou and Hangzhou." (Four Seasons Hotel– Deluxe Room)



West Lake



Four Seasons Hangzhou

Located near West Lake, Four Seasons' second hotel in China draws on Hangzhou's architectural heritage to accommodate guests in Ming-style pavilions set within a traditional Chinese garden.

Location:

West side of West Lake.

78 Rooms

www.fourseasons.com

Day 6, Monday, 12/2 – Hangzhou

B, L.

At the foot of the temple's wooded hill, you will have the opportunity to marvel at the **Peak That Flew From Afar**, a limestone rock face decorated for over four centuries from the tenth century with more than 3,000 Buddhist effigies. Afterwards you will visit a Chan (Zen) Buddhist Temple where a monk will meet you and show you around. Lunch will be at the Temple's private restaurant (vegetarian food only).

An historic capital for the manufacture of green tea, Hangzhou offers both a tea research institute and specialist tertiary education facilities. An American pursuing post-graduate **study in tea** will take you into the verdant surrounding tea fields to introduce the traditional and modern methodologies of cultivating tea and to present some of the key varieties, discussing their impact on flavor in the same way as wine. At a subsequent tasting in a nearby tea house you will compare machine and hand-made green teas as well as oolong and black teas. The aim of the tour is to enable you to feel informed in making a purchase at any tea market. Thus, should you wish, please request that your tour finish at such a market, either on your own or together with the specialist, where you can further research and explore your passion for tea... white, yellow, green, red, black or oolong.

DAY SIX OPTIONAL

+ **West Lake Impressions** performance

Day 7, Tuesday, 12/3 – Hangzhou

B, L.

The Southern Song dynasty (1127 - 1279) was a time of explosive innovation in the arts and sciences. The energetic social force fueling that progress was the *literati* or scholar gentleman. After breakfast, you will be provided **access to one of modern China's most powerful and exclusive private clubs**. Drawing a parallel between the wealthy tycoons of the modern era and the scholar gentleman of the past, here you will be introduced to the **Five Disciplines** – calligraphy, music, incense, flower arranging and tea at all of which the scholar gentleman of the past was expected to be proficient. Although these practices are sometimes grouped with tea culture, each is considered a separate route for the scholar gentleman to explore the Dao or inner truth.

Later on you will be transferred back to Shanghai on time to board your international flight.



Incense



Tea Fields



Calligraphy



Full Description of Optionals

Shanghai

- + Enjoy a private tour elucidating **Jewish history in Shanghai**; from the Iraqi Sephardi Jews who traded opium between Bombay and Shanghai in the 1880s to the European Ashkenazis for whom Shanghai was the only refuge in the Holocaust, Shanghai has long had an intimate relationship with Jewish people. This is a story that can be told on site visiting Shanghai's remaining synagogues, Jewish areas and great mansions. (*No additional cost as it would replace the Colonial Architecture Tour*).
- + If you are tempted to purchase pearls in Shanghai and you do not have specialized knowledge in this field, why not engage our fee-based **pearl expert** to help you find a quality set at a fair price. Certified through the Gemological Institute of America, she will guide you to the traders most suitable for your needs –far from the tourist crowds – and help you navigate an elegant and wide array of freshwater, Tahitian and South Sea pearls. (CNY810 per person)
- + We can arrange for a **locally-based art expert** to accompany you as you visit the galleries. This expert will custom design an itinerary according to your taste and current exhibitions as well as any questions you may have about the local art scene. (CNY6,265 per tour)

Hangzhou

- + You may wish to watch a performance of **West Lake Impressions** produce by Zhang Yi Mo. The man responsible for choreographing the Beijing 2008 Olympic's Opening Ceremony has created another stunning visual performance with West Lake as the backdrop. (CNY930 per person for VIP seats on upper floor of boat)
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Pricing

- CNY54,550 (approximately USD8,750*) per person based on a private tour for 2 persons;
- CNY21,615 (approximately USD3,395*) per person for upgrades to suites;

**Please note that this non-RMB price uses the exchange rate of February 13, 2013. Since foreign exchange rates are constantly fluctuating, the price in your home currency will be determined by the exchange rate on the day of payment, using the official exchange rate supplied by www.xe.com/ucc. Please note that all credit cards will be charged in U.S. dollars (USD). We accept checks drawn on bank accounts in the United States. Wire transfer payments may be made in your home currency.*

Included in the tour price is:

- 6 nights accommodation in outstanding five star hotels
- 6 breakfasts (buffet breakfast), 6 lunches and 2 dinners at our carefully selected restaurants (including local mineral water)
- Services of an Imperial Tours guide from 9am – 6pm
- All land transportation (as listed on the itinerary)
- Entrance fees to all tourist sites (as listed on the itinerary)
- Baggage handling, domestic airport, city and hotel taxes

Virtual Concierge Service

Your party will be given a cell phone immediately connecting you with your English-speaking personal concierge to help you with any issues you may experience on tour.

Your vehicle will be reserved for your use until 10pm each night, so you will have access to the car and driver to take you to dinner.

NOT included in the tour price is:

- International airfare to/from China, visa processing fees, travel insurance
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, imported mineral waters, excess luggage fees, telephone charges, room service and laundry charges
- Gratuities to the guide & driver, suggested at CNY200-400 /day for guides and CNY50-150/day for drivers.

****Please note that no arrangements have been made and are not guaranteed until Imperial Tours receives a deposit.**



Payment

In conformity with our participation in the Travel Money Protection Plan - regarded as the most secure consumer protection plan in the travel industry - all funds paid to us, whether by check, credit card or wire transfer will be deposited in a “true” escrow account, held at the Bank of America, until after the completion of your trip.

Cancellation Charges

a) Should you decide to cancel your tour between the time of deposit and 90 days prior to the tour, you will forfeit RMB1,000 per person, between 90 and 60 days prior to departure, you will forfeit your deposit, between 60 and 30 days prior to departure, you will forfeit 25% of the tour price, between 30 and 15 days you will forfeit 50% of the tour price, from 14 days or less, you will forfeit 70% of the tour price and from 3 days or less, you will forfeit 100% of the tour price.

b) All notices of cancellation must be written to be effective. The date of cancellation will be the date of reception by Imperial Tours' personnel.