

Attractions Guide – Hangzhou

West Lake



A 5A Tourist Attraction of China, the West Lake is known as the soul of Hangzhou and is the only lake in China listed in the “World Heritage List”. It is surrounded by mountains on three sides and covers an area of about 630,000 square metres with clear water. Visitors can take part in the West Lake cruise, take a boat ride, row a boat or pedal boat on the lake. Dawn on the Su Causeway in Spring, Remnant Snow on the Broken Bridge, Mid Lake Pavilion and Leifeng Pagoda are all attractions not to be missed.

Address:

1 Longjing Road, Xihu District, Hangzhou

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Hangzhoudong Station, take Metro Line 1, get off at Fengqi Road Station and walk for about 14 minutes.

Qingzhiwu



Qingzhiwu is adjacent to the Yuquan Campus of Zhejiang University. The white-walled black-tiled houses built along the mountain road have now become shops with special characters, such as restaurants, guesthouses, cafes and tea houses, making it a good place to experience slow living. Visitors can also enjoy the food while admiring the beautiful scenery of Quqiao, the pavilion and the lotus pond in the restaurant near Qingliutang. At the end of the village is the Hangzhou Botanical Garden, where flowers and plants flourish throughout the year.

Address:

61 Yugu Road, Xihu District, Hangzhou

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Hangzhoudong Station, take Bus 28, get off at Shuguang Gongyu Station and walk for about 20 minutes.

Night Food Market in Southern Song Imperial Street



The historic ancient cultural street is today known as "the snack street". Besides dozens of fixed eateries on the ancient-styled streets, the night is bustling with over 100 food stalls selling local delicacies in full flavours, such as Beggar's Chicken, Octopus balls, stinky tofu, etc. Visitors who want to challenge themselves may try the "insect feast". Spiders or scorpions on skewers are some of the good choices!

Address:

Southern Song Imperial Street, Zhongshan Middle Road, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Hangzhoudong Station, take Metro Line 1, get off at Ding'an Road Station and walk for about 11 minutes.

Xiaohezhi Street



Since the Southern Song Dynasty, the Xiaohe area has been a distribution centre for goods from North and South. It was developed into a commercial street in the Qing Dynasty, and many traditional houses and shops of that period remain. On both sides of the river, there lie wooden houses about 300 metres long. Some old houses retain the traditional model of "shop downstairs, bedroom upstairs", displaying a simple and quaint style. Many of the houses have been converted into cafes and small tea shops. Visitors can enjoy a taste of the ancient culture while drinking tea.

Address:

Xiaohezhi Street, Gongshu District, Hangzhou

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Hangzhoudong Station, take Metro Line 1, change to Line 5 at Datieguan Station, get off at Grand Canal Station and walk for about 26 minutes.