




Suzhou

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Brief

Entering Suzhou is like entering a gentle old dream of Jiangnan. In the morning, the Suzhou noodle shop emits an alluring aroma. Thin noodles are paired with braised meat, and the soup is delicious, which starts a pleasant day. At noon, you can have a squirrel mandarin fish. The fish is crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, and the sweet and sour sauce is amazing. Suzhou people speak Wu dialect, which is gentle and kind. Listen to the leisurely Pingtan, and taste the soft and glutinous osmanthus cake in the elegant garden, and enjoy the elegance and leisure here.

Why Go Here

- Taste Suzhou cuisine
- Enjoy classical gardens
- Listen to Wu dialect
- Visit ancient water towns
- Experience Jiangnan culture

Basic info

Time zone: CST (UTC+8)

Area code: +86/ 0512

Postal code: 215000

Language: Mandarin

Currency: RMB, called "Yuan", "Jiao", "Mao",

10 Jiao = 1 Yuan

Plug:  

Voltage: 220V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Currency conversion:

RMB: ¥

US dollars: 1 USD = 7.2559 RMB

1 RMB = 0.1378 USD



Police: 110

Medical Care: 120

Traffic Accident: 122

Fire Emergency: 119

Sights

Humble Administrator's Garden 拙政园



The Humble Administrator's Garden is a famous garden in Suzhou. It is centered on water and is exquisitely designed. It is divided into three parts: east, middle and west. It has rich landscapes, including famous scenes such as Lanxue Hall and features such as "Borrowed Scenery from the North Temple Pagoda" and "Little Rainbow on the Corridor Bridge". It is suitable for visiting in all seasons, and there are flower exhibitions in different seasons.

Address

No. 178, Northeast Street, Gusu District,
Suzhou City 苏州市姑苏区东北街178号

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

07:30-17:30 (March 1-October 31, Monday-Sunday)

07:30-17:00 (November 1-February 28, the following year, Monday-Sunday)

07:30-18:00 (Tomb-Sweeping Day, Labor Day, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival, National Day) (January 1-December 31, Monday-Sunday)

Transportation

- You can take bus No. 40/313 and get off at Beiyuan Road Station, or take community bus No. 9016/9025 and get off at Suzhou Museum Station, then walk to the destination.



Pingjiang Road Historic District is more than 2,500 years old. It is quiet and simple, with water and land running side by side. It retains its old appearance and has exquisite bridge decorations. There are attractions such as Kunqu Opera, Pingtan Museum and Couple Garden. You can take a boat for a night tour, visit literary and artistic shops, and taste delicious food, which fully displays the charm of the Jiangnan Water City.

Address

No. 65, Baita East Road, Gusu District, Suzhou
苏州市姑苏区白塔东路65号

Recommended play time: 4 hours

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- Subway: Take Line 1 and get off at Xiangmen Station, then walk about 600 meters to the south end of Pingjiang Road;

- Bus: Take Bus No. 301/305 and get off at Pingjiang Road Station, then walk about 210 meters to arrive.



Suzhou Museum consists of the New Museum and Prince Zhong's Mansion (Old Museum). The New Museum was designed by I.M. Pei and has a traditional garden style with an elegant courtyard. There are 4 permanent exhibitions in the museum. The "Yue Kiln Secret Color Porcelain Lotus Bowl" and "Pearl Relics Treasure Tower" are the treasures of the museum. There are also folk exhibitions and temporary exhibitions. In Prince Zhong's Mansion, you can appreciate ancient buildings and Su-style paintings.

Address

No. 204, Northeast Street, Gusu District,
Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

江苏省苏州市姑苏区东北街204号

Recommended play time: 4 hours

Opening Hours

Year-round Tuesday-Sunday 09:00-17:00

Year-round Monday Closed all day

Chinese statutory holidays 09:00-17:00

Transportation

- Take the No. 9016 community bus/No. 9025 community bus to Suzhou Museum Station and walk about 160 meters to arrive.



Shantang Street has a history of thousands of years. It was named "Qili Shantang" because it was built by Bai Juyi. The river and the street run parallel to each other, and there are ancient bridges, white walls and black tiles, and Baigong Temple and other historical sites. Shantang Old Street is densely populated with shops. You can enjoy Yuhan Hall and Tonggui Bridge, taste Songhelou and other delicacies, and enjoy the lanterns reflecting the river view at night.

Address

No. 177 Shantang Street, Gusu District,
Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

江苏省苏州市姑苏区山塘街177号

Recommended play time: 2-4 hours

Opening Hours

8:00-21:00

Transportation

- ① Take Metro Line 2 to Shantang Street Station;

- ② Shantang Street (bus station): Bus No. 7, No. 34, No. 34, No. 44.



Zhouzhuang is a famous ancient water town in the south of the Yangtze River. It has many waterways, and Ming and Qing Dynasty buildings are built along the river. There are landscapes such as the Double Bridge and South Lake, and the lights are bright at night. There are nearly 100 ancient houses and courtyards from the Ming and Qing Dynasties in the town, and 14 ancient stone bridges are well preserved. Zhang Hall and Shen Hall are famous. You can also take a rowing boat, listen to Kunqu Opera, and feel the charm of the water town.

Address

No. 43, Quanfu Road, Zhouzhuang Town, Kunshan City, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province 江苏省苏州市昆山市周庄镇全福路43号

Recommended play time: 3 days

Opening Hours

07:30-20:00 (Monday to Sunday, January 1st to March 31st)

07:30-21:00 (Monday to Sunday, April 1st to December 31st)

Transportation

- Public transportation

① From Shanghai: There are direct buses to Zhouzhuang Ancient Town at Shanghai East Long-distance Passenger Transport Station;

② From the city: Take Kunshan Bus No. 260/Kunshan Bus No. 263 to Zhouzhuang Health Center Bus Stop, and walk about 300 meters to arrive.

6 Huqiu Mountain Scenic Area 虎丘山风景区



Although Tiger Hill is a small hill, it combines natural landscapes (cliffs, gullies) with cultural attractions. It has the style of a Jiangnan garden, and you can enjoy the Yunyan Temple Tower, the Sword Pond, and the Thousand People Stone. The scenic area is small and is best visited on foot. There are art flower fairs and golden autumn temple fairs in spring and autumn, which are very popular with tourists.

Address

No. 8, Huqiushanmen, Gusu District, Suzhou City 苏州市姑苏区虎丘山门内8号

Recommended play time: 4 hours

Opening Hours

07:30-18:00 (Monday to Sunday, May 1st to July 12th)

07:30-17:30 (Monday to Sunday, November 1st to April 30th of the following year)

07:30-21:00 (Monday to Sunday, July 13th to August 31st)

07:30-18:00 (Monday to Sunday, September 1st to October 31st)

Transportation

- South Gate Entrance: Take Bus No. 1 to Huqiu Road Station; North Gate Entrance: Take Bus No. 32 or Haoxing Line No. 1 to Huqiu North Gate Station.

7 Lion Grove 狮子林



Lion Grove is one of the "Four Famous Gardens in Suzhou". It is famous for its rockery group. The strange rocks look like a group of lions and are connected like a maze. You can experience the fun of counting lions and going through the maze. There are ponds, famous peaks and Wenmei Pavilion (plum blossom theme) in the garden. The long corridor is inlaid with famous inscriptions. It was first built in the Yuan Dynasty and was loved by Emperor Qianlong. He left a plaque bestowed by the emperor and many replicas have been built in many places.

Address

No. 23 Yuanlin Road, Gusu District, Suzhou City 苏州市姑苏区园林路23号

Recommended play time: 2 hours

Opening Hours

07:30-17:30 (March 1-October 31, Monday-Sunday)

07:30-17:00 (November 1-February 28, the following year, Monday-Sunday)

07:30-18:00 (Tomb-Sweeping Day, Labor Day, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival, National Day) (January 1-December 31, Monday-Sunday)

Transportation

- Take Haoxing Line 1 North Line/Haoxing Line 1 North Line to Shizilin Bus Station and walk about 103 meters to arrive.



Hanshan Temple is located in the western suburbs of Suzhou. It is famous for Zhang Ji's poems and is a place of blessing. The temple has the main hall, bell tower and other buildings, and houses the statues of the Eighteen

Arhats and the stone tablets of poems by famous people such as Wen Zhengming. The bell tower is symbolized by the "midnight bell". The New Year's Eve bell ringing ceremony rings the bell 108 times. The big bell is a late Qing Dynasty relic.

Address

Fengqiao Road, Gusu District, Suzhou City
苏州市姑苏区枫桥路

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

08:00-16:30 all year round

Transportation

- Take Metro Line 1 and get off at Binhe Road Station (Exit 4), then walk to Suzhou Hanshan Temple.
- Take bus No. 31, 33, or 300 to Hanshan Temple South stop and walk about 10 minutes to arrive.

Eating

Suzhou cuisine is exquisite and diverse, showing the flavor of Jiangnan. Suzhou noodles are smooth and chewy, and are paired with braised meat, fried fish and other toppings, which are full of freshness and fragrance; squirrel mandarin fish is exquisitely shaped, crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, and sweet and sour; there are also juicy and tender Yangcheng Lake hairy crabs, soft, glutinous and sweet Suzhou cakes, etc. These delicacies not only satisfy the taste buds, but also carry the history and culture of Suzhou.

◆ Squirrel Mandarin Fish 松鼠鳜鱼

The mandarin fish is cut into squirrel-shaped pieces and deep-fried, and then drizzled with sweet and sour ketchup. It is crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, and tastes sweet and sour. It is said that Emperor Qianlong praised it highly when he tasted it during his trip to the south of the Yangtze River, and named it "Squirrel Mandarin Fish".



◆ Fried Eel Paste 响油鳝糊

Pour the hot oil on the eel shreds and minced garlic, and the eel meat will sizzle. The eel meat is smooth and tender, and the garlic aroma is fragrant. This is a Suzhou dish with both sound and fragrance. It is usually mixed with rice or Suzhou-style thin noodles to highlight its oily and fresh fragrance.



◆ Tibetan Lamb 藏书羊肉

The goat meat is stewed in a wooden barrel. The soup is milky white and has no smell of mutton. It can be boiled, braised or hot pot, and served with a handful of green garlic leaves. It is a limited delicacy in Suzhou in autumn and winter.



◆ Oil Tanker Duck 母油船鸭

It is made with Taihu duck as the main ingredient and simmered with aged soy sauce (mother oil). The duck meat is tender and boneless, and the sauce is rich in flavor. It was a dish that boatmen used to serve to guests in the old days, and is now the finale dish at banquets in Suzhou.



◆ Three Prawn Noodles 三虾面

As a special delicacy for the Dragon Boat Festival, it is topped with shrimp, shrimp roe and shrimp brain, and paired with thin noodles. It tastes delicious. Because of its precious ingredients and complicated production process, it is known as the "Hermes of noodles".



◆ Suzhou Style Noodle Soup 苏式汤面

There are two types of soup: red soup and white soup, which are clear but not bland, and have a rich variety of toppings. Su-style noodle soup also has a unique "wide soup, heavy green onions, and a bridge" ritual, which means more soup, more green onions, and separate toppings.



◆ Pan-Fried Buns 生煎馒头

Suzhou's Shengjian Mantou has different styles, with thin skin and crispy bottom, juicy meat filling, sprinkled with sesame and chives. When eating, you need to bite through the skin to suck out the soup to avoid burns.



◆ Osmanthus Chicken Head Rice 桂花鸡头米

Sugar porridge is made of red bean paste and white porridge in layers, with red and white colors sprinkled on top. Chicken head rice is made of fresh gorgon fruit boiled with sugar osmanthus, which is a limited autumn delicacy in Suzhou.



◆ Suzhou Style Pastry 苏式糕点

Suzhou-style pastry is one of the main types of traditional Chinese pastry, and is famous for its exquisite craftsmanship and unique flavor. It is made with strict material selection and fine craftsmanship, often using high-quality ingredients such as nuts and pork fat cubes, and seasoned with natural spices such as osmanthus and rose. It tastes sweet but not greasy, moderately soft, glutinous but not sticky, and very tough. There are rich and diverse varieties, and different special pastries are available in different seasons, such as wine-fermented cakes in spring, mint cakes in summer, Suzhou-style moon cakes in autumn, and lard rice cakes in winter.



Notes

Hospital

● **Soochow University Affiliated Hospital of First** 苏州大学附属第一医院

Address: No. 899, Pinghai Road, Gusu District, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Tel: 0512-65223637

Website: <https://www.sdfyy.cn/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

● **Suzhou Municipal Hospital** 苏州市立医院

Address: No. 26 Daoqian Street, Gusu District, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Tel: 0512-69009090

Website: <https://www.szch.cn/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

● **The Second Affiliated Hospital of Soochow University** 苏州大学附属第二医院

Address: No. 1055, Sanxiang Road, Gusu District, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

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Website: <https://www.sdfey.com/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

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