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Qiandao Lake, located in Chun'an County, west of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province is one of the first-class national scenic spots and is the largest national forest park at present. The lake covers five hundred and seventy square kilometers including over one thousand islands of different sizes. Besides the surrounding green hills and large amount of animals and plants, it is also famous for its water. The average depth of the water here is more than one hundred feet and the visibility in the water is 22-29 feet. As national first-class water it is so pure that it can be drunk directly.

From Qiandao Lake to Yellow Mountain, it will take about 2.5 hours via the express way.



Mt. Huangshan can boast not only of its magnificence but also its abundant resources and great variety of zoological species, for which it has been listed as a World Natural and Cultural Heritage Site.

Being characterized by the four wonders, namely, odd-shaped pines, craggy rocks, sea of clouds and crystal-clear hot springs, Yellow Mountain in east China's Anhui province is one of China's top ten best scenic spots. Yellow Mountain was declared a World Natural and Cultural Heritage by UNESCO Heritage Committee. Huangshan Mountain is a marvel: within an area of 154 square kilometers there is a crowd of peaks, 72 of which have names indicating the shapes they resemble. Huangshan Mountain changes its color and appearance with the alternation of seasons. In spring blooming flowers decorate the slopes in a riot of color and fill the valleys with fragrance; in summer you see verdure peaks rising one upon another and hear springs gurgling merrily. Autumn dresses the mountains in red and purple as maples and some other trees are blazing-red; winter turns them into a world of frost and ice with silver boughs and rocks everywhere.

Day01 Arrive in Hangzhou

Arrive in Hangzhou, one ancient capital city in southern China, and famous for its natural beauty and historical and cultural heritages. Meet your guide at the airport. Visit **Huqingyutang**, a pharmacy shop and museum of traditional Chinese medicine. Then, you will visit the **Former Residence of Hu Xueyan** who set up Huqingyutang Drugstore and was called "the medicine king in south of the Yangtze River". The former residence

boasts 13 towers, Zhiyuan Garden, pavilions, terraces, a small bridge over a flowing stream and bright verandas, all ingeniously designed. (L-D)

Day02 Hangzhou

A full day tour is to appreciate the incomparably lovely **West Lake** with its soaring bridges and flower-bright islets. Enjoy a **boat ride** on West Lake. Visit the **Huagang Park (Flower Harbor Park)**, the most attractive waterside park. Ancient Chinese people praised the West Lake area as a land of intoxicating beauty. Then, enjoy a walk along the **Su Causeway** that is spanned with six bridges offering different views, the willows tossing among blooming peach flowers in spring. Also, you will visit a **Tea Museum** showing the history and production of Chinese tea. Move on to visit the **Meijiawu Tea House**, the tea village of famous Dragon's Well Tea. (B-L-D)

Day03 Hangzhou-Qiandao Lake

After breakfast, drive to Qiandao Lake, Known as Thousand Islets, the limpid lake is embraced by hills with green trees. Qiandao Lake is one of the first-class national scenic spots and is the largest national forest park. Ride a boat from Qiandao Lake where you will visit **Snake Island** and **Bird Island**. (B-L-D)

Day04 Qiandao Lake-Yellow Mountain

This morning, you will go to **Yellow Mountain**, characterized by the four wonders, namely, odd-shaped pines, grotesque rock formation, seas of clouds and crystal-clear hot springs. Yellow Mountain was listed as one of the World Natural and Cultural Heritages in 1990. Ride Yungu (Cloud Valley) station cable car up to Yellow Mountain, and the full day is visiting Yellow Mountain including **Beginning-to-Believe Peak, the Lion Peak, Cloud-Dispelling Pavilion, Flying-over Rock, Bright Summit** and **sun-set**. (B-L-D)



Day05 Yellow Mountain-Tunxi

Get up early in the morning to watch the **sun-rise**. After breakfast, a 3-and-half-hour hike will be conducted to enjoy the premium views of the western side of Huangshan Mountain including the **Sea-Turtle Peak, Lotus Peak, Jade Screen Peak, Guest-welcoming Pine** before taking the Yuping cable car down the mountain and back to Tunxi by bus. Visit **Tunxi's historic Old Street**. The shops, workshops and residences form an organic whole, keeping the characteristic and operation layout of ancient store such as "front shop and back workshop" or "front shop and back house". (B-L-D)

Day06 Tuxin-Yixian County-Shanghai

Today's highlight is to visit Yixian County including **Hong Village** and **Nanping Village**. Hong Village in Yixian County attracts particular attention for the clustered houses. Hong Village is famed for its pre-20th Century buildings. What is unique about the village is that it is ox-shaped topography. Then, visit **Nanping Village** whose most attraction is 300 or more ancient residential houses and her amazing winding lanes. Strolling in the village, you'll be surprised to find how simple and old-fashioned the village is. Then, drive back to Tunxi, and take an evening flight to Shanghai. (B-L-D)

Day07 Depart from Shanghai

Be transferred to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. (B)