

2-DAY YANGZHOU WEEKEND GETAWAY: A TASTE OF CANAL LIFE

SEA AWAY TRIP - WALK ANCIENT ALLEYS, MEET LOCAL CRAFTSMEN, AND TASTE YOUR WAY THROUGH A UNESCO CITY OF GASTRONOMY.

DESTINATIONS: YANGZHOU, JIANGSU PROVINCE

TRANSPORTATION: SPEED TRAIN + COACH + SPEED TRAIN

JUNE 06-07, 2026 SAT-SUN



Photo: Slender West Lake, Yangzhou, Jiangsu

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Just two hours from Shanghai lies Yangzhou, a city known for its elegant gardens, refined Huaiyang cuisine, and rich canal heritage along the Grand Canal.

On this two-day getaway, stroll through the scenic Slender West Lake, wander hidden alleys in the old town, and experience local traditions from craftsmanship to cuisine. Visit museums that bring Yangzhou's cultural heritage to life, and enjoy a relaxed pace that blends food, history, and everyday local life.

Perfect for a weekend escape from Shanghai, this journey offers a refreshing and immersive introduction to one of China's most charming historic cities.

DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAM

Day 1 June 06 Saturday

Shanghai → Yangzhou | Gardens, Culture & Culinary Heritage

07:43 G2616 Shanghai Railway Station

09:37 Arrival at Yangzhou East Railway Station
Transfer to the city.

Morning: Scenic Introduction to Yangzhou

10:30 – 12:30 / 13:00

Visit the iconic Slender West Lake, one of the most celebrated landscapes in Jiangnan.

The slender lake, lined with graceful willow trees, elegant bridges, and historic pavilions, has inspired poets and painters for centuries. A leisurely walk through the scenic area offers a perfect first impression of Yangzhou's refined beauty.

Lunch – Huaiyang Cuisine

13:15 – 14:15

Enjoy a welcome lunch featuring Huaiyang cuisine, one of the four great

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culinary traditions of China. Known for its delicate flavors and refined knife skills, Huaiyang cooking developed during Yangzhou's prosperous era as a wealthy canal trading city.



Afternoon – Culture & Heritage

14:30

Hotel check-in and short rest.

15:30 – 17:30

Afternoon cultural visits:

Marco Polo Memorial Hall

Learn about the famous Venetian traveler who is believed to have served in Yangzhou during the Yuan dynasty.

Yangzhou Intangible Cultural Heritage Treasure Hall

Discover traditional crafts and cultural heritage unique to Yangzhou.

After the visit, enjoy a leisurely walk along the historic Grand Canal. Stroll beside the water, passing traditional houses, stone bridges, and

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quiet lanes, while learning about the canal's role as the "lifeline" of imperial China.

Pause along the way to take in the scenery and capture photos of this timeless waterside setting, especially in the soft afternoon light.

Continue on foot to the Huaiyang Cuisine Museum, where you will gain deeper insight into the history, techniques, and refined aesthetics of Huaiyang cuisine.

Evening – Local Life in Yangzhou

19:00 – 20:00

Dinner featuring additional Huaiyang specialties.

20:15

Evening stroll along Pishi Street.

This lively cultural street blends historic architecture with cafés, small shops, and art spaces. It is a pleasant place to experience Yangzhou's relaxed evening atmosphere.

Overnight in Yangzhou.

Day 2 June 07 Sunday

Yangzhou | Morning Walks, Old Town Culture & the Grand Canal

→ Shanghai

Morning Walk - 4km along the Ancient Canal

08:30

Depart from our hotel Yangzhou Seclusive Life Hot Spring Resort. We gather and begin our walk. 4 kilometers - about 1.5 hours at an easy pace. A perfect morning hike to balance all the good food.

The Route

We walk from the hotel through peaceful tree-lined streets, then follow the canal path all the way to King Fuchai Square. The entire route is paved and flat — very easy walking. No hills, no rough terrain. Just comfortable paths the whole way.

**If you prefer not to walk, our coach will take you directly to our first stop at Hangou Ancient Canal Park to join the group.*

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09:30

We arrive at Hangou Ancient Canal Park. This quiet spot is where the Grand Canal began 2,500 years ago - the oldest surviving section of the world's longest man-made waterway.

10:00

Our final stop features a bronze statue of King Fuchai, the visionary ruler who ordered this canal dug to transport his army, unintentionally shaping China's history.

10:15

Our driver meets us here. A short ride takes us into the old town of Yangzhou.

Old Town Exploration

10:30 – 11:30

Walking tour through the Ming and Qing dynasty old town of Yangzhou.

Stroll through narrow lanes and traditional neighborhoods, discovering hidden courtyards, local shops, and everyday life in this historic canal city.

Cultural Experience – Yangzhou Traditional Grooming

11:30

Experience a Yangzhou tradition at Ziluolan Barbershop, a century-old

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establishment. Yangzhou barbers are famous across China for their skill — this is the city's legendary "Three Knives" culture, featuring the razor.

Lunch – A Local Classic

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch featuring one of Yangzhou's most famous dishes: Yangzhou Fried Rice, a beloved classic that originated in this city and became popular throughout China.

Afternoon – Grand Canal Heritage

13:30 – 15:00

Visit the China Grand Canal Museum — a stunning modern museum dedicated to the world's longest man-made waterway. Interactive exhibits and large-scale models show how this ancient engineering marvel connected China and made Yangzhou wealthy.

Late afternoon transfer to the railway station.

16:30 G7535 Train departure

18:44 Arrival, Shanghai HongQiao Railway Station

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Jun 6-7, 2026 1 night

Yangzhou Seclusive Life Hot Spring Resort (Shouxihu)



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Located directly across from Slender West Lake, this design-focused resort is our home for the weekend. Designed by renowned landscape architect Liang Jianguo, it blends modern comfort with traditional Jiangnan garden aesthetics.

The highlight: real hot spring water piped directly into most guest rooms — a private soak after a day of walking. Quiet gardens, an outdoor pool, and on-site restaurants serving local Huaiyang cuisine complete the experience.

Peaceful. Private. Perfectly located.

TOUR PRICE

Min. 8 guests travelling together, valid through June 2026

CNY 2290 per person twin share room

CNY 2630 per person single room

What's Included

✓ Dedicated Tour Coordinator

SEA Away Trip representative

✓ Private Transfers

Air-conditioned coach for all scheduled transfers

✓ Guided Experiences

English-speaking local guide

✓ Accommodation 1 night in standard rooms

✓ Meals

1 hotel breakfast + 2 lunches + 1 dinner (as specified in daily itinerary)

✓ Admissions & Logistics

All entrance fees + travel insurance

✓ Return speed train ticket: Shanghai to Yangzhou to Shanghai on June 06 and June 07 with standard class

G2616 07:43-09:37 or similar

G7535 16:30-18:44 or similar

*Passport copy is requested when booking the trip

What's Excluded

X Meals & beverages unless specified (e.g., extra alcohol beyond tastings)

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- X Personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, minibar, etc.)
- X Optional activities (e.g., private tours not in itinerary)
- X Gratuities (guides/drivers at your discretion)

To make a reservation, please contact the Chair of SEA Away
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For the organization of the away trip, SEA hires a reputable vendor. The vendor offers the following terms and conditions.

RESERVATION, DEPOSIT & BALANCE

Reservation deadline: **May 22, 2026**

Deposit: **CNY 1000** is required upon booking confirmation.

Balance due: **May 22, 2026**, Final payment

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The vendor reserves all rights to make changes at mentioned price in any special circumstances. These can be the change of currency rate, transport prices, fuel prices, tax, extra cost of certain services or other circumstances that the vendor does not have chance to avoid in advance. Generally, the confirmed prices will not be adjusted for less than 8 weeks before travel starts.

PAYMENT

The payment can be settled by cash, via WeChat, Alipay. If the payment does not reach the vendor by the agreed date, the vendor has the right to cancel your booking.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If cancelled after May 22, 2026 (including May 22), CNY 1000 per person.

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If cancelled within 48 hours of the start of the tour or after, there will be no refund given.

LIABILITY CLAUSE

The local vendor is responsible for arranging and delivering the services specified in the confirmed itinerary and shall exercise reasonable care and comply with applicable local laws and industry standards in doing so.

The vendor accepts liability for any loss or injury resulting directly from its own negligence or improper arrangement of services, such as issues related to food, accommodation, or transportation. Where applicable, the vendor will provide or assist with travel insurance to cover such incidents.

However, the vendor shall not be held liable for any damage, delay, or loss caused by third-party service providers (e.g., hotels, transportation companies, airlines), or by circumstances beyond the vendor's control, including but not limited to natural disasters, political unrest, or force majeure events. Any additional expenses arising from such events shall be borne by the client.

NOTES ON THE TOUR

To the extent permitted by law, the vendor shall not be held liable for any service disruptions or losses caused by force majeure or unforeseeable events beyond its control (e.g., natural disasters, epidemic outbreaks, flight delays). The vendor and clients will, however, make reasonable efforts to minimize any resulting loss or inconvenience.

Any changes to the itinerary made by the clients during the tour are at their own expense. Services voluntarily canceled or not utilized by the clients during the trip will not be refunded.