An enchanting tour to some of the most beautiful spots of China

Huangshan (Yellow Mt) + West Lake (Hangzhou) + Wuyuan(County)+ Qiandao(Thousand Islands) with one Holy Mt (Jiuhuashan)

10Days / 9Nights : 08April – 17April 2015



APR 8 WED: <u>Hangzhou arrival (</u>L/D)

(**D7302 KUL 0810 HGH 1310)** Air Asia 1.10pm arrival Hangzhou airport. Transfer for lunch and then check in hotel.

We start off this Spring tour of Hangzhou with a visit to the Prince Bay Park where a Tulip Festival Fair will be held annually around this period.

Cruise West Lake and enjoy sunset view along the West Lake with a stroll along the causeway on the Su-Causeway along the West Lake and also a short walk across the Famous "Broken Bridge" along the Lake, just after the sun set, will give us an impressive view with the water reflective.

..... It is the right time for the Peach Blossom season. Along the Su Causeway you can see the beautiful Peach Blossom.

After dinner, visit Hangzhou night market (off Yan'an Road near Pinghai Road). Overnight in Hangzhou.





APR 9 THU: <u>Hangzhou - Huangshan</u> (B/L/D)

Transfer from Hangzhou to base of Huangshan mountain, with early lunch stop at Tangkou town. Take a cable car (from Yuping Cable station) up to the mountain and proceed to visit "Greeting Guest Pine Tree". Visit "Lotus Peak", before walking on, passing by "One Hundred Ladders", "Rock Watching Pavilion" and finally check at **Beihai hotel** on Mt Huangshan. After a short rest, proceed for sunset photo on "Bright Peak".

(all tour members are to be on backpack for 3D/2N wears only. Our big baggage will be kept & locked in the coach)

Overnight on Huangshan.





APR 10 FRI: <u>Huangshan</u> (B/L/D)

Get up early in the morning and proceed for sunrise photography at "Lion Peak" and visiting "Refreshing Terrace" and "Stone Monkey Watching the Sea". Return to hotel for breakfast. Then proceed to start Grand Canyon of the West Sea walk via Xihai Hotel route. Visit "Top of the Peaks/Celestial Peak", "Flying-over Rock", "Echo Wall", "Cloud-dispelling Pavilion" and completing the Grand Canyon of the West Sea walk. Lunch will be packed lunch. Sunset photography stop at "Baiyun Pavilion". Return to Beihai hotel to overnight on Huangshan.



APR 11 SAT: Huangshan – Jiuhuasan (A Holy Mountain) (B/L/D)

Get up early in the morning for **sunrise** photo at "Beginning-to-believe Peak". Then to "Stone Pavilion" and "Stone Bamboo Shoot". Back to hotel for breakfast and then check-out. Take the cable car down the mountain (from Yungu New Cable station). Have lunch at local restaurant. Transfer to **Jiuhuashan** with en-route visit of Ganlu temple, where Jiuhuashan Buddhism Academy is located. A visit to the academy can surely help you get to know the history and development of Jiuhuashan Dizhang Buddhism branch. Check in hotel to overnight. After dinner, we will go to Qi Yuan Temple to watch a Buddhist ceremony.



APR 12 SUN: Jiuhuashan (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we take tourist bus to **Min Garden Scenic Area**, and then take cable car to get to the top of the peak. First we come to Terrace of Worshipping Sutra, about 1,000 meters above sea level. It is said the Bodhisattva used to chant scriptures there, because he always stood day after day so that his footprint remained there. Now, the pair of footprint has been a holy relic for pilgrims. Then, we climb up to the very top of the mountain, the Celestial Terrace, 1,341 meters above sea level. Visit the **highest temple** called Tian Tai Zen Monastery, namely **Palace of Ten Thousand Buddha**. Behind the temple, you can visit A Thread of Sky, Eastern Paradise. Standing on the peak, you may have a bird-eye-view at the Jiuhua Town. Then take bus to visit Saint Mummy Domain, the major temple for **Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva** on this mountain. Overnight at base of Jiuhuashan.





APR 13 MON: Jiuhuashan - Xidi - Hongcun - Mukeng - Wuyuan (B/L/D)

Visit Huacheng Temple, the first temple built on this mountain in 751 A.D. (rebuilt in the 16th century). Take cable car to visit **Longevity Palace**, which preserves a saint Buddhist Mummy, Monk Wu Xia of the Ming Dynasty. The temple is 871 meters above sea level, and it was built in the Ming Dynasty. Transfer to visit **Xidi village**, **Hongcun Village** and **Mukeng Bamboo forest**. Arrival in **Wuyuan** to overnight.



 $The \ bridge \ across \ South \ Lake \ in \ the \ ancient \ village \ of \ H\'{o}ngc\~un \ was \ featured \ in \ the \ opening \ scene \ of \ Crouching \ Tiger, \ Hidden \ Dragon.$

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APR 14 TUE: Wuyuan - Likeng - Jiangling - Xiaoqi - Tunxi (B/L/D)

Wuyuan is on the top of China's photography destinations for its' picturesque, often described as "the most picturesque village of China"

Along the route, what are most attractive are the well-protected ancient villages of the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1636-1911) Dynasties as well as the pastoral landscape. The weather there is moderate and moist.

It features four distinct seasons and has foggy periods in most of the days. You can enjoy yourself there in any season, while **spring is the most pleasant time, especially in April**. The mountains are decorated with red azaleas; the hills are covered by green tea plants and golden blooming rape flowers. When the colors of nature meet the white wall and black tile, a harmonious picture comes into being.

We will visit the **Likeng village** to enjoy the Hui culture and Hui style architecture of this village. Then to **Jiangling**, , we can enjoy the rapeseed flower fields in full bloom. Then to **Xiaoqi old village**.

Late in the afternoon transfer to Tunxi to overnight. Evening walk along the **old town of Tunxi**.



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APR 15 WED: Tunxi - Qiandao Lake (Thousand Islands)(B/L/D)

Transfer from Tunxi to **Qiandao Lake** and take **scenic boat cruise** on the lake. Popular islands on the lake are Bird Island, Snake Island, Monkey Island and Lock Island (with possibly world's biggest lock). Check in hotel in Qiandao Lake area to overnight.







APR 16 THU: Qiandao Lake - Hangzhou (B/L/D)

Transfer to Hangzhou.

If we are early, an insight visit to the Dragon-Well Green Tea plantation to see the local farmers picking the tea leaves as this is their harvest season.

After Lunch, visit Pagoda of Six Harmonies (including park with miniatures of world famous pagodas). Then to Qinghefang Old Street for shopping. After dinner, transfer to check into our hotel near to the West Lake and Wulin Street (a market shopping street), Hangzhou.

APR 17 FRI: Hangzhou – Kuala Lumpur (B)

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Free and easy until (10.30am) transfer to the Airport for our Departure.

Suggestion:

i)Early in the morning, may take a morning walk to part of the West Lake (approx. 20 min walk- one way)

ii) walk along the nearby Wulin Dress Street (approx.10 min walk – one way)

Costing

1) Ground Arrangement (Min. 16 tour members trip)

Twin-sharing per person

@MYR 4,060.00

Single Supp Additional @MYR880.00

2) Return Air Tickets by Air Asia X Flights

Flights: AirAsia X Flights

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Currently, AirAsia fare

The total fare + taxes + surcharges is about MYR 1200.00 (subj to change).

3) Other costs

Travel Insurance per person @MYR 52.00

China Visa Normal Single entry @MYR 85.00 + 20 service fee (MYR105.00 per person)

Hotel: Hangzhou-Relax hotel 4* or Holiday Inn Express

Huangshan-Beihai Hotel 4*

Jiuhuashan-Jiudu hotel 3* or similar

Wuyua-Wuyuan hotel 3* or similar

Tunxi-Huangshan International Hotel 5* or similar

Qiandao Lake-Qianxun Hotel 3* or similar

Hangzhou (last night) Hotel Oversea Chinese 3*

Ground Arrangement

Including- Accommodation on sharing twin with daily Western /Chinese breakfast

- Lunches and dinners listed above including
 Tunxi Anhui Cuisine / Qiandao Lake Fish Banguet / Hangzhou Dongpo
 Pork & Beggar's chicken, Vinegar Fish etc
- English speaking tour guide
- Private tour bus and all transfers
- All sightseeing tours with admission
- Tipping to local guides & driver.
- 1 bottle of mineral water per day per person in mainland china.
- NON-shopping tour

The Tour fare is based on the USD exchange rate of 3.4 and may be adjusted accordingly.

Booking

1) Booking of Air Ticket on your own

You may proceed with the booking of the air ticket on your own and update us thereafter with a deposit payment of MYR 500.00 as a non-refundable deposit.

2) If you preferred us to make the air ticket booking for you, you may provide us a copy of your passport with a deposit of MYR1,800.00/pax. (for the non-refundable air ticket. The balance will also be non refundable unless failure on our part to proceed with the tour).

All payment should be payment to EL SOL TRAVEL & TOURS SDN BHD Public Bank 3109 83 4909

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