
One-Day Leisure Tour of Suzhou: Tiger Hill, Humble Administrator's Garden, and Shantang Street

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08:30–11:00 – Gather at the designated meeting point and depart for the visit to Tiger Hill Scenic Area, hailed as "the No. 1 Scenic Spot in Wu." As Su Dongpo said, "It would be a pity to visit Suzhou without seeing Tiger Hill." The hill rises 34.3 meters above sea level; its rock formation is rhyolite, formed from magma eruptions during the Mesozoic Jurassic period about 150 million years ago. Highlights include the Sword Pool, the Thousand-Person Rock, and the Tiger Hill Pagoda.

11:00–12:30 – Lunch break.

12:30–14:30 – Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden, a quintessential example of Jiangnan garden art and the largest classical landscape garden in Suzhou. First built during the Zhengde reign of the Ming Dynasty, it now covers about 83.5 mu (approx. 5.6 hectares). With its island layouts, bamboo groves, pine-covered knolls, and winding waterways, it has been acclaimed as "the model of gardens under heaven." It ranks alongside the Chengde Mountain Resort, the Lingering Garden, and the Summer Palace in Beijing as one of China's four great gardens. It also holds the titles of the No. 1 among China's four famous gardens, a national key cultural relic protection unit, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the only garden in China to boast all four honors simultaneously.

14:30–16:30 – Explore Shantang Street, a historic and cultural street. This old riverside lane is one of the best-preserved areas in Suzhou's ancient city, often regarded as a microcosm of the old town. It retains the city-block layout from the Tang and Song dynasties and remains vibrant to this day. Enjoy a boat cruise along Shantang Street – the scenery along the ancient Grand Canal is especially enchanting. Visitors feel as if they are in a "water paradise," fully immersed in the unique charm of Suzhou, the "Oriental Water City." The wooden boats shuttling back and forth from the Bai Juyi Pier gently cut through the calm river, creating ripples that add to the tranquil and elegant atmosphere of Shantang Street.

17:00–17:30 – Return to the assembly point and conclude the enjoyable day.

(苏州虎丘、拙政园、山塘街一日游)

【苏州】

08:30—11:00 指定地点集合出发，游览吴中第一名胜——【虎丘风景区】：苏东坡所言：“游苏州而不游虎丘乃是憾事”；虎丘海拔 34.3 米，山体为距今 1.5 亿年的中生代侏罗纪时代喷发的岩浆凝结而成的流纹岩；游览剑池、千人石、虎丘塔等景点

11:00—12:30 用午餐

12:30—14:30 游览【拙政园】，江南园林的代表，苏州园林中面积最大的古典山水园林，始建于明朝正德年间今园辖地面积约八十三点五亩，以其布局的山岛、竹坞、松岗、曲水之趣，被胜誉为“天下园林之典范”。与承德避暑山庄、留园、北京颐和园齐名，中国四大名园之首、全国重点文物保护单位、世界文化遗产，迄今为止同时具备这四项桂冠的全国仅一家；

14:30—16:30 游览历史文化名街——【山塘街】：山塘街是苏州的一条历史老街，是一条沿河的小路，是苏州古城迄今为止保存最为完整的一个区域，堪称古城缩影；基本延续了唐宋以来的城坊格局，并至今保持着活力；乘坐【山塘街游船】：古运河畔的景色便更加迷人。游人们犹如置身水天堂，充分感受到苏州这一东方水城的独特魅力；一艘艘穿梭往来的山塘街白居易码头游船，木船划破平静的河面，激起阵阵涟漪，水上委实迷人，身临静谧优雅的山塘街环境；

17:00—17:30 返回集合地，结束愉快的一天！