

HuZhou City – tour

Huzhou is next to Taihu Lake, hence the name Hu, while it is the only city around Taihu Lake who named after it. Huzhou is also called Gucheng City which was built in the year 248 BC in Spring and Autumn and Warring States periods of China. Huzhou is located to the north of Zhejiang Province, west to Shanghai, north to Hangzhou. Bounded by the Taihu Lake, Huzhou is opposite to both Suzhou and Wuxi City, and becomes the center of Yangtze Delta Region. Since ancient time, Huzhou is famous for its human and culture environment, and now it is one of the provincial famous historical and cultural cities of Zhejiang. Remarkably, the world-renowned ancient town of Nan Xun is located in Huzhou.

Huzhou Municipal Museum was founded in 1962 with the form name of Wuxing Museum. Its present name has been using starting from 1983 when geographical name of Huzhou was used. Since 2002, Joint working with the new established administrative office of Cultural Relics Preservation, Huzhou Municipal Museum has been undertaking the work of historical relics protection, exploration, investigation and research. New building of Huzhou Municipal Museum at Ren Huangshan New Zone started to break ground in Nov.2004, completed and put to use in the end of Dec.2006.

The new building of Museum occupies 10300 square meters, including Storage for Collections, Collections Exhibition Area, Visitor Services Area, Administrative Area and Information Technician & Service Centre. The Collections Exhibition Area covers more than 4000 square meters, and Visitor Services Centre covers 2000 square meters. A series of works of ancient calligraphy and paintings are exhibiting throughout the year, such as Theory and Poem of Wuxing awarded the Seventh National Museum Collections of competitive products prize. About five or six collections exhibitions are hold every year. In addition, works of a great master of traditional Chinese painting & calligraphy such as Zhao Mengfu, Qi Baishi are showed at stated intervals. In a word, Huzhou Municipal Museum devotes itself to make a great brand of its exhibitions. Within the 50 years, it blooms into a local comprehensive Museum involves Collection Research, Demonstration Education, cultural exchange and Leisure & Pleasure.

Up to now, it has collected more than 10 million piece of cultural relics, 1234 pieces of rare cultural relics which includes 30 pieces of Grade One cultural relics, 128 pieces of Grade two and 1076 pieces of Grade three, which embodies the culture of Huzhou in every history from different aspects. On the basis of paper achieves, Huzhou Municipal Museum started up a project of Cultural Relics Database System Construction in May 2009. So far, it has successfully accomplished the image acquisition & information input for 2700 cultural relics and 26,800 photos have been taken. The information includes more than 40 indexes, such as the description of age, class, quality, measurement and characteristics. Furthermore, followed along with input increase for data perfect and public opening, it is surely that the projects will extend to each sector of the community.

Preliminary programme: (updated 2010-11-03)

8.30 am - Pick up at 2 selected hotels (names of hotels to be confirmed) and depart for HuZhou province museum

10.00 am - Arrival at their "award- winning" Hu Zhou museum ("Tai Hu Zhou Provincial Museum"). Participants are invited to view the exhibitions. A museum professional will be there to explain the documentation process and registration of the collections in the museum.

12 noon to 1.30pm - Lunch (hosted by the cultural department of the museum).

1.30 pm to 4.00 pm - depart for the historic and famous Jiang Nan Lake ("Taihu") at 1.30 pm. It will be a 30 mins journey to the next destination.

4.00 pm - Back to Shanghai.approx. 2 hours journey. Just like the morning, plus the distance to Taihu lake.

Not yet decided on the 2 hotels for departure, but they will make an announcement on Monday, 8 Nov.

NO transport arrangements will be made to pick up participants staying in other hotels.

The organiser recommended that all who needs transport to the departure venue to take a taxi. The fare will be about RMB20 (about USD 3.50).

...suggest that you ask the hotel front desk to call a taxi for you and you make sure that the drivers agree to go by the taxi meter before you board the taxi. Do join a taxi queue and do not accept any offers to call a taxi for you, especially if you are standing along the street.