

2-day Suzhou Itinerary

Suzhou

Suzhou: A Classical Garden Paradise

Welcome to Suzhou, China's enchanting garden city, where ancient waterways meet classical architecture. This comprehensive 2-day guide will immerse you in the city's UNESCO World Heritage gardens, rich cultural heritage, and serene water towns.

Historical Overview

Suzhou, founded in 514 BCE, is one of China's oldest cities with over 2,500 years of history. Known as the "Venice of the East," it's renowned for its classical gardens, ancient canals, and traditional architecture that have influenced Chinese garden design for generations.

Iconic Landmarks

- Humble Administrator's Garden: The largest and most famous of Suzhou's classical gardens.
- Tiger Hill: Home to the leaning Tiger Hill Pagoda and beautiful landscapes.
- Hanshan Temple: A historic Buddhist temple famous in Chinese literature and poetry.

Cultural Treasures

- Suzhou Museum: A modern museum designed by I.M. Pei, showcasing local history and art.
- Silk Museum: Celebrating Suzhou's rich history as a center of silk production.
- Classical Gardens: Multiple UNESCO World Heritage sites including the Lingering Garden and Lion Grove Garden.

Charming Districts

- Pingjiang Road: A well-preserved historical street along the canal.
- Shantang Street: An ancient riverside pedestrian road with traditional architecture.
- Ancient Water Towns: Nearby Zhouzhuang and Tongli offer glimpses of traditional water town life.

Suzhou Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Known for fresh lake fish, dim sum, and Jiangnan-style dishes.
- Tea Culture: Traditional teahouses offering local green teas.
- Silk Arts: Shopping for authentic silk products and witnessing traditional craftsmanship.

Gardens and Parks

- Master of Nets Garden: A compact garden demonstrating classical Chinese garden design.
- Canglang Pavilion: One of the oldest gardens in Suzhou.
- Jinji Lake: Modern waterfront area perfect for evening strolls.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Utilize the metro system and walking for garden visits.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Autumn (September-November) for pleasant weather.
- Language: Basic Mandarin phrases are helpful; English is limited in some areas.
- Garden Visits: Consider visiting early morning to avoid crowds.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Humble Administrator's Garden, Tiger Hill, Shantang Street, Suzhou Museum

Day 2: Lingering Garden, Lion Grove Garden, Hanshan Temple, Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP)

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Suzhou experience. Each stop offers a glimpse into the city's classical beauty and rich cultural heritage.

Suzhou is more than just its famous gardens; it's a living museum of Chinese culture and architecture. As you wander through its ancient streets and peaceful gardens, you'll discover why this city has captivated visitors for centuries.

Let Suzhou's classical beauty and tranquil gardens create lasting memories during your journey. Enjoy your adventure in the Venice of the East!



Itinerary Preview

2 days

DAY
01

Humble Administrator's Garden

Tiger Hill Pagoda

Shantang Street

Suzhou Museum


DAY
02

Lingering Garden

Lion Grove Garden

Hanshan Temple 寒山转苍苍

Suzhou Industrial Park





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

Humble Administrator's Garden

178 Dong Bei Jie, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China,
215001

11:00

11:45

Tiger Hill Pagoda

Gusu District, Suzhou, China, 215001

13:45

14:30

Shantang Street

Shan Tang Jie, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China

16:30

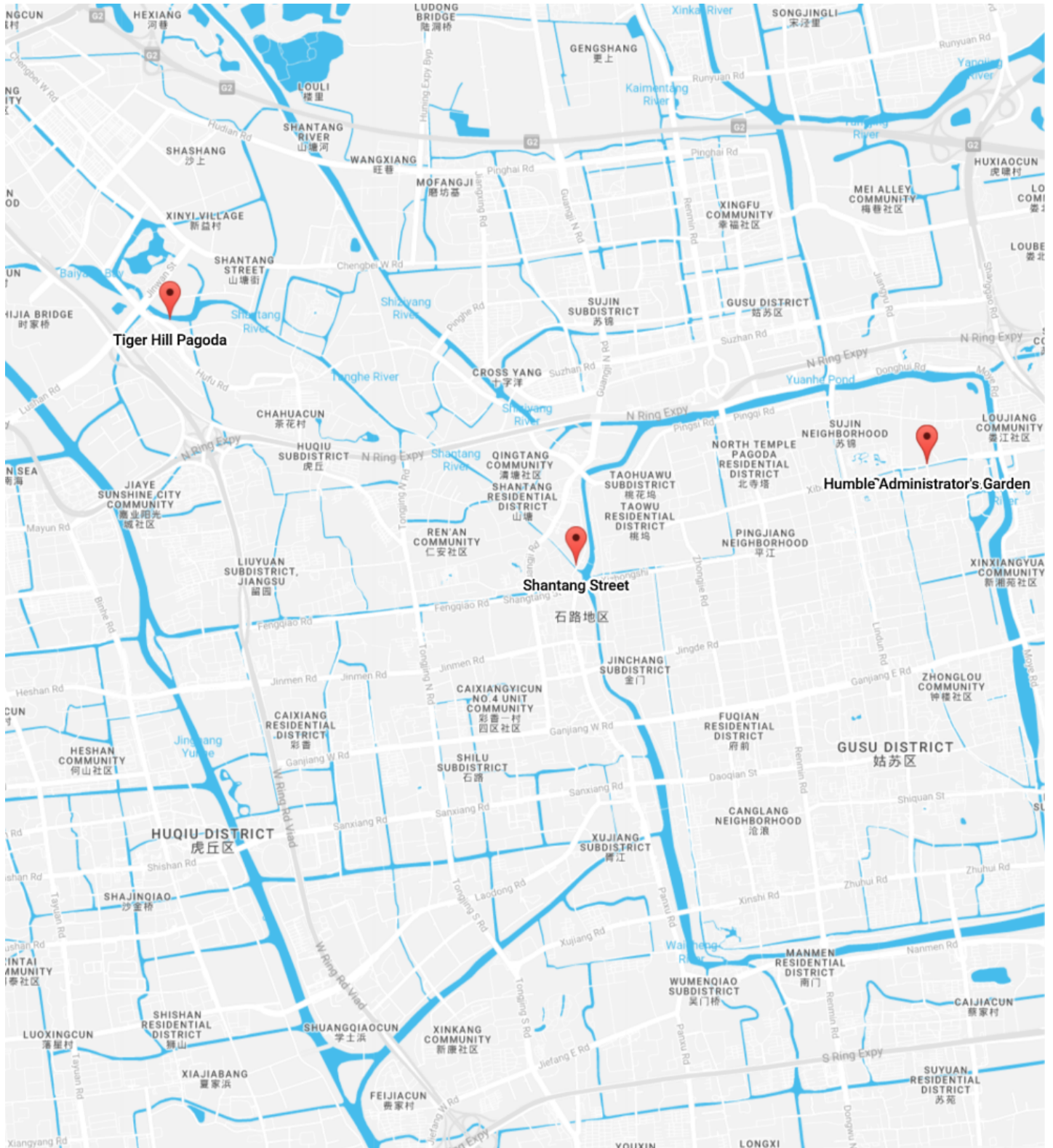
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Suzhou Museum

204 Dong Bei Jie, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng,
China, 215005

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Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Lingering Garden

Gusu District, Suzhou, China, 215008

11:00

11:45

Lion Grove Garden

23 Yuan Lin Lu, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China,
215005

13:45

14:30

Hanshan Temple 寒山寺

24 Han Shan Si Nong, 金阊区 Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China,
215001

16:30

17:45

Suzhou Industrial Park

8Q9C+R6W, Xing Hua Jie, Wu Zhong Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su
Sheng, China, 215121

19:45

Map for Day 2



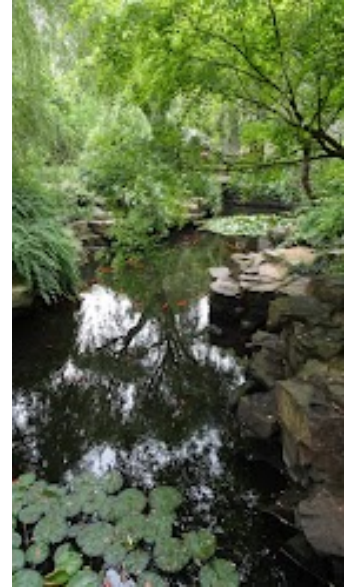


Spots



Lingering Garden

Gusu District, Suzhou, China, 215008



Pingjiang Road

8JCJ+WRR, Ping Jiang Lu, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215005



Harmony Times Square

268 Wang Dun Lu, Wu Zhong Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215122

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Phone:

0512 6696 6666



Suzhou Ferris Wheel

99 You An Jie, Wu Zhong Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215122

Summary:

With colorful nighttime lights, this 120m-high wheel has air-conditioned cars & views of Jinji Lake.

Phone:

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Yunyan Temple Pagoda

China, 江苏省苏州市姑苏区虎丘广场8HPJ+869 邮政编码: 215001



Dushu Lake

Dushu Lake, Wuzhong District, Suzhou, China



Longchi Scenic Area

7FVR+467, Wuzhong District, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China, 215011

Phone:

0512 6665 8111



Jinji Lake

Jinji Lake, Wuzhong District, Suzhou, China



Guanqian Street

8J6H+JP5, Guan Qian Jie, Ping Jiang Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China,
215005

Jiangnan Yi Tea House

5 路街, Xing Fu Si, Chang Shu Shi, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215505

Phone:

137 7306 5838

Xuanmiao Temple

94 Guan Qian Jie, 观前街 Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215005

Summary:

Major Taoist place of worship established in AD 276, often rebuilt & renamed over the centuries.

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Suzhou Culture and Arts Centre

1 Guan Feng Jie, Wu Zhong Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215027

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0512 6289 9899



Precious Belt Bridge

7J5X+HJC, Wuzhong District, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China, 215124



Suzhou Industrial Park

8Q9C+R6W, Xing Hua Jie, Wu Zhong Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215121



Xiangmen Ancient City Wall 西 Gate

8J6R+94J, Gan Jiang Dong Lu, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215005



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338 Liu Yuan Lu, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215008

Summary:

Classical 16th century Chinese mountain & water garden & UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Suzhou Silk Museum

2001 Ren Min Lu, Ping Jiang Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215001

Summary:

Exhibits on the technology & cultural history of Suzhou silk production & trade via the Silk Road.

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0512 6753 6506



Tongli Ancient Town

China, Su Zhou Shi, Wu Jiang Qu, CN 中川南路 1 邮政编码: 215217

Phone:

0512 6333 1140



Canglang Pavilion

3 Cang Lang Ting Jie, 沧浪区 Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215005

Summary:

A traditional Suzhou garden having origins in the 11th century, with buildings from later periods.

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Master of the Nets Garden

Gusu District, Suzhou, China, 215005

Summary:

Classical 12th-century garden of pavilions built around water, with seasonal evening performances.

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Zhouzhuang Ancient Town

Kunshan, Suzhou, China, 215325

Phone:

0512 5721 7203



Tiger Hill Pagoda

Gusu District, Suzhou, China, 215001

Summary:

Leaning 7-story hilltop pagoda, originally forming part of a temple built during the 10th century.



Lion Grove Garden

23 Yuan Lin Lu, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215005

Summary:

Modest Chinese garden with extensive stone arrangements, a water feature & an elaborate pavilion.

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Suzhou Museum

204 Dong Bei Jie, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215005

Summary:

Museum designed by I. M. Pei housing Chinese artifacts, including calligraphy & ancient craftwares.

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24 Han Shan Si Nong, 金阊区 Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215001

Phone:

0512 6533 2689



Pingjiang Road

Ping Jiang Lu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China



Humble Administrator's Garden

178 Dong Bei Jie, Gu Su Qu, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China, 215001

Summary:

Suzhou's largest classical garden, dating to the Ming emperor Zhengde & split into 3 distinct areas.

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Shantang Street

Shan Tang Jie, Su Zhou Shi, Jiang Su Sheng, China

