



## Shaoxing Field Study Trip Travel Book



## **Shaoxing Field Study Trip Condensed Itinerary**

*The condensed itinerary only provides a brief trip overview. Please continue reading the Travel Book for more details.*

- **Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: Shaoxing Company Visits**

*Depart Shanghai, check-in and group lunch at the New Fushan Hotel, visits to the Changjing Textile & Clothing Company and Tianlong Garment Company, and group dinner.*

- **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>: Local Culture and Natural Shaoxing**

*Visit to Lu Xun's boyhood residence and school, Wupeng boat ride to the Bazi Bridge, and Houshan (Screaming) Mountain climb and tangerine picking.*

- **Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Textile Market Visit**

*Visits to a textile market in Qingfang City and Anchang, a 1,000 yr old river town.*

***For more details, continue reading.***

## **About Shaoxing**

Shaoxing is a prosperous and historic city in north central Zhejiang Province, located midway between Yangzhou and Ningbo, and approximately 3.8 hours south of Shanghai. Two counties, three county-level cities and one district compose the whole of Shaoxing prefecture. Covering an area of 8,256 square kilometers (3,187.7 square miles), Shaoxing Prefecture has a population of 4,340,000, including 640,000 residents in the central city.

Shaoxing is one of the most famous historical cities in China. Numerous accomplished scholars and political figures were born or lived here, such as Yu the Great (大禹) in ancient China and the writer Lu Xun (鲁迅) in modern times. This city thus boasts the title of “City of Personages.” Shaoxing was also the seat of the ancient Yue Kingdom (越国) during the Spring and Autumn Period (770 BC-476 BC) and was quite prosperous during that time. Owing to its long history, this old city reveals less vanity and tinsel than a modern metropolis like Shanghai or Hangzhou. What's commonly seen and felt here is a kind of leisurely and peaceful ambience.

Although the city appears quite comfortable and peaceful, the economy here has been developing rapidly, especially with regards to the textile industry. Thanks to advanced silkworm-rearing developed over thousands of years, silk products from Shaoxing are famous all over China for their high quality as well as a large quantity. Every year, there are various textile exhibitions and fairs featuring silk goods production. The China Light & Textile Industrial City in Keqiao, a suburb in Shaoxing prefecture, is one of China's largest professional markets of light and textile goods and the largest cloth market in Asia.

## **Itinerary Highlights**

### **Friday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>: Bus to Shaoxing & Textile Company Visits**

#### **Shaoxing Changjing Textile & Garment Co., Ltd.**

##### **绍兴昌井纺织服装有限公司**



Shaoxing Changjing Textile & Garment Co., Ltd. is a Chinese-foreign joint venture, which was founded in 1992. Changjing is one of the largest shirt manufacturers in Shaoxing. Shirts made here are exported to Italy, Japan, Hungary, Mexico and Middle East countries such as Jordan, United Arab Emirates, and Egypt.

#### **Shaoxing Tian Long Garments Co., Ltd.**

##### **绍兴县天龙制衣有限公司及交流**



Shaoxing Tian Long Garments Co., Ltd. is located in the south of Shaoxing, only 10 kilometers from the downtown area. The company was established 15 years ago and today covers an area of 8,600 square meters. The main products of the company are different kinds of trousers, outfits and shirts, which are exported to Europe, the USA, Hong Kong, Middle East countries of Jordan and the United Arab Emirates, and Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore.

**Saturday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>: Local Culture**

**Lu Xun & Lu Xun Native Place (鲁迅故里)**



Lu Xun, the great contemporary novelist of modern China, spent his youth in Shaoxing. Today, Lu Xun Native Place, a collection of structures in which Lu Xun lived and studied, has been developed into a historic district depicting traditional lifestyles of East China. The most popular buildings and sites include the Sanwei School or Three Flavor Study (三味书屋), Baicao Garden (百草园), Xianheng Restaurant (咸亨酒店), and others.

The central part of Lu Xun's native place presents plenty of historical and cultural information concerning Lu Xun and the past he depicted in his works. Lu Xun's former residence, Lu Xun's ancestral residence and Sanwei School are well known historical sites all under the protection of the government. What is more, Xianheng Restaurant, Taziqiao Bridge, Tugu Clan Hall, Changqing Temple and Hengji Pawnshop are all nearby sites depicted in Lu Xun's stories, which still today appear nearly unchanged since Lu Xun wrote of them in his works.

### BaZi Bridge (八字桥)



BaZi Bridge (which shapes like a Chinese "八"--eight) is an 800-year old stone beam bridge built in the Southern Song Dynasty era. Today, Bazi Qiao is located on a quiet waterway lined by classical white-washed residences and stone walkways, just a short walk from the center of Shaoxing. Longhua Temple (龙华寺) is also nearby.

### Houshan (吼山) (Screaming) Mountain



Houshan Scenic Spot is located in the eastern outskirts of Shaoxing. The beautifully landscaped hill consists of many different oddly-shaped rocks, which are like dogs, lions, elephants and so on. A temple is located on top of the hill. A local king once raised dogs here.

## Sunday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: China Light & Textile City and The Ancient Anchang Town

### China Light & Textile Industrial City



China Light Textile City began in October, 1988 and today holds 19 professional markets in four big trading quadrants with 13,500 business spaces/stalls divided among 13 textile markets, one light textile raw material market, and textile machinery/light industrial product markets. Under one roof, China Light Textile City offers over 10 thousand kinds of cloth, attracting over 70,000 visitors and a sales value of about RMB 50 million per day. The Textile City's market trading volume consistently ranks 2nd among markets in China and has been noted as one of the leading (national civilized) markets for many years.

Originally known as Shaoxing Light Textile Market, the National Industrial and Commercial Administration Bureau in June 1992 renamed it the China Light Textile City. It was the first professional market crowned with "China" in its name. In February, 1997 it became China's first professional wholesale market company listed on the Shanghai Stock Market. In the immediate future, China Light Textile City is striving to reinvent itself through "Phase Two" strategy to develop China's most important international trading exchange centre of textiles.

## **The Ancient Anchang Town----A Famous Jiangnan Waterside Township**



Anchang is a quiet little town with a 1,000 year history. While maintaining a traditional character, the town today is surrounded by an ever-encroaching modern residential and manufacturing structures characteristic of modern Shaoxing. Here we will have a Shaoxing-style lunch near the town's primary canal.

### **Suggestions for Free Time**

- ✓ **Former Residence of Cai Yuanpei 蔡元培故居**



The former residence of Cai Yuanpei is located in 13 Bifei Lane west Jiezhu Temple characterized by architectural style of Ming and Qing dynasties. It covers an area of 1338 square meters with a floor space of 987 sqm. On Nov. 1, 1868, famous Chinese revolutionary, educator, and scientist, Cai Yuanpei, was born here and also lived in this maison for a period of time.

- ✓ **Shen's Garden 沈园**

Shen's Garden is situated on the western side of Yanghe Alley, Middle Lu Xun Road, Shaoxing City, which is a famous garden of the Southern Song Dynasty. It was well known

for a story of tragic marriage. Lu You, a patriotic poet in the Southern Song Dynasty, inscribed Chaitoufeng (Hairpin of Gold Phoenix) on the wall and visited Shen's Garden and composed poems several times to express his feelings in his last years. Through twice extensions in 1987 and 1944, the plot of the whole garden has been recovered to 1.23 hectares.

✓ **Boat Ride around the Old City 环城夜游 19:30 p.m.**

Description: The boat goes around the city canal. You will see Jishan Park, Jianshuiyuan, Feng Ze Jiang Bridge, Pianmen Bridge, Baihua Yuan, a wine factory, and the Century Gate. During the 70 minute boat ride, you will pass more than 27 different bridges.

✓ **Xianheng Restaurant 咸亨酒店**



Xianheng Restaurant (or Xianheng Wine shop as it is literally translated) was established in 1894, Guangxu year of Qing Dynasty. It was opened by Luxun's Uncle, Zhou Zhongxiang and his friends. It is famous because of Luxun's Work, Kongyiji. Xianheng means, everything is wonderful, and indicates that the business is prosperous. In 1981 the restaurant reopened. It combines the traditional culture and the original time period into the restaurant. It symbolizes "famous city, famous people, and famous wine."

✓ **Cream Little Pan 奶油小攀**

**Location:** 绍兴市新建路(近鲁迅路口)

**Average price:** 1 - 2 RMB/person



The custard tart with a creamy center is a specialty of Shaoxing is recommended by many people.

✓ **Shaoxing Istanbul Restaurant 绍兴大伊斯坦布尔饭店 (Turkish and Mediterranean Cuisine)**



✓ **Bodun Western Restaurant 伯顿西餐厅**

✓ **Places to Shop:**

1. Market 农贸市场
2. Night Market and Small Commodities Market: 小商品市场
3. East Street 东街 Dong1 Jie1
4. Antique Market: 古玩市场 : 府河街 Fu3 He2 Jie1