

Get Ecotourism in Wuzhen!



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It is a good choice to relax in Wuzhen! Whatever the time of year, the Wuzhen is always worth visiting. Wuzhen is quite a tourist attractions in which you can find a traditional life style, slow-paced and unpolluted, especially lived in big cities, who are tired of the fast-paced life. That's why you may concern about it. Now, I'll show you some useful traveling itineraries to guide you an ecotourism in Wuzhen.

Chinese people say that unless you visit the Great Wall then you haven't been to China. For any visit south of the Yangtze River; one place not to be missed is the town of Wuzhen. Located in the centre of the six ancient towns south of Yangtze River, 17 kilometres north of the city of Tongxiang, the Water Town displays its two-thousand-year history in its ancient stone bridges floating on mild water, its stone pathways between the mottled walls and its delicate wood carvings. Also, setting it apart from other towns, it gives a unique experience through its profound cultural background.

It is said that people have lived here for 7000 years and over time it has produced a galaxy of talents. Mao Dun, an outstanding modern Chinese writer, was born here and his masterpiece, 'The Lin's Shop', describes vividly the life here. In 1991, Wuzhen was authorized as the Provincial Ancient Town of History and Culture, so ranking first among the six ancient towns south of the Yangtze River.

The uniqueness of the town lies in its layout, being 2 kilometers long and divided into six districts. These are: Traditional Workshops District, Traditional Local-Styled Dwelling Houses District, Traditional Culture District, Traditional Food and Beverage District, Traditional Shops and Stores District, and Water Township Customs and Life District. Wandering along the east-west-east circuit created by these six districts, you will enjoy the atmosphere of the traditional cultures and the original ancient features of the town that have been preserved intact.

Bridge in Bridge

One may be amazed at the extraordinary scene of Bridge in Bridge created by two ancient bridges, one of which is Tongji Bridge crossing the river from east to west and the other is called Renji Bridge running from south to north and joining the former at one end. Either of two bridges can be seen through the arch of the other, hence the name. Having been rebuilt five times, Tongji Bridge is a 28.4-meter-long and 3.5-meters-wide one-curvature arch bridge, with a span of 11.8 meters . Renji Bridge, which has also experienced historical repairs, has a length of 22.6 meters , a width of 2.8 meters and a span of 8.5 meters .

You may enjoy the demonstration in the traditional workshops district of such famous traditional crafts as the printing and dyeing of blue printed fabrics, the primitive technique of cloth shoes and tobacco-planing,

and operate the machines yourself to get an idea of how the original work was carried out over 200 years ago. You may also walk amongst the picturesque moss-covered streets and walls, the houses decorated with exquisitely-carved wooden and stone doors and windows, and the leisurely and quiet life of the local people in the district of traditional local-styled dwelling houses. Sink into the atmosphere of traditional culture, have a cup of chrysanthemum tea and relax by

bargaining on various kinds of handicrafts and local products. At dusk when the street lamps give off their dim lights in the thousand-year-old lanes, you will feel your every step echoing with the history of this ancient and attractive town.

Transportation:

Wuzhen Water Town provides visitors with a very convenient transport. Tour buses can be taken from Shanghai, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Ningbo every day.

From Shanghai: CNY 110 per person (return tickets, admission)

CNY 128 per person (return tickets, admission, tourist guide service)

From Hangzhou: CNY 98 per person (return tickets, admission)

From Suzhou: CNY 150 per person (return tickets, admission, tourist guide service, insurance)

Admission Fee

CNY 100 for Dongzha Scenic Area

CNY 120 for Xizha Scenic Area

CNY 150 for Combination Ticket;

Excluding the boat ticket:

CNY 80 (for 8 people) in Dongzha

Hangzhou Bus Search

More information can be found in the following websites:

[Wikitravel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wuzhen): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wuzhen]

[Traveladvisor](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g659921-d799251-Reviews-Wuzhen_Water_Town-Tongxiang_Zhejiang.html): [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g659921-d799251-Reviews-Wuzhen_Water_Town-Tongxiang_Zhejiang.html]