Travel in Hangzhou



In my memory, Hangzhou, this southern city in China is the love, beauty, and story. During four days visit in Hangzhou, I could not describe my feeling by use the word, but by my heart.

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Hangzhou silk is most famous product in China. I deeply love it, so window shopping silk and visiting Hangzhou silk museum were in my schedule. Its beauty feed my eyes. Sit in a small Tea shop and tasting Longjing Tea which was soaked by Hupao spring made me deeply enjoy the green Tea's favor. It satisfied my soul. It also is Hangzhouness most popular way to relax after work. Watching Qian tang river Tide, Tour towards to Thousand Islands Lake, were all amazed me. But I came to Hangzhou mainly for West Lake.

> *Ripping water shimming in the day,*
> *Misty mountains shrouded the rain.*
> *Plain or gaily decked out like Xi Zi,*
> *West Lake is always alluring.*

This poetry was composed by Su Dongpo. He loved West Lake and compared it as the most beautiful lady, Xi Zi in ancient China. Finally, his grave was located at side of West Lake.

West Lake is charming because she has a vivid life, touched legend, and nature outlook. After a tour guide, I decided biking to feel her again by my heart. Goo Mountain, Zhongshan

Park, Xilengyinshe, Su Di, Bai Di, Su Xiao Xiao's grave, there are too many to count, but I finally stopped to Broken Bridge. I was deeply attracted by this traditional legend. It was about Bainiangzi who was originally a white snake. Because of her longing human being's life, after her practice asceticism over 1,000 years, she became a beautiful girl. It was fate, One day she met Xuxian, a young man at Broken Bridge. The weather suddenly became very rainy. Xuxian kindly shared his umbrella with Bainiangzi. With the foggy, romantic scenery, they fell in love in the first scene. Xuxian married her and they lived in a happy life.

With a 1000 years asceticism practicing, Not only Bainiangzi lovely and beautiful, she also has a magic power which can help poor, ill people, but her good behave made a monk Fahai alert. He knew Bainiangzi what was. He persisted to think her as an evil and decided to kill her. He came to Xuxian and told him about what his wife really was. Xuxian was very scared and died of fright. In order to save her husband, Bainiangzi risked her life and steal a holy grass from heaven which could save people life from death. Xuxian was back to life, but Bainiangzi was caught by Fahai monk and was locked under Leifeng Pagoda.

Because of their deep, dedicated sweet love, and over thousands years' waiting, the truly lover, the story has been moved almost everyone who heard it, but it also made me very sad. Bainiangzi still was locked under Leifeng pagoda. Leifeng Pagoda today still stands there and was remolded, even stronger. Poor love-struck and beautiful white snake seems never would have a chance to be released, even her sister, a dark snake tried so hard to save her sister's life. But Mr. Xuxian, I wonder where are you? Are you still there for her just like her? I wonder what you did for your wife. Please do not let your poor, love struck wife suffering under Leifeng Pagoda by herself with a broken heart. Please do not waste her love with traded by her thousand years' waiting.

West Lake, Love! Something I can never say it, she gave me a much deeper meaning than what I saw through my eyes.