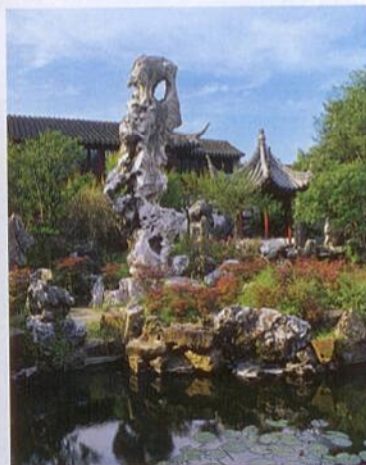
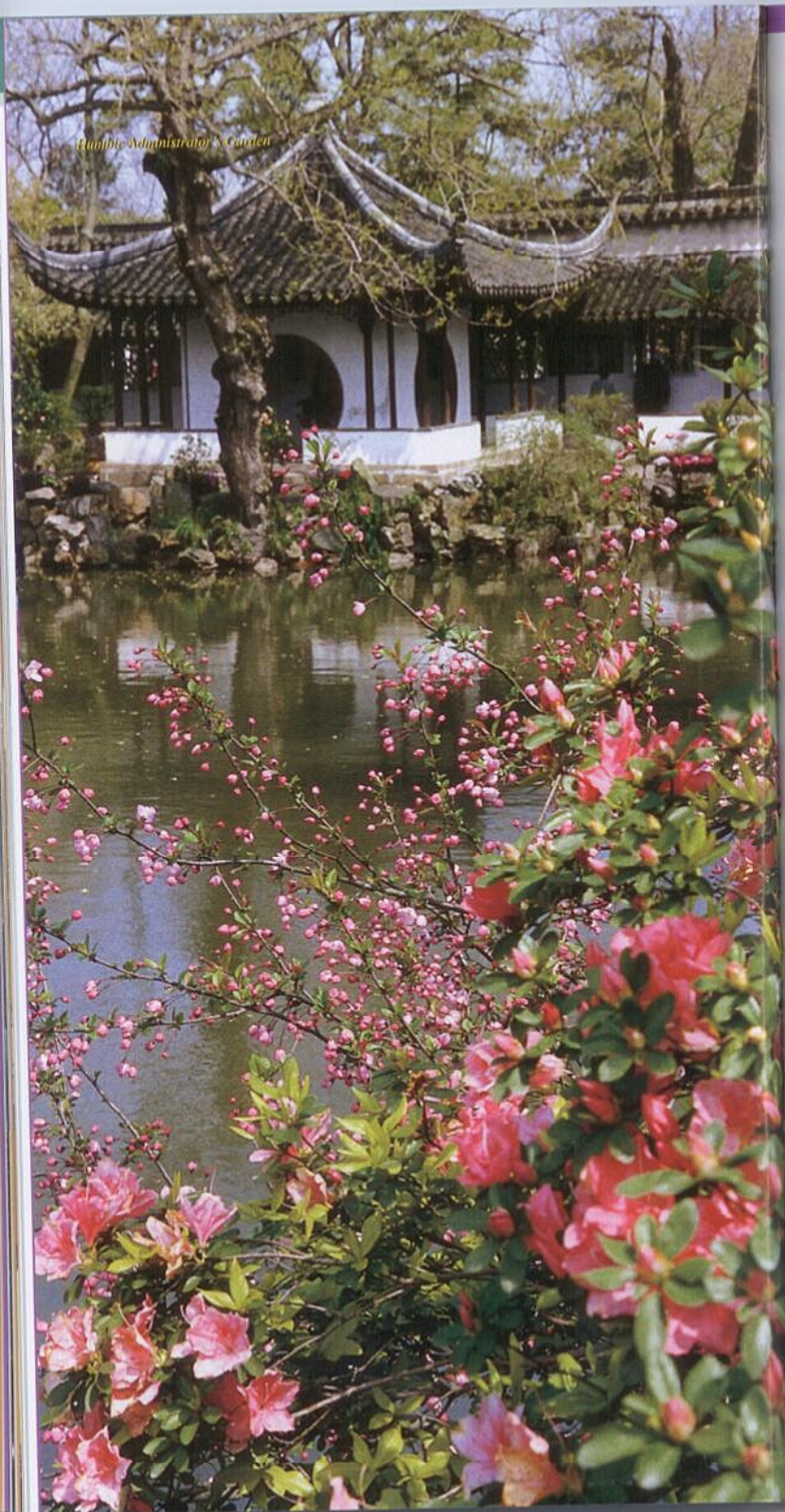


Humble Administrator's Garden



Lingering Garden

as world's cultural heritage by UNESCO. The ancient waterside towns near Suzhou such as Zhouzhuang, Tongli and Mudu are like shining pearls on the Suzhou travel route. Today's Suzhou has promoted a tourism brand of the thousand-year-old city, classic gardens, ancient waterside town and the Taihu Lake.

Suzhou has a very developed transportation network. It is 86 km from Hongqiao Airport in Shanghai, and by a high-class airport special expressway the journey will take only 70 minutes. Besides, Guangfu Airport in the west suburbs of Suzhou has opened the routes between Suzhou and Beijing, and Suzhou and Foshan.

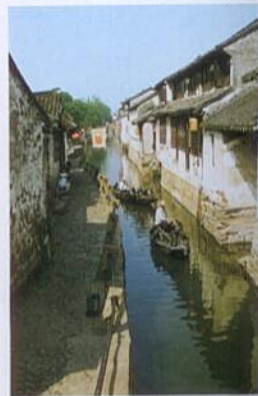
As a top tourist city of China, Suzhou has over 90 star-rated hotels, of which over 50 are above three star-rated ones.

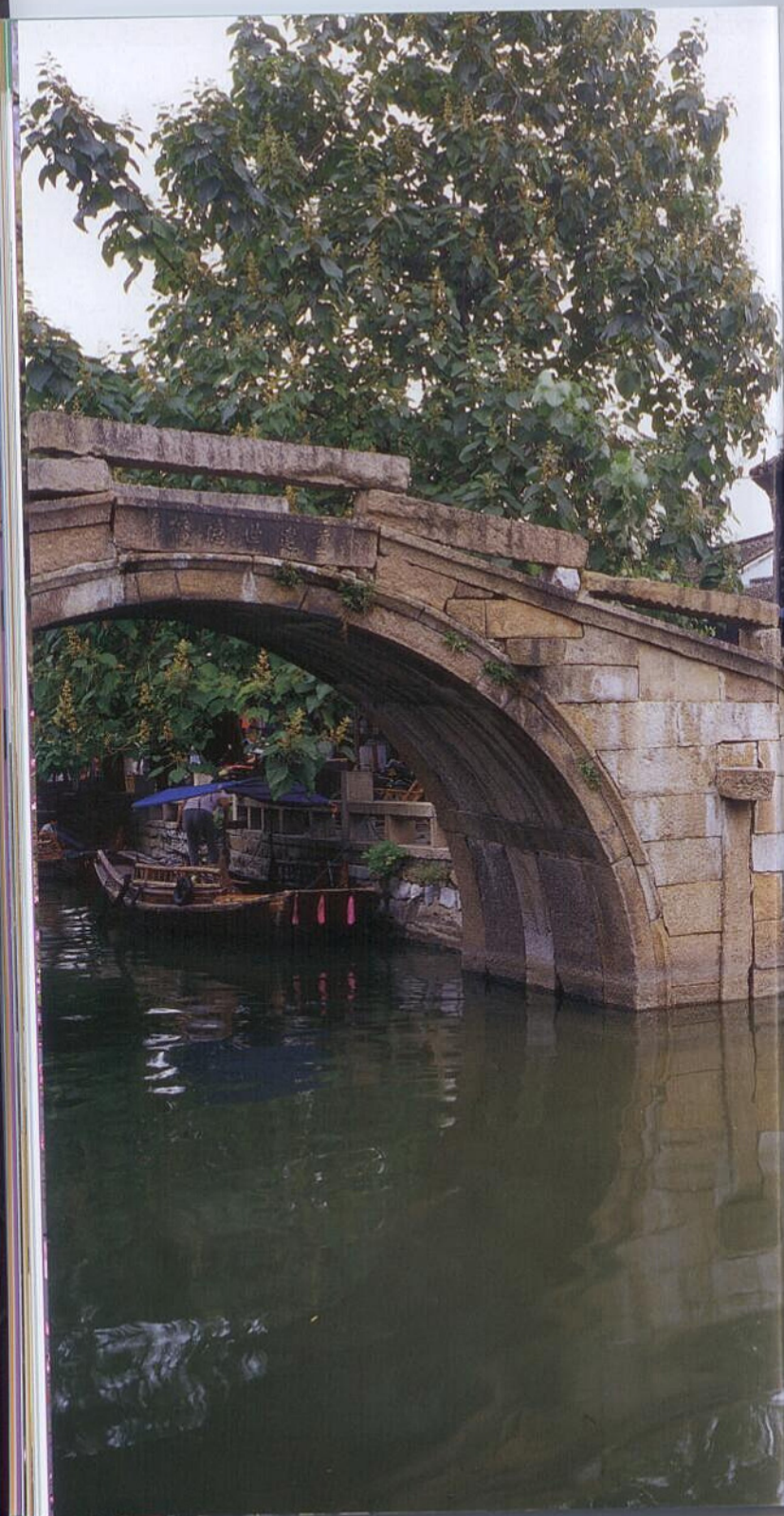
Zhouzhuang Town

Located to the southeast of Suzhou, it is an ancient waterside town with a history of over 900 years. It is surrounded by water, and rivers crisscross the whole town in the shape of the character “井”. In the town there are 14 ancient bridges, of which the famous ones are Fu'an Bridge and Double-Bridge. Most of the dwelling houses were built during the Ming and Qing dynasties with white walls and black tiles, which stand along rivers. It is a beautiful waterside town and has been listed among China's first group of AAAAA scenic areas.

Zhouzhuang Town has developed land and water transportation. It is 60 km from Shanghai by land. The Zhouzhuang-Qingpu

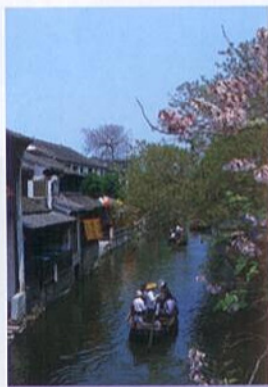
Zhouzhuang Town





Double-Bridge in Zhouzhuang Town

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Zhouzhuang Town in spring

Highway is connected to 318 State Highway, and is about 50 minutes' drive from Hongqiao Airport in Shanghai. The Jishui River that goes through the northern part of the town is China's four-grade channel, and is an important channel for Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui and Shanghai, which is connected to Shanghai Port on the east and Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal on

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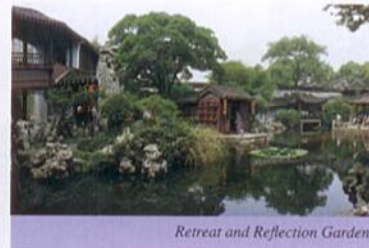
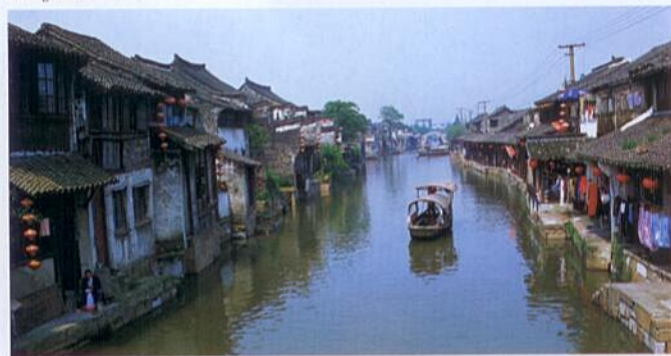
In Zhouzhuang there are hundreds of restaurants and over 30 hotels, of which the famous ones include Yunhai Holiday Resort, Zhouzhuang Grand Hotel, Shenjiang Hotel, Zhouzhuang Hotel and Fengdan Holiday Resort. Zhouzhuang also has many delicious local foods.

Xitang Town

It belongs to Jiashan County, Jiaxing City, Zhejiang Province, and is famous for its large amount of water, bridges, alleys, corridors and ancient residences. The corridors and shelters are built along rivers to protect people from severe sunshine and rain, which are unique in Xitang. The streets and alleys are very narrow. Take Shipi Alley for example, the narrowest section is only 0.8 m wide. In the town there are ancient stores, residences and Qilaoye Temple.

In Xitang there are Xitang Hotel, Yuyuan Hotel and Yao Residence. Xitang also has many special local products.

Xitang Town



Retreat and Reflection Garden

Tongli Town

Located in the northern part of Wujiang City, it is surrounded by five lakes. In the town there are numerous waterways with beautiful natural scenery and cultural and historic places of interest. The most important scenic spot is the classic Retreat and Reflection Garden, which has been included in the World Cultural Heritage List. Besides, there are such grand residences as Jiayin Hall, Chongben Hall and Shide Hall and some Ming and Qing old streets.

Tongli has developed transportation network. It can be reached from Shanghai by taking 318 State Highway and Songku Highway. It takes about two hours to get Tongli by taking tour buses at Shanghai Stadium and Hutai Road, Shanghai.

The famous hotels in Tongli are Tongli Lakeview Hotel (five stars), Shidetang Hotel (three stars) and San-yuan Hotel (two stars).

Tongli has many famous local products, for example, Gordon Euryale, which is reputed as "ginseng in water".

Nanxun Town

It belongs to Huzhou City in Zhe-

jiang Province, and is famous for the large amount of gardens. As many as 27 gardens were built from the Southern Song Dynasty to the Qing Dynasty, and five of them were the most famous. Now there are Book Storage Tower of Jiaye Hall, Xiaolian Garden of the Liu Family, Yingyuan Garden of the Chen Family and Shiyuan Garden of the Zhang Family. What's more, there are the former residence of Zhang Shiming, which is renowned as the "First Old Dwelling House in south of the Yangtze River", the former residence of Zhang Jingjiang, and Baijianlou, the dwelling house complex by the river which is rare in south of the Yangtze River.

In Nanxun there are three-star Jinquan Hotel, which is equipped with complete facilities and offers good services, Jiu'an Conference Center known for its fine environment, and Yingyuan Hotel which is safe and clean with preferential price.

Nanxun has such special local products as freshwater food, bamboo shoots, bamboo weaving handicrafts and embroidery.