

2 Days Private Hangzhou City Tour

Trip overview

Hangzhou is a city that lives in two worlds: one of misty temples and classical legends, and another of gleaming glass towers and world-shifting innovation. Our **2-day private Hangzhou tour** isn't just a sightseeing trip—it's a curated journey through the soul of a city that has inspired emperors and tech titans alike.

We'll start where Hangzhou's heartbeat began: **West Lake**. Instead of just a standard boat ride, you'll glide across the water as your guide unfolds the "Chinese Romeo and Juliet" stories that linger around every bridge. You'll breathe in the incense of **Lingyin Temple** and find quiet corners among the ancient rock carvings of **Peak Flown From Afar**, away from the usual tourist crowds.

But to truly understand modern China, you have to see where it's going. We'll take you into the heart of the **Future Sci-Tech City**. Here, the "steerless" future becomes a reality as you hop on an **autonomous bus**—a rare glimpse into the algorithms shaping our world. Standing outside the **Alibaba and ByteDance (TikTok) Headquarters**, you'll feel the palpable energy of the global e-commerce engine.

From sipping tea in a Parisian-style local market to walking the historic stones of **Hefang Street**, this itinerary bridges a thousand years in just 48 hours. With your own **private car and expert local fixer**, you skip the logistics and dive straight into the authentic, vibrant rhythm of Hangzhou.

- **Durations:** 2 Days
- **Destinations:** Hangzhou City
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/2-days-private-hangzhou-city-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Hangzhou Arrival – Legendary West Lake Cruise & Ancient Buddhist Wonders

Seamless Arrival and Private Transfer Welcome to Hangzhou, the "City of Heaven." Upon your arrival at the airport or railway station, you will be met by your professional guide and driver for a **private transfer** to your downtown hotel. As the historic capital of the Southern Song Dynasty and a modern global tech hub, Hangzhou offers a unique blend of ancient tranquility and futuristic

innovation. After a quick check-in and refresh, your journey through China's cultural heart begins.

West Lake Cruise: A Voyage Through Romantic Legends Your exploration starts with a **scenic boat cruise on West Lake**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. For 1 to 2 hours, you will glide across the waters that have inspired poets and painters for millennia. Your guide will share the "Three Classic Romances" of the lake: the **Long Bridge**, where the "Chinese Romeo and Juliet" parted ways; the **Broken Bridge**, central to the *Legend of the White Snake*; and the **Xiling Bridge**, home to the tragic story of Su Xiaoxiao. From the water, you'll enjoy unparalleled views of the lake's arched bridges, mist-covered mountains, and iconic pagodas.

Lingyin Temple: A Spiritual Retreat Next, visit the majestic **Lingyin Temple (Temple of Soul's Retreat)**, one of China's most prestigious Buddhist sanctuaries. Inside the Great Hall of the Magnificent Hero, you will marvel at the 800-year-old gilded statue of Sakyamuni Buddha, carved from a single camphor tree. Your guide will teach you a fascinating detail of Chinese temple etiquette: observing the position of the Buddha's sword to understand the temple's tradition of hospitality and "overnight-stay" permissions—a unique insight rarely found in standard guidebooks.

Peak Flown From Afar (Feilai Feng) Just across the stream lies the **Peak Flown From Afar**. Wander through limestone caves and marvel at over 300 ancient Buddhist rock carvings. These naturally eroded rocks, with their fantastic shapes, served as the primary inspiration for the rockery designs found in classic Chinese gardens. After soaking in the Zen atmosphere, enjoy a comfortable private transfer back to your hotel.

Dining and Accommodation Lunch: Savour a traditional **Hangzhou-style lunch** featuring local delicacies such as Longjing Tea-scented Shrimp or West Lake Vinegar Fish. **Dinner:** Your evening is free to explore the local food scene. We recommend visiting **Hefang Street** for authentic street food or enjoying a meal overlooking the glowing city skyline. **Accommodation:** Overnight at a selected boutique or luxury hotel in the **Hangzhou West Lake District**.

Day 2: Modern Hangzhou – Tech Giants, Autonomous Travel & Heritage Streets

Wen'er Market: The Pulse of Local Life After breakfast and hotel pick-up, we begin the day at **Wen'er Market**, a perfect example of Hangzhou's urban renewal. Far from a traditional wet market, Wen'er features chic billboards, witty slogans, and elegant bamboo-weaving designs that attract both trendy youth and local elders. With its open-window shops and bar-style seating, the area exudes a "Parisian chill" vibe. It's the ultimate spot to witness how Hangzhou's high quality of life blends traditional commerce with modern aesthetics.

Experience Hangzhou's Tech Frontier: Driverless Bus & Global Giants Next, we head to the **Hangzhou Future Sci-Tech City**, the heart of China's "Silicon Valley." Here, you will witness the vitality of China's e-commerce, AI, and robotics industries.

- **Autonomous Driving Experience:** Embark on an exciting **20-minute driverless bus ride**.

Powered by advanced algorithms and LiDAR technology, you'll watch the steering wheel navigate automatically at 40 km/h (25 mph), precisely yielding to pedestrians. (A safety monitor remains on board for oversight).

- **Alibaba & ByteDance (TikTok) Headquarters:** Your route provides a rare exterior view of the sprawling **Alibaba Headquarters**, the birthplace of Taobao and Alipay. You will also see the **ByteDance R&D Center**, the innovation hub behind the global sensation **TikTok**. Observe the modern glass-walled architecture and the serene "garden-style" campus designed to inspire the world's leading tech talent.

Hefang Street: Bridging Past and Present We return to the city center to visit **Hefang Street**, where Hangzhou's ancient soul meets its vibrant future. This historic pedestrian street is home to 19th-century Chinese medicine workshops, time-honored stores selling intricate paper fans and hand-dyed silks, and a bustling array of street food stalls. It is the perfect place to pick up authentic souvenirs and sample local snacks before your departure.

Departure and See-off Your 2-day Hangzhou discovery tour concludes this afternoon. Your guide and private driver will provide a seamless transfer to **Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport (HGH)** for your return flight or to the **Hangzhou Railway Station** for your high-speed train to your next destination.

Dining and Accommodation Lunch: Enjoy a modern fusion lunch in the Future Sci-Tech City district, catering to the tastes of the global tech community. **Breakfast:** Included at your hotel.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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