

3-Day Xiamen and Tulou Relaxation Tour

Trip overview

Discover the perfect blend of coastal elegance and ancient architectural marvels with our **3-Day Xiamen and Nanjing Tulou Relaxation Tour**. Crafted for travelers seeking a seamless, unhurried exploration, this private journey showcases the very best of Fujian Province.

Your adventure begins in Xiamen, the charming "Garden on the Sea," where colonial history meets a laid-back island lifestyle. You will wind through the car-free alleys of UNESCO-listed Gulangyu Island, marvel at the sweeping coastal views from South Putuo Temple, and savor authentic Minnan culinary delights. The true highlight lies deep in the mountainous heart of Nanjing County: a dedicated day excursion to the magnificent Fujian Tulou clusters. Here, you will step inside the iconic "Four Dishes and One Soup" layout of Tianluokeng and wander the raw, untouched residential lanes of Hekeng village. Accompanied by your dedicated local guide and a private air-conditioned vehicle throughout, this tour guarantees a worry-free, deeply enriching getaway tailored entirely to your pace.

- **Durations:** 3 Days
- **Destinations:** Xiamen
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/3-day-xiamen-and-tulou-relaxation-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Xiamen – Arrival & Leisure Exploration

Welcome to Xiamen, the charming "Garden on the Sea." Upon your arrival at Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport (XMN) or the railway station, your dedicated local guide and professional driver will be waiting at the arrival hall, holding a personalized name sign. You will be escorted to your hotel via a comfortable, air-conditioned private vehicle, ensuring a seamless and worry-free transfer after your journey. After a hassle-free check-in, the remainder of the day is entirely at your leisure to shake off the jet lag, unwind at the hotel, or begin a relaxed, self-guided exploration of this vibrant coastal city at your own pace.

Expert Tips for Today:

As Xiamen is celebrated for its laid-back island lifestyle, we highly recommend spending your free evening taking a leisurely stroll along the Hubin North Road or around the scenic Yundang Lake.

It is a fantastic spot to watch local life unfold and see the city lights reflect off the water. For dinner, consider wandering into the nearby Zhongshan Road pedestrian street area to sample authentic Minnan street food, such as Satay Noodles (Shacha Mian) or Oyster Omelets, which offer a perfect, flavorful introduction to Fujian's culinary culture.

Day 2: Full-Day Nanjing Tulou Exploration – Tianluokeng & Hekeng

Today, embark on a captivating journey from Xiamen deep into the mountainous heart of Nanjing County, home to the world-renowned Fujian Tulou—the unique earthen defensive fortresses inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Your private guide and driver will escort you on a scenic drive through lush countryside, banana plantations, and tea terraced hills. Your first major stop is the iconic Tianluokeng Tulou Cluster, affectionately dubbed "Four Dishes and One Soup" due to its magnificent layout of a square earthen building surrounded by four circular ones. You will view this architectural marvel from both the upper overlook for a panoramic perspective and inside the village to experience Hakka daily life. Afterward, step back in time at the highly authentic Hekeng Tulou Cluster. Boasting a dense concentration of distinct architectural styles, Hekeng feels like a living museum, largely untouched by commercialism, where you can marvel at the ingenious ancient engineering and layout shaped like the Big Dipper. Conclude your rich historical immersion with a comfortable private transfer back to your Xiamen hotel in the late afternoon.

Expert Tips for Today:

The drive from Xiamen to the Nanjing Tulou area takes roughly 2.5 to 3 hours each way, so we highly recommend wearing comfortable, broken-in walking shoes, as navigating the ancient cobblestone pathways and climbing the steep, narrow wooden stairs inside the Tulou requires steady footwear. To truly appreciate the cinematic contrast of Tianluokeng, your guide will take you to the hillside viewing platform at specific times when the shifting daylight highlights the unique geometry of the roofs. Additionally, since Hekeng is a deeply traditional, non-commercialized residential community, please always ask for permission before photographing the elderly Hakka residents going about their day—they are incredibly warm-hearted, and showing this cultural respect often opens the door to wonderful local interactions.

Day 3: Xiamen City Highlights & Departure – South Putuo Temple & Gulangyu Island

Conclude your memorable journey with a deep dive into Xiamen's cultural and scenic treasures. Begin your morning at the serene South Putuo Temple, a revered Tang Dynasty-era Buddhist site nestled beneath the striking Wulao Peaks. Marvel at the grand pagodas, peaceful lotus ponds, and the exquisite Minnan-style swallowtail roof architecture while observing local devotees in prayer. Next, board a short ferry ride to Gulangyu Island, a pedestrian-only UNESCO World Heritage site celebrated for its colonial architecture, winding cobblestone alleyways, and lush subtropical gardens. Enjoy a relaxing walking tour across this "Island of Music," admiring the historic foreign consulates and the elegant Shuzhuang Garden, which seamlessly blends traditional Chinese landscaping with the open sea. After a delightful afternoon absorbing the island's nostalgic charm, return to the mainland via ferry. Your private driver and guide will then escort you to Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport (XMN) or the railway station in a comfortable private vehicle, ensuring a smooth, stress-free departure for your onward journey.

Expert Tips for Today:

Visiting both South Putuo Temple and Gulangyu Island back-to-back requires a tight schedule, so we highly recommend scheduling a morning ferry ticket to the island at least 2 to 3 days in advance, as ferry capacities are strictly limited to preserve the island's ecosystem. Inside South Putuo Temple, your guide will lead you up the stone steps behind the main halls—climbing just halfway provides a stunning bird's-eye view of Xiamen University and the coastal skyline without exhausting you before the island walking tour. Finally, please ensure your departure flight or train is scheduled for late afternoon or evening (ideally after 5:00 PM), allowing you to leisurely enjoy Gulangyu's car-free streets without rushing back to catch your luggage transfer.

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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