Cultural Tour in Hangzhou
“Hangzhou, the most splendid and elegant city in the World”
----Marco Polo

As the capital of Zhejiang Province, Hangzhou city has the population of 9 millions and covers an area of 3068 square kilometers. The history can date back to 5000 years ago of Liangzhu Culture, when people initially started using jade and black clay. Knowing as one of the eight ancient capitals in China, Hangzhou used to be the capital of Wuyue Kingdom and the Southern Song Dynasty, the later one lasted for 152 years. During that period, Hangzhou reached its heyday in economy, technology, culture and Buddhism. Hangzhou, a piece of land full of milk and honey, is not only famous for history and culture, but also for the natural landscape and its local products, that’s why it is known as the best place for living in China. Many poems and stories were left by poets and literary men in different period.
Historical Relics

Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal, 1767 kilometers

Xiling Seal-Engravers' Society

Hu Xueyan's Former Residence
Half day post conference tour:
19th afternoon of November

Part 1,
Intangible & Cultural Heritage discovery in Xiacheng school, including Woodblock Printing.

Part 2, Beijing-Hangzhou Grand canal
Hangzhou Shizhuzhai Woodblock Printing Gallery

The art of woodblock printing dated from Ming Dynasty of ancient China when Mr. Hu Zhengyan, the founder and master in woodblock printing, developed its skills and passed down. It integrates painting, carving with printing skills. It adopts the permeation principle of Chinese watery ink to show the writing or the painting patterns on a carved wooden board and paints with water-soluble pigment.

The purpose of this activity of post-tour is to let all the participants get an opportunity to experience the process of woodblock printing personally and closely, to learn the history of Chinese traditional printing skill, and to present Chinese cultural heritage to the world.
Beijing-Gangzhou Grand Canal

The Grand Canal is the world's longest man-made waterway, being 1,800 kilometers long. The canal connects the present cities of Beijing in the north and Hangzhou in the south, which served as dynastic capitals in the past, and contains 24 locks and 60 bridges. Since most of China's major rivers flow from west to east, the fact that the Grand Canal runs north and south provides it as an important connector between the Yangtze River valley and the Yellow River valley, and other minor river systems. It is being restored as a water-diversion conduit.
Full day post conference tour:
20th of November
Route 1
1. Lotus Garden of West Lake
2. GreenTea Plantation
3. Hefang historical street (100 people)
4. National Silk Museum

Route 2
1. National Silk Museum
2. Flower Harbor of West Lake
3. GreenTea Plantation
4. Hefang historical street (100 people)

Route 3
1. Bamboo forest hiking
2. West lake
3. Hefang historical street
4. GreenTea Plantation (100 people)
China National Tea Museum

China is the birthplace of tea with the longest history of tea culture. The China National Tea Museum was opened in 1991. It is located in Longjing (Dragon Well) Village, west of charming West Lake, and covers an area of 22,000 square meters (about 5.4 acres) with a 3500 square meter (about 0.9 acres) construction area.

China National has no external walls but is enclosed by vegetation giving the unique impression that the halls and the tea plants inside depend upon each other. Additionally, one hundred distinctive Chinese characters relating to tea are enchased in the road to add color to your trip.
Silk Culture:
As the hometown of silk, Hangzhou silk history can be traced back 5000 years to the Liangzhu Culture. Through this tour, life of silkworm, Cocoon, Silk Making, Embroidery and other silk knowledge will be learnt.
Tea Culture:

Dragon Well Green Tea produced in Hangzhou tops ten renowned teas in China. It used to be the imperial tea for Emperor Qianlong during the last Qing Dynasty. By visiting these charming villages, you can enjoy the tea culture as well as the countryside sceneries.
Landison Plaza HSD Hotel Hangzhou is a 5-star hotel located by the Xiacheng district which features a great number of meeting rooms, fitness centre and an indoor pool. It offers modern air-conditioned rooms with a flat-screen satellite cable TV and free wired internet. Served with multi-restaurant.
Transfer:
Shanghai Pudong International Airport to hotel: 200KM 2.5hours
Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport to hotel: 160KM 2hours
Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport to hotel: 36KM 40minutes
Hangzhou Railway Station to hotel: 10KM 20minutes
Hotel to Hangzhou city center: 13KM 25minutes
Thank You