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Architecture study trip

– Beijing, Mt. Yellow Mountain, Shanghai and Suzhou

The architecture of China is as old as Chinese civilization. For over 4,000 years, Chinese architecture has remained a “living” architecture and retained to this day its principal characteristics in spite of repeated foreign invasions. The Chinese architectural style has influenced a vast territory stretching from Chinese Turkistan to Japan, from Manchuria to the northern half of French Indochina, and still draws worldwide attention with its charms of extraordinary wisdom and creativity.

We explore the art of traditional Chinese architecture from resplendent imperial palaces to exquisite Huizhou houses with wooden-carving, not forgetting the elegant Suzhou gardens; our expert guide will introduce you to the traditional Chinese wisdom and philosophy behind the intricate structures.

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Day 1	Arrive in Beijing, attend welcome dinner.
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Day 2	Beijing: Urban Planning Center, Forbidden City and Hutong neighbourhoods.
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Day 3	Beijing: Learn Taichi at Temple of Heaven, explore the imperial garden Summer Palace.
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Day 4	Beijing to Yellow Mountain: Visit the Great Wall & 798 Contemporary Art Area, night flight to Yellow Mountain Town.
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Day 5	Yellow Mountain: Day excursion to the Yellow Mountain.
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Day 6	Yellow Mountain: Walk around the mountain, descend the mountain. Visit the village at the foot of Yellow Mountain.
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Day 7	Yellow Mountain to Shanghai: Village visits then fly to Shanghai.
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Day 8	Shanghai: Walk the French Concession, visit Shanghai Museum, sample famous “xiao long bao” dumpling at Chenghuangmiao area.
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Day 9	Suzhou Excursion: Visit Suzhou Gardens, New Suzhou Museum, Silk Museum & Embroidery Institute. Drive back to Shanghai. Trip ends.
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