

# SUZHOU

## CITY GUIDE





# INTRODUCTION

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Suzhou is the economic, trading and logistic centre as well as the second-largest city in the Jiangsu province. The city is surrounded by water, canals, stone bridges and beautifully designed gardens have contributed to the status as one of the top tourist attractions in China, also known as “Venice of China” or “Venice of the east”.

Furthermore, the city is listed on the UNESCO world heritage sites in 1997 and 2000. located on the lower part of the Yangtze river and the shores of Lake Tai.

 12 million

35°C   5°C

**GDP** \$329bn

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# C U L T U R E

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Suzhou has over 2,500 years of rich history. It became one of the ten largest cities in the world. Since the 10th century Song Dynasty, it has been an important commercial centre of China. The city's canals, stone bridges, pagodas, and meticulously designed gardens have contributed to its status as one of the top tourist attractions in China.

The city also have many other features such as: Li Gong Di, Jin Ji Lake recreational & commercial zone, Yang Cheng Lake Hairy Crab and Tiger Hill.

# HISTORY & NATURAL

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For most of the tourist attractions, there is an entrance ticket required, although some ancient commercial streets such as Shan Tang Street and Ping Jiang Road are free for sight-seeing. The classical gardens in Suzhou were added to the list of the UNESCO world heritage sites in 1997 and 2000.

Other ancient places in Suzhou include: Gusu District which contains most of the historical scenery spots in the city. Suzhou has a very sacred area which was originally built in 276 and it's a prominent Taoist temple with a long history, located at the centre of old Suzhou city.

# C U I S I N E

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If you are visiting Suzhou somewhere between mid-September and the end of December then you should definitely try Suzhou's hairy crab. The crab will be harvested from the Yangcheng Lake nearby Suzhou in this period of the year. The hairy crab from this lake is world famous because of its top quality and a sweeter taste compared with other crabs. Zhang Taiyan, a famous scholar that lived in Suzhou said once: "If hairy crabs of the Yangcheng Lake were not so wonderful, why do we have to live in Suzhou?". Try it out!

# I N D U S T R Y

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## **Growth**

- Suzhou's GDP surpassed 329 billion USD in 2022.
- GDP growth rate of more than 3.2%, rank No.2 in China 2<sup>nd</sup> tier cities .
- Suzhou's economy is based primarily on its large manufacturing sector- China's second largest including: iron and steel, IT and electronic equipment and textile.

## **Suzhou Industrial Park**

- The Suzhou industrial park (SIP) is the largest cooperative project between the Chinese and Singaporean government. It is beside Jinji Lake, which lies to the east of the Suzhou old city.

## **Suzhou Industrial Park Free Trade Zone(FTA)**

- the Suzhou Industrial Park Free Trade Zone(FTA) was approved to be established by the government in December 2018, with a planning area of 66 Km sq.

# CITY MAP

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Suzhou is divided into 7 districts. The two most important districts are: ancient district and industrial park.

**Ancient District** was named Gusu district and most of the historical scenery spots are located in this area. This district has areas such as: the Shan Tang Street and Ping Jiang Road are free for sight-seeing.



# INDUSTRIAL PARK

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# ATTRACTIONS

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Hanshan Temple  
Gusu District, Suzhou



Huqiu  
No.8 Shanmennei, Huqiu District



Jinji Lake  
Xiandai Avenue, Wuzhong District



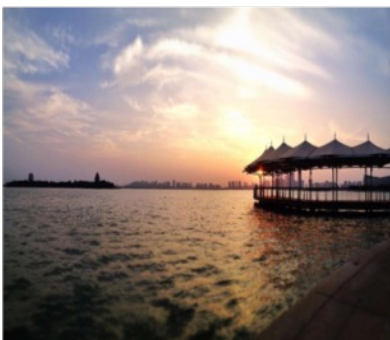
Pingjiang Road  
Gusu District, Suzhou



Shantang Street  
Xinmin Bridge, Guangji Road, Gusu  
District



Shizi Lin  
No.23 Yuanlin Road



Tai Lake  
Wuzhong District, Suzhou

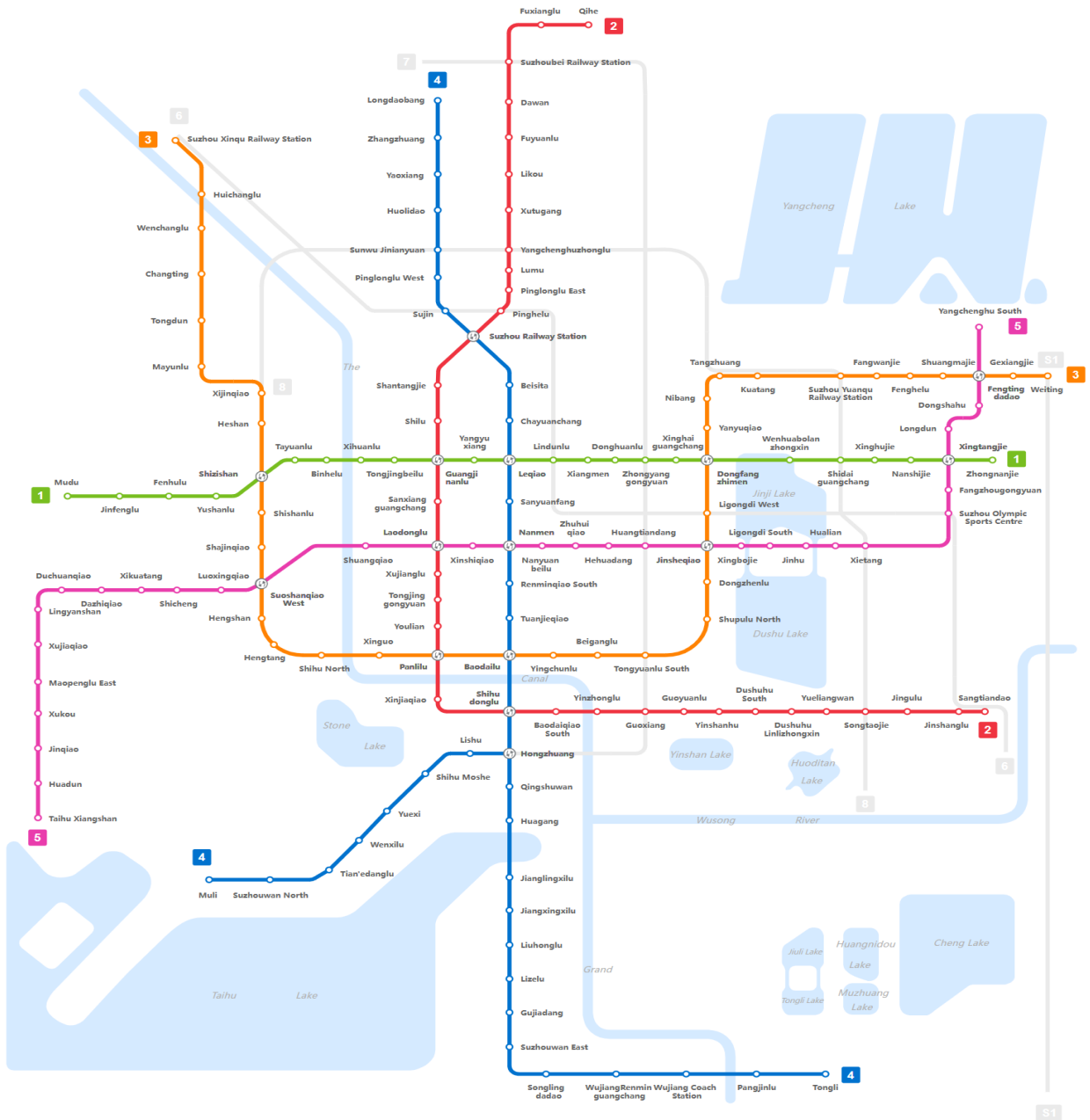


Zhouzhuang  
Kunshan District, Suzhou



Zhuozheng Garden  
No.178 Northeast Street, Gusu District

# M E T R O



- Operating hours: 6:00 to 23:00
- Price: 2- 6 RMB (bus passes can be used on the metro as well)

# B U S

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## Regular Lines

- Suzhou has 4 major long distance bus terminals; they are all located in the downtown, south, north, west part of Suzhou, except east part of Suzhou which is SIP.

## 4 major terminals

Suzhou north long distance bus station (nearer to Suzhou railway station)

- Cost: 30 RMB per 9km
- Duration: 20 min. (normal) / 40 min. (peak)

Suzhou south long distance bus station(downtown Suzhou)

- Cost: 30 RMB per 9km
- Duration: 20 min. (normal) / 45 min. (peak)

Suzhou new district long distance bus station (Suzhou west long distance bus station)

- Cost: 65 RMB per 20km
- Duration: 30 min. (normal) / 60 min. (peak)

Wuzhong district long distance bus station (south of Suzhou)

- Cost: 45 RMB per 15 km
- Duration: 30 min. (normal) / 60 min. (peak)

# TAXI

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- Taxis is a safe and easy method of travel for expats. The flag- fall price of the common taxis is 13 RMB. After the initial 3km, It will charge passenger 2.5 RMB per km.
- If a taxi runs around 23:00 – 5:00 the next day, night allowance is required, for which you need to pay extra 20% when the distance is over 3km.
- Alternatives are DiDi ,CAO CAO and T3, which often offer cheaper rides in better quality cars.

# TRANSPORT CARD

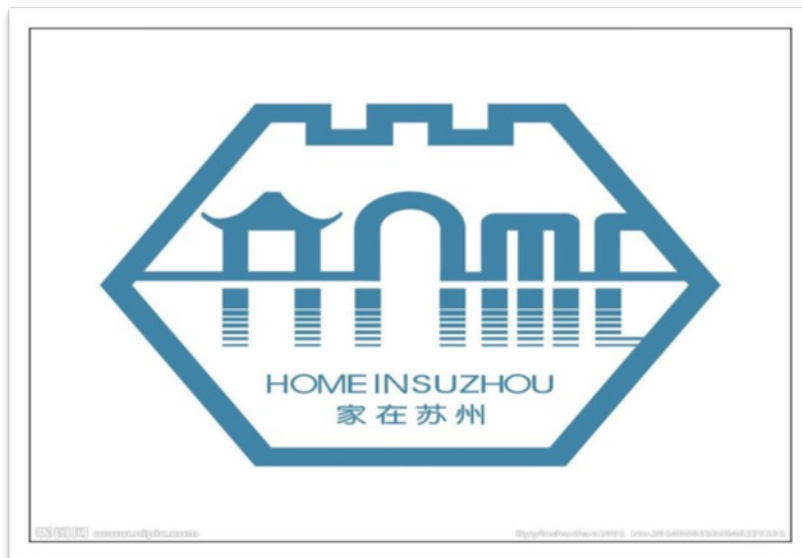
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## Transport Card

- Can be purchased at several subway and bus stations in Suzhou
- 18 RMB non-refundable deposit + travel value
- Can be charged at many subway and bus stations

## Advice

- Chinese app Baidu Maps will help you find the correct directions to any location in the city



# HOUSING

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- Apartments, townhouses and villas in both western and traditional styles can be found.
- A large variety of accommodation can be found on the property proposal webpage of Maxxelli.

# SCHOOLING

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There are a few international schools in Suzhou that provide high quality education taught in English. These include:

1. Suzhou Singapore International School
2. The Dulwich college
3. Eton House International school
4. Kunshan Canadian international school





# HEALTHCARE

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There are several medical spots in SIP which are friendly for English speaker. Most popular of these hospitals include:

1. Single health clinic
2. Gentle Health clinic

However, there are other hospitals which employ English speaking staff but these hospitals are not specially catered for foreigner,



# SHOPPING

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Local and global brands are widely available throughout the city in shopping streets and huge malls.

However, the most popular area for shopping is Suzhou Center shopping mall. In addition, other popular malls include: Time Square commercial street, Suzhou Olympic shopping mall and Aeon Mall. All of these offer a wide range of domestic and international stores and restaurants inside.

# NIGHTLIFE

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Suzhou has a lot of entertainments that everyone can get involved with for a fulfilling nightlife. Some of the popular areas for nightlife include: Ligongdi bar street. Hu Xi ( West of Lake) area which has Blue Marlin and Camels Sports Bar & Restaurant.



# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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Contact	Telephone Number
Police emergency	110
Traffic Accident	122
Medical Emergency	120
Fire Emergency	119
Tourist Complaint	87706026

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