

EXPLORING THE HISTORICAL SITES

The rise and fall of dynasties and the upheavals and changes of society have changed the course of human civilization, but many valuable historical sites have come into being along the way. Like pearls of the sea, they carry the memories of history and the inspiring thoughts of both the past and the present. By exploring historical sites, people are unveiling the stories behind them. Taking a step further, people can learn about the legendary life of heroes. Gazing at ancient architecture, and the appreciation of its beauty, will remind people of the prosperity of flourishing ages in the past. Countless historical sites in Jiangsu are there waiting to be explored. They are reflections of the mysterious, fascinating, and splendid civilization, which will definitely arouse infinite desire in people to discover more.



Xiang Yu's Former Residence

Volatile Days of Chu and Han

/ 項王故里·憶楚漢風雲

Xiang Yu's former residence and birthplace, is also known as "Wutong Lane". He was the Overlord of Western Chu and the leader during the famous historical event between Chu and Han in China. At that time, he left his Wutong Lane home and raised the righteous banner, defeating the Qin soldiers, and showing the people his unsurpassed power and prestige. Although he was defeated at the end of the war in Gaixia, his courageous and heroic spirit is still admired by later generations.



Xiang Yu's former residence, which imitates the Han style, will instantly take you back to the days of the Western Chu, with images of banners and beacons in front of your eyes. Look up at the ancient acacia said to be planted by Xiang Yu. It is still green and robust even after more than 2,000 years. Here, you can feel the long-lasting and reassuring atmosphere of life. While visiting the historical site and recalling on the past, performances such as Chu Chinese Clothing show, Chu Dancing, and performance of the ancient music of Western Chu will take you back a thousand years, and lead you to experience the simplicity and romance of Western Chu.



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•Family Feast in Xiang Yu's Mansion: In this feast, there are many dishes named after historical stories, including Xiong-batiansia, Zhongwinyuge, and Longfeng-tianpei. Each dish has abundant cultural connotation, and people are not only tasting the food, but also the culture of Western Chu.

•Wear Chu Dynasty Clothes: People can take a walk among the ancient architecture, dressed in costumes of Chu style. Whether it is for taking photos or experiencing the ancient leisure, activities such as guqin, incense burning, the pitch-pot (tonhu) game, and archery, will definitely create the charm of Western Chu.

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Ticket: 80 CNY
Opening Hours: 9:00 - 17:00

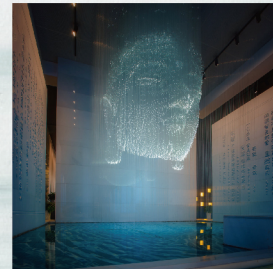


Grand Bao'en Temple Heritage and Scenic Area

Awe of the Buddha

/ 大報恩寺遺址公園·仰佛光湛湛

The Grand Bao'en Temple was one of the oldest Buddhist temples in China and was also the center of Buddhism in China during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Its splendid Porcelain Tower was declared "the No. 1 pagoda in the world" by Emperor Yongle and was also recorded as one of the seven wonders of the medieval world by Western missionaries. According to a document, the sacred glory of Buddha's relics appeared here for seven times in history.



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•The live-action performance "Grand Bao'en" with the theme of requital, with integrated sound, light, and shadows, tells three stories: Zhu Di building a pagoda to repay the favor, Xuanzang's pilgrimage for scriptures and the translation of scriptures, and Buddha's enlightenment. The performance is vivid and amazing, and can be called a visual feast.

•Spring Festival Lantern Fair: Every year during the Spring Festival, the Grand Bao'en Temple Heritage and Scenic Area will be surrounded by beautiful colors and lights. People flock here to enjoy all kinds of lanterns, ring the bell to attract blessings, copy the scriptures and the character "fortune", and to make a wish with lotus lanterns, creating a scene of traditional customs to celebrate the lunar new year.

NOTE

Address: No.1 Yuhua Road, Qinhuai District, Nanjing
Ticket: 90 CNY
Opening Hours: 9:00 - 17:00



Han Culture Scenic Area

Legacy of the Han Dynasty

/ 漢文化景區·品漢韻遺風

With "the terracotta warriors, the tombs, the sculptured stones, and the mountain, the rivers and ancient temples", called the "Three Greatest Things of the Han Dynasty", the Han Cultural Scenic Area is a three-dimensional history. The Scenic Area focuses on the essence of the Eastern and Western Han Dynasties culture. It can be said that it is the place in Jiangsu where the legacy of this period is best preserved with the most detail.



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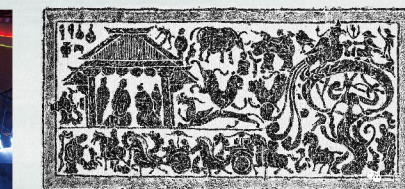
•Time-travel in Hanfu (traditional Han clothing): Wearing the Hanfu and taking a walk while listening to classical music, it is as if you're travelling back to the magnificent days of Han Dynasty.

•ICH Interaction: Experience Han stone painting, sculpture, rubbing making, seal engraving, and calligraphy inscriptions, and feel the charm of Han culture.



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Address: No.1 Bingmayong Road, Yunlong District, Xuzhou City
Ticket: 90 CNY
Opening Hours: 08:30-17:00



Chunqiu Yancheng Scenic Area

Glory of Civilization

/ 春秋淹城遺址·閱春秋華章

Chunqiu Yancheng Scenic Area is the most completely preserved site in the form of "three cities and three rivers" in the Chunqiu Period, which has a history of more than 2,700 years. Nearly 2,000 precious cultural relics have been discovered at the site, which witnessed the splendid culture of the Chunqiu Period.



Here in Yancheng, there is the ancient and spectacular bronze gate, the gardens where a hundred schools of thought sparkled and interconnected, quaint market streets, and the magnificent Chunqiu Palace complex. As if you might travel back to the Chunqiu period any second. This is a classroom of the cultural epic in all aspects for that period. You can visit the city, appreciate the ancient prose, admire the chimes, wander in the markets, experience the folk customs, and learn about the impressive culture of that time.



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•ICH craftsmanship: learn about ancient herbal medicine, topiary chime decoration, printing and dyeing with plant color paste, and more.

•Six Arts of the Chunqiu Period: Experience the six arts of an ancient gentleman (ritual, music, archery, equestrianism, calligraphy, and mathematics)

NOTE

Address: No.197, Wuyi Middle Road, Wujin District, Changzhou
Ticket: 20 CNY
Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00



CHARM OF JIANGSU'S RELICS AND MUSEUMS

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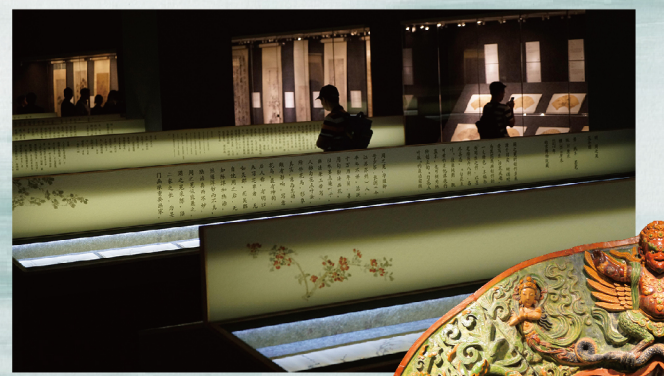
Water is the indispensable element that nourishes human civilization. It is particularly the case for Jiangsu Province, where the civilization emerged in ancient times and extends till today. Looking at the historical path of Jiangsu, there have been innumerable cultural heritages. The museums and cultural relics have connected the footsteps of the water-nourished civilization and reminded us of past glory, while, in the meantime, provide a lot of reference for research and study.

Regional legends revealed in form of cultural relics, and the relics can always be seen in museums, for appreciation of ancient people's clothing, food, housing, traveling, emotion, and art. The elegant and ancient bronzes, the rough and straightforward Han bricks, the exquisite Suzhou embroidery, and the luxurious brocade... all show the elegance of Jinling culture, the delicacy of Wu culture, the romance of Chu and Han culture, and the harmony and beauty of Huaiyang culture.

Visitors can also explore the reasons for the changes of dynasties by following the historical sites, and or museums. Vicissitudes of time have been profoundly recorded in "textbooks" vivid stories, which inspire and enlighten later generations. By appreciating the historical articles, people can feel the trace left by history and perceive the inclusive culture of Jiangsu. As time passes, people can also gain wisdom and a calm mind from the learning.

博物觀器 HISTORICAL ARTICLES IN MUSEUMS

Every museum is a piece of realistic architectural artwork and a profound history book. It collects the marks of civilization and restores the true stories of what happened in the past. The cultural relics and every historical article will call forth memories of various Dynasties. The numerous museums in Jiangsu are as dazzling as shining stars. The long history of Jiangsu is condensed into these museums, displaying the scrolls full of local customs and the colorful civilization in Jiangsu.



Nanjing Museum

Living Specimen of Chinese Civilization

/ 南京博物院·中華文明活標本

Nanjing Museum, located in front of the Purple Mountain and next to Zhongshan Gate, is a calm witness to the vicissitudes of Nanjing, the capital of six dynasties, like a reclusive sage with an encyclopedic mind. In the list of national first-class museums, Nanjing Museum, Beijing Palace Museum, and Taipei Palace Museum are collectively known as the "Three Top Museums of China."



With a layout of "one courtyard and six museums", Nanjing Museum, in an elegant and majestic style, has more than 430,000 pieces (sets), valuable collections at both national and regional level, from the Paleolithic period until the present time. The range covers imperial articles handed down by the generations, as well as archaeological discoveries, such as bronzes, jade, ceramics, lacquerware, silk embroidery, and paintings and calligraphy, as well as architectural relics. These considerable cultural relics and specimens of Jiangsu history are a witness to the historical development of Chinese civilization.



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- **Nanjing Museum Lectures:** a great variety of scholars and experts give lectures, telling the stories behind cultural relics and revealing complicated historical puzzles in an attractive manner.
- **Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Performance:** intangible heritages are incorporated in form of opera performances and interactive displays of customs, which are enthusiastically welcomed by audiences.
- **Street of the Republican Period Style:** classic cars, neon street, old-style movie theaters, tea-houses ... Nanjing Museum Underground Street of the Republican Period Style, which reproduces the prosperity of the past perfectly, has become a popular destination for Internet celebrities to visit and publicize.

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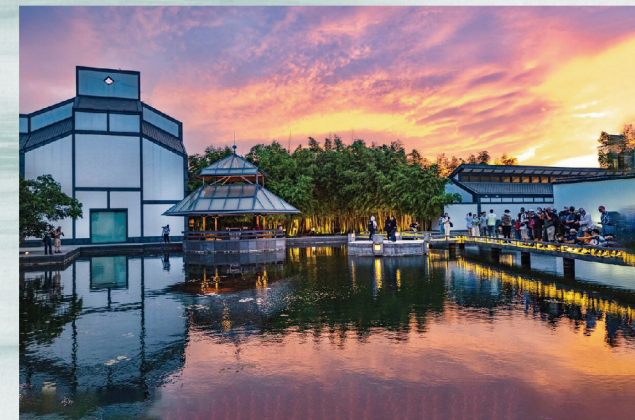
Address: No. 321, Zhongshan East Road, Xuanwu District, Nanjing
Entry: Free
Opening Hours: 9:00 - 17:00 (Last admission at 16:00)
Closed on Mondays except if it is a national holiday. Closed on Lunar New Year's Eve and Lunar New Year's Day.

Suzhou Museum

Suzhou Aesthetics

/ 蘇州博物館·蘇式美學意境

Suzhou Museum, founded in 1960, is a comprehensive museum integrating modern museum buildings, ancient buildings, and innovative landscape gardens. The new Suzhou Museum building was designed by Ieoh Ming Pei, a famous Chinese architect. Traditional elements such as white wall and black tiles, creative landscape gardens, an artful combination of natural light, and the simple style make this museum itself a rare "exhibition".



The exquisite landscaping of Suzhou Museum is just like a giant freehand ancient landscape painting. Among the cultural relics (more than 40,000 pieces) collected in the museum, there are numerous "Relics of Wu", so it is the best museum to find out about Wu Culture. During some theme events, Suzhou Museum creates a wonderful experience connecting the ancient and modern times by providing various traditional cultural shows.



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- **Elegance of Architecture:** A northern courtyard allows visitors to enjoy the waterscape of the southern lower reaches of the Yangtze River through the lobby glass. In addition, the courtyard connects with the west part of The Humble Administrator's Garden, integrating the two gardens.
- **Beauty of Night Tour:** in Suzhou Museum, visitors can experience traditional activities such as pitch-pot, and pyrography bookmarks, to appreciate the leisure and elegance of the ancients' lives.

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Address: No.204, Dongbei Street, Gusu District, Suzhou
Entry: Free
Opening Hours: 9:00 - 17:00 (Last admission at 16:00)
Closed on Mondays (except for national holidays)



Nantong Museum

The First Public Museum

/ 南通博物苑·首座公共博物館

Founded by modern industrialist Mr. Zhang Jian, Nantong Museum is the first public museum in China privately founded by Chinese people and is also a museum of distinctive style. The redesigned Nantong Museum Garden has a collection of about 50,000 items, including a Toyota-made mechanical loom purchased from Japan, which is a historical reminder of the development of Nantong's textile industry and the prosperous mechanical era.



To commemorate Zhang Jian, his former residence has been preserved and restored in the museum. In April each year, the two century-old wisteria vines in front of the residence are in full bloom, so stepping into the residence past the wisteria is like travelling through time and space, where the stories of Zhang Jian and Nantong are unfolded one by one before our eyes.

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- **Classical Gardens:** Outside the main building, many architectures have been designed, such as the waterside pavilion at the east of the vine, the Chixu Pavilion, the Bamboo Peace Pavilion, the windmill, and the water tower. Taking a walk in the garden will give you the feeling of traveling in the classical gardens of Jiangnan.
- **Historical Architecture:** The former residence of Zhang Jian is mainly built in the style of traditional Chinese residence, supplemented by western architectural decoration, which shows the beauty of combining Chinese and Western elements, giving a hint of tranquility and elegance.

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Address: No.19, Haonan Road, Chongchuan District, Nantong
Ticket: 10 CNY/person for South Pavilion + Haonan Bieye Attractions; Free for garden, new Halls and other exhibition halls
Opening hours: April - October 5:30 - 18:00
November - March 5:30 - 17:00 (garden); 9:00 - 17:00 (exhibition halls)
Closed on Mondays (except for national holidays)

水韻博物 CHARM OF JIANGSU'S RELICS AND MUSEUMS