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SEA Xiamen and Hakka Tulou tour 4 days **Mon-Thu, Dec 27-30, 2021**

Travel route: Shanghai-Xiamen-Nanjing-Xiamen-Shanghai
Transportation: flight + coach + flight



Overview

Xiamen is a coast city in the southeastern of Fujian Province, beside the Taiwan Strait. The city proclaimed Garden City and consistently ranked among the most livable places in China. The Shangri-la-like Island Gulangyu Island which is 8 minutes by ferry from Xiamen city offers amazing views of the city and features many Victorian style European buildings. Xiamen is the best gateway to Hakka Tulou which is the residence and fortress of Hakka people. Both Gulangyu Island and Hakka Tulou are UNESCO World Heritage Sites and we will explore them during this trip. In addition to these cultural and natural sites, we will also enjoy Xiamen's fresh air and its subtropical weather in December.

Tour Highlights

- Away from the stresses and enjoy Xiamen's laidback pace of life
- World Heritage Sites: Tianluokeng Tulou cluster, Yuchanglou, Gulangyu Island
- Explore the unique Hakka architecture and its culture
- Shangri-la-like Gulangyu Island and its Victorian style European buildings
- One of the most livable places in China
- Historical fishing harbor
- Fresh air and local delicacies

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Tour Details

Day 1 Dec 27 MON
Fly to Xiamen, transfer to Nanjing, 1 night in Nanjing (Lunch included)



Meeting point: Shanghai Hongqiao airport, Terminal 2

07:55 FM9535 Hongqiao airport departure*subject to final confirmation

09:55 Xiamen Gaoqi airport arrival, meet and greet

10:15-12:45 Drive to Nanjing Lotus Land Hotel, Taxiacun village 155 KM, approx. 2.5 -3 hours

13:00-14:30 Hotel check in and lunch at a local restaurant in Taxiacun village

14:30-18:00 Afternoon program: visit the Tianluokeng Tulou and the Yuchanglou. Enjoy sunset in Taxia village.

Tulou is the embodiment of Hakka Culture and it's the residence and fortress of Hakka people. This earth building complex is the distinguished one in the art of architectural world. It's the great place for architectural photography and Hakka Culture photography.

After lunch, drive approximately 20 min. to Tianluokeng Tulou which is located in Shangban Village, Shuyang Town. The Tulou, composed primarily of four round and one rectangular earthen house, is one of the most magnificent and well-preserved Hakka Tulous in the area. The village is also listed in the "Famous Historic Cultural Village" in China for its typical cultural regional system.

Visit also the Yuchanglou (Tulou) in the same area. Drive back to Taxiacun village and enjoy a panoramic view of the village cluster and terraced field. **Sunset in December: 17:20**

Drive back to hotel.

Lunch is included, dinner is not included.

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Day 2 Dec 28 TUE
Nanjing-Xiamen, 2 nights in Xiamen (Breakfast/dinner included)



Hotel breakfast

08:30 Discover the Taxiacun village and its Tulous on both sides of the river bank.

Taxiacun village: This exquisite Hakka village is located in a valley in Shuyang Town. There are more than 20 earthen building of different shapes built along the bank of a clear brook that flows through the entire village. Another major attraction is Zhang's Clan Ancestral Hall, Next to a pond, 20 stone flagpoles rise like a stone forest in front of it. As one of the most well-reserved ancient clan house in China, Zhang is Clan Ancestral Hall is listed among the key culture relics protected under national level.

11:00 Check out and drive to Xiamen, 165 km, approximately 3 hours
We will stop a couple of times at service area for bathroom visit on highway.

14:00 Xiamen Le Méridien Hotel check in

15:30-18:00 Afternoon program: Visit the Shapowei.

Drive approximately 30 min to Shapowei. Shapowei is a community under the jurisdiction of Xiagang Sub-District Administration near the old fishing harbor. Its name is literally translated as "the tailend of the sandy slope" as it is located at the end of a long stretch of beach, and sand gets washed up here from all over the place.

Shapowei used to be dotted with varied sizes of docks. Now it has become a great place to find good food and interesting little shops.

Lunch is not included, dinner is included.



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Day 3

Dec 29 WED

Gulangyu Island full day return by ferry exploration (Breakfast included)



Hotel breakfast

09:00 Hotel pick up and transfer to Xiamen pier

09:30-09:50 Take a ferry to Gulangyu Island

10:00 Visit the Gulangyu Island include the Sunlight Rock and Shuzhuang Garden
Enjoy also your own time on the island.

Gulangyu Island, known to many generations as the "Garden on the Sea". Island has about 20,000 permanent residents, all of whom enjoy a comfortable, relaxing life. Only electric-powered vehicles are permitted on Gulangyu Island, so the environment is free from the noise and pollution of combustion engines.

You can have many things to do on Gulangyu Island. Breathing the clean air, appreciating the ever-present green trees and lovely flowers, anyone here can feel like they are in heaven. With classical and romantic European-style architecture, Gulangyu Island truly deserves to be called the 'Architecture Museum'. It is also known as the 'Cradle of Musicians' and 'Island of Music' because of its reputation for music appreciation. To comply with the music atmosphere of the island, a Piano Museum was built there in 2000.

15:00-15:20 Take ferry back to Xiamen

15:20-15:50 Drive back to Le Méridien Hotel

Free time at leisure!

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Day 4 Dec 30 THU
Xiamen half day exploration, fly back to Shanghai (Breakfast included)



Hotel breakfast and check out

- 09:30-09:50 Hotel departure, drive to South Putuo Temple, 11 KM approx. 20 min
- 10:00-11:00 Visit South Putuo Temple, which is situated in the southeast of Xiamen City, adjacent to Xiamen University. As one of Buddhist famous sacred spots in the southern Fujian Province, this temple plays a very important role at home and overseas. Now, it is the site of South Fujian Buddhist Academy.
- 11:00-11:30 drive to Jimei School Village, 20 KM approx. 30 min
- 11:30-12:45 As a district of culture and education of Xiamen City, the Jimei School Village has complete educational facilities and systems, including kindergarten, primary school, middle school, and university. The Jimei University founded in 1918 by Mr. Tan Kah Kee, a famous overseas Chinese leader, comprises 20 colleges with over 60 majors.
- 12:45 Transfer to Xiamen airport, 13 KM approx. 30 min
- 15:00 MF8509 Xiamen Gaoqi airport departure
- 16:50 Shanghai Hongqiao arrival (END)

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Hotel accommodations

Hotel name: Lotus Land Hotel, Taxiacun village, 1 night

Information: Located in the Nanjing Tulou Taxia village, which enjoys the reputation of "Taiji water town, Zhouzhuang in Southern Fujian". Hotel is built in the village close to the mountain, and the mountain stream flows in front of the door. Standing in front of each guest room window, you can see the hundred year old earth building "Yude building" opposite. Hotel has comfortable accommodation, including restaurants, mountain spring swimming pool, star watching, rooftop, tea room area, book bar area, water bar area and other large public areas.



Hotel name: Le Méridien Hotel Xiamen, 2 nights

Information: Located in Xianyu Mountain, Le Méridien Xiamen features an indoor swimming pool and gym. Le Méridien Xiamen is a 15-minute drive from Huanggu Lundun Ferry, Zhongshan Road walking street and Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport. Air-conditioned rooms and suites each have a balcony. A flat-screen TV, mini-bar and tea/coffee-making facilities are provided.



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Quotation

Min. 10 guests travelling together, Dec 2021

CNY 3980 per person twin sharing room

CNY 5480 per person single room

What's included

- Tour program, assistant before and during the tour program
- Airport/hotel round transfers on Dec 27 and Dec 30
- Sightseeing tours with an English/Mandarin speaking local guide during the whole trip include all transfers
- Main Entrance fees included: Tianluokeng Tulou, Yuchanglou (Tulou), Taxiacun Village, Gulangyu Island Sunlight Rock and Shuzhuang Garden
- Xiamen-Gulangyu Island round ferry tickets
- 1 lunch on day1 and 1 dinner on day2
- 1 overnight at Lotus Land Hotel, Taxia Village with hotel breakfast
- 2 overnight at Le Méridien Hotel Xiamen with hotel breakfast
- Tips to guides, portorage's & drivers if service is satisfied

What's Not Included

- In & out flight tickets, Shanghai to Xiamen to Shanghai or similar
Dec 27 Shanghai Hongqiao-Xiamen FM9535 0755 0955
Dec 30 Xiamen-Shanghai Hongqiao MF8509 1500 1650
CNY 2600 incl. tax per person for economy class
*Passport copies are requested when booking
*Reference only, we can assist for ticket booking
- Meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expense, beverages and highlights or sightseeing, which are not indicated in the itinerary

To make a reservation, please contact Mrs Bilin

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Reservation, Deposit & balance

Reservation deadline: **Dec 13, 2021**

Deposit: **CNY 1000** is required upon booking confirmation.

Balance due: **Dec 13, 2021** Final payment

Terms & Conditions

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Cancellation policy

Free cancellation in case of Covid-19 outbreak

CNY 1000 p. person if cancelled after Dec 14 (Incl. Dec 14)

No refund can be made if cancelled within 72 hours or after tour starts.

Responsibility

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