



Jiāngsū

POP 78.9 MILLION

Includes ➔

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Sūzhōu	250
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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Běijīng Kǎoyādiàn (p246)
- ➔ Motu (p246)
- ➔ Wúmén Rénjiā (p256)
- ➔ Element Fresh (p246)

Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Nánjīng Time International Youth Hostel (p245)
- ➔ Hilton Hotel (p246)
- ➔ Garden Hotel (p255)
- ➔ Sūzhōu Mingtown Youth Hostel (p255)

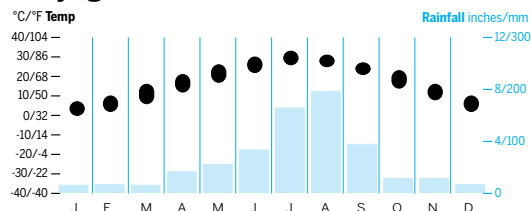
Why Go?

A zip – and an entire world – away from Shànghǎi, lush and well irrigated Jiāngsū (江苏) spills over as much charm and history as the waters that flow through its sparkling web of canals. The province, which owed its historical wealth to silk and salt production, boasts the Grand Canal as well as elaborate waterways that thread through this Yangzi River (Cháng Jiāng) region. It's known throughout China for its cute canal towns, enchanting gardens and sophisticated opera and folk arts.

Tourists descend on Sūzhōu all four seasons of the year, but kick-start your day early, go slightly off the main streets, and you'll see the old-world charm and have the place to yourself. In the lovely provincial capital and university town of Nánjīng there's a lot that remains relatively undiscovered by outsiders: Ming dynasty heritage, leafy boulevards, superb museums and some fantastic restaurants.

When to Go

Nánjīng



Mar & Apr Best time to visit the gardens when flowers bloom in early spring.

Oct Mist-shrouded vistas of gardens and canals in autumn.

Dec Snow-covered views of the pretty canal towns of Sūzhōu in winter.



Jiāngsū Highlights

1 Nánjīng (p238) Getting a grade A cultural fix at the Nánjīng Museum' climbing the City Walls and going to the scenic Míng Xiàolíng Tomb.

2 Sūzhōu (p250) Feasting your eyes on the modern Sūzhōu Museum's exhibits, exploring the charming Garden of the Master of the

Nets, walking along delightful Pingjiāng Lù and getting a highbrow culture fix with a *kūnqū* opera performance.

3 Tónglǐ (p259) Losing yourself in the water town's alleys and canals and examining the eye-opening collection of the Chinese Sex Culture Museum.

4 Lùzhī (p260) Relaxing in the charming canalside atmosphere of this water town.

5 Mùdú (p258) Wandering this historic canal town's streets and alleys.

6 Zhōuzhuāng (p261) Ticking off the ancient bridges and residences of this good-looking canalside settlement.