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Enjoy the sunshine and sea breeze at the charming Gulangyu Island, and then immerse yourself in the authentic Tulou clusters to embrace the Hakka cultures. This tour offers some unique experience at the southeastern of China.

Type

Private

Duration

5 days

Theme

Culture and Heritage, Winter getaways

Trip code

XM-01

Price

From £ 375 per person

Itinerary

Explorer the beautiful coastal city Xiamen and the tranquil island Gulangyu. Beyond that, this tour takes you to the World Heritage Site -- Fujian Tulou. Visit those most worth-seeing Tulou clusters and experience the unique Hakka culture and its authentic rural lifestyle.

Day 01 :

Arrive in Xiamen



Xiamen - a modern city in Fujian Province, southeastern China. The city is comprised of several islands and it's also known as one of the most livable cities in China.

Upon your arrival at Xiamen airport or train station, you will be greeted by your local guide and driver, they will chauffeur you to the hotel in town for you to have a good rest.

Day 02 :

One day excursion to Gulangyu Island

In the morning, transfer to the ferry for a 20-minute boat trip to Gulangyu. This tiny but charming island is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, and it has become one of the most popular travel destinations in China.

Take a peaceful walk and appreciate the buildings before visiting **Shuzhuang Garden**, a beautiful seaside garden and the famous **Piano Museum**. In the afternoon, visit **South Putuo Temple**, the most famous Buddhist temple in town, and **Hulishan Fortress**, take a scenic drive along the beautiful Island Ring Road.

Day 03 :

Xiamen - Nanjing - Yongding / Tulou Visitings

In the morning, take a 2.5-hour scenic drive to Nanjing, where you will visit Tianluokeng Tulou, Yuchanglou (leaning structure Hakka house) and Taxia village.

Tianluokeng Tulou, composed primarily of four round and one rectangular earthen house, is one of the most magnificent and well-preserved Hakka Castles in the area. The village is also listed in the Famous Historic Cultural Village in China for its typical cultural regional system. +

Yuchanglou was built in 1308 and is one of the oldest existing Tulou. This five-story earth building is most famous for its tilted pillars.

Taxia Village is an exquisite Hakka village with more than 20 earthen building of different shapes built along the bank of a clear brook that flows through the entire village.

Then travel to Yongding to visit **Chenqilou**, which is the largest of the earth buildings. It is almost three hundred years old and is made up of four concentric circular buildings.

Day 04 :

Yongding - Hongkeng - Nanxi - Chuxi - Yongdin / Tulou Visitings

Today you will visit Hongkeng Tulou Cluster, Nanxi Tulou Cluster and Chuxi Tulou Cluster.

Hongkeng Tulou Cluster is the most concentrated of all earthen house clusters. Some of the house designs are unique, including the **Zhanchenglou** (a magnificent building combining the Chinese style with the western style), **Fuyulu** (Five-Phoenix House), **Kuijulou** (a palace style building) and **Rushenglou** (a mini-sized circular building).

Nanxi flows through various Hakka villages and pass through the valley, surrounded by green mountains and terraces. Along the creek, there are over 100 tulou of different shapes: round, square, octagon, hexagon, triangle, D-shape, ellipse, and even round and square combinations. The tulou are scattered along valleys and banks, like a dragon snaking for tens of kilometers.

The **Chuxi Tulou Cluster** includes five large circular buildings and ten rectangular buildings. **Jiqinglou** is the oldest and most special round earth buildings in this area. It is almost 600 years old and covers a total area of 2826 m2 with 206 rooms. Unlike normal round earth building that usually got only four public stairways, Jiqinglou is equipped with 72 stairways, which divide the whole building into 72 independent units. All rooms, stairways and interior walls are constructed with wood and rabbit structure. Not even a single nail is used for the construction and the earth building remains intact after 600 years.

Day 05 :

Yongding - Nanjing - Xiamen / Fly out

In the morning, drive about 1.5 hours to visit **Yunshuiyao**. Here you will see **Heguilou**, the highest of all the earth buildings and most interesting of all, it was constructed on a swampland and has been impregnable for more than 200 years.

Then pay a visit to **Changjiao Ancient Village**. This beautiful ancient village is named after the Changjiao Brook that connects Heguilou and Huaiyuanlou. Along the banks of the brook are ancient banyan trees, ancient building and patches of farm land. A walk through the village will bring you back in time to Chinese traditional rural life. This village has been a popular place for film making.

The last stop is **Huaiyuanlou** which was constructed in 1907. The foundation of the wall was rammed from large cobblestones from the river and a mixture of lime, clay and sand. The surface of wall remains clean and smooth in spite of the pass of time. The ancestral hall of the building also serves as a private school. The beams, ridgepoles, doors, and windows in the entire ancestral hall are decorated with beautiful carvings and painting in the ancient style.

Afterwards, you will be dropped off at Xiamen airport for your departure flight home, or to your next travel city.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

The tour price is based on 3 star standard hotels. At your request we can provide pricing for different levels of service such as budget hostel, luxury 4 star standard hotels or deluxe 5 star standard hotels.

The tour price listed is not valid during the Chinese public holidays such as: May 1st to 6th, Oct.1st to 7th, Chinese New Year (Spring Festival). Please confirm dates with one of our Travel Advisors.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Domestic travel accident insurance.

If you have any questions please inquire with one of our Travel Advisors.

Meals allowance for your guide and driver.

Please contact one of our Tour Advisors to get a custom quotation made to your requirements.

Hotel accommodation is based on double occupancy (two persons sharing 1 standard twin room with private bathroom)

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

All domestic flight and train tickets. Economy-class for flights and soft sleeper / seat for train tickets.

Comfortable and clean private minivan with driver (please note that on days designated with walking tours, no private vehicle will be arranged by default.)

Hotel pick-up and drop-off.

All bullet train tickets (Soft Seat)

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Meals that are not specified in the tour itinerary.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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