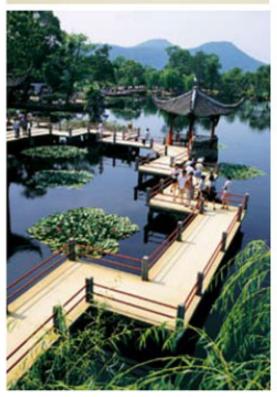
杭州

杭州,浙江省省会,一个闻名中外的旅游城市。它位于中国的东南沿海,钱塘江下游北岸,距离上海仅151公里。杭州拥有2,200多年的悠久历史,是中国的七大古都之一,曾是吴越国和南宋王朝的建都之地。

杭州主要名胜包括西湖、灵隐 寺、飞来峰、六和塔、保俶塔和岳庙 等。杭州的丝绸和茶叶也十分出名。

俗话说"上有天堂,下有苏杭", 天堂般的美景每年都吸引着成千上万 的国内外游客来到西子湖畔,享受那 平静的湖水、幽美的园林、古老的寺 庙、雅致的茶馆……









An Introduction of Hangzhou

Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang Province, is a well-known tourist city at home and abroad.

Located on the southeastern coast of China, northern bank of the lower reaches of Qiantang River, it is 151 kilometers from Shanghai. With a history of over 2,200 years, Hangzhou is one of the seven Chinese ancient capitals. It was once the capital of the Kingdom of Wuyue during the Five Dynasties and the Southern Song Dynasty.

Endowed with unique natural environment and a culture of thousands of years, Hangzhou has lots of scenic spots. There are two national scenic areas in Hangzhou: the West Lake Scenic Area and the Fuchun River-Xin'an River-Qiandao Lake Scenic Area. Hangzhou is also the southern end of the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal, the longest canal in the world. In addition there are 14 national cultural relies and 3 national museums in Hangzhou. In the 13th century, an Italian traveler Marco Polo admired Hangzhou as "the most beautiful and splendid city in the world".

The major tourist attractions include the West Lake, Lingyin Temple, Feilai Peak, Liuhe Pagoda, Baochu Pagoda, and Yue Fei Temple, etc. Hangzhou is also famous for its silk and tea.

As a popular saying goes: "Above in the sky there is heaven, while down on earth there are Hangzhou and Suzhou." Each year, Hangzhou's heavenly beauty attracts tens of thousands of tourists to the exquisite West Lake to enjoy the placid lake, beautiful gardens, antique temples and elegant teahouses...

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