

Accompanying Person's Program

Oct. 25, 08:30-12:00

08:30 Gathering at the Lobby of *Okura Garden Hotel Shanghai.*

The Jade Buddha Temple - Yu Garden - The old city (Chenghuang Temple)

[Yu Garden]

This delightfully restored labyrinth of tiny specialty shops, tea and snack houses centered on a Ming -dynasty mandarin Suzhou-style garden is a fascinating spot to people-watch over a pot of tea, to shop for unique souvenirs and to get a feel for Old Shanghai. It is well worth a meander through the Yu Garden, which has many scenic courtyards decorated with baroque rockery, pools and flora, all connected by corridors and passageways.



[Chenghuang Temple]



Chenghuang Temple was returned in 1997. Now just the temple and the palace are under religious administration. (Note: The rest of the buildings are stores.) Most of the buildings in the Chenghuang Temple were built before 1911 in the ancient Chinese architectural style. The Chenghuang Temple was known as the Kingdom of Snacks. It has become a must for domestic and foreign visitors to Shanghai.

[Jade Buddha Temple]

It is the most famous and one of the most active Buddhist temples in Shanghai. Built in 1911, this saffron walled complex is the seat of the Shanghai Buddhist Association. Named for its two bejeweled white jade Buddha, one is 1000kg, 1.9 meter-high figure carved from Burmese jade brought to China in 1882, and a smaller reclining Buddha, the temple receives thousands of visitors and worshipers daily. Although Chinese New Year and the Buddha's birthday are the most popular time to visit the temple for the faithful, it is possible to witness ceremonies at other times.



Note:

1. The local tour fees will be afforded by AQSIO.
2. Buses for tours will depart from the gate of *Okura Garden Hotel Shanghai.*