

Adoptee Heritage Tour: Seeking Roots



Embark on a life-changing journey of self-discovery and connection with the Seeking Roots program. Embrace your heritage, explore your roots, and uncover the possibilities that await you in China. Our program is tailored for adult adoptees, perhaps 20-30 years of age, who may wish to explore their heritage and roots in a deeper way. Spending time in one's province and hometown area may provide some links to birth family members and will definitely deepen the understanding and knowledge of your birth country. If you are seeking a transformative journey of self-discovery and connection, the Seeking Roots itinerary is designed for you. Join in on this meaningful journey of seeking and finding.

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Code: **LY-SR25**

Trip Duration: **13 days/11 nights**

Hangzhou, Nanxun, Shanghai

Departure Dates: March 15th 2025, July 19th 2025



DAY 1 : SATURDAY US/BEIJING

meals: **N/A**

Leave your home city for China today. Based on the province and specific orphanage or hometown destination city for you, we will arrange routing. We will design best choice China gateway cities such as: Beijing, Shanghai, or Hong Kong.

DAY 2 : SUNDAY CHINA

meals: **N/A**

Upon arrival at your designated Chinese gateway city, you will have a private guide and driver for your transfer to the hotel. There you are able to rest and relax from the international flight, as you adjust to the change in time zone, sights and sounds. This day is extremely customized to each person or group.

DAY 3 : MONDAY GATEWAY CITY ORPHANAGE CITY

meals: **B**

Today you will be transferred to the airport or train station for travel to the designated hometown area /orphanage city. Meet your local English-speaking tour guide and private van driver at the airport or train station exit. Then you will be transferred to the hotel and discuss the next day's detailed overview and plans. Your area guide will review additional details with you about this important segment of exploring your roots among this area and earliest community of care.

DAY 4 : TUESDAY ORPHANAGE CITY

meals: **B/L**

With help of your local English-speaking tour guide and private van driver, you will begin the searching efforts you have planned. Oftentimes this may include visiting local police station, hospital, orphanage, finding site, posting search flyers, and/or doing DNA test to keep in China for later matching. Click [Searching while in China](#) to read ideas to consider for this opportune time.



DAY 5 : WEDNESDAY ORPHANAGE CITY

meals: **B/L**

With help of your local English-speaking tour guide and private van driver, you will continue on according to what leads you explored the previous day or other plans you have made for this in-person time. Feel free to visit our informational support website at: <https://www.chinafamilysearch.org/> as you consider a variety of aspects and tools for birth family search and root seeking opportunities.



DAY 6 : THURSDAY ORPHANAGE CITY/HANGZHOU

meals: **B**

From the hometown province you will be transferred to the airport or train station for an amazing excursion to Hangzhou. Arrive and you will be escorted to your hotel by your English -speaking tour guide and private driver from the airport or train station exit. Spent an incredible day exploring the enchanting city of Hangzhou, China

From the tranquil waters of the West Lake to the ancient pathways of the Lingyin Temple, every corner turned revealed a new story of this city's rich heritage and breathtaking beauty. Hangzhou, you have captured our hearts!



Tonight you will get to meet with volunteer workers from the “BaoBeiHuiJia” Searching Parents Organization, and if you choose, to take the most commonly used DNA testing in China. This DNA database is most commonly used by Chinese families who are searching for relatives. This can support the effort to search for birth siblings, parents, or other relatives.

Who else has been mesmerized by the vibrant culture and serene landscapes of Hangzhou?

DAY 7 : FRIDAY HANGZHOU

meals: **B/L**

Meet your local English-speaking tour guide in the hotel lobby for a full day tour with Chinese lunch included in Hangzhou. Spend an incredible day exploring the enchanting city of Hangzhou, China. From the tranquil waters of the West Lake to the ancient pathways of the Lingyin Temple, every corner turned reveals a new story of this city's rich heritage and breathtaking beauty. You will also have a chance to visit a tea farm!



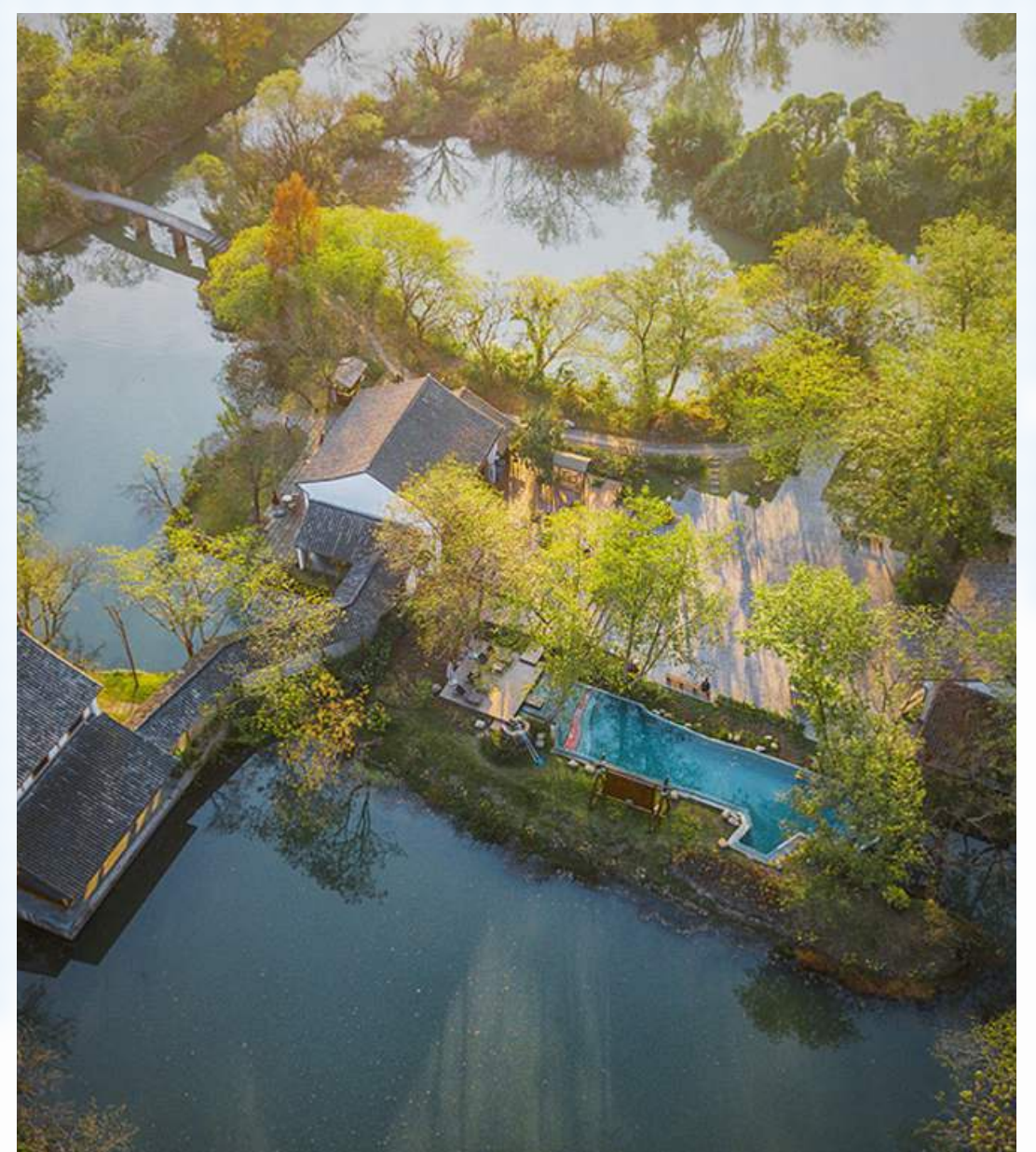
You get to be surrounded by peaceful, lush greenery, as you see and learn about the art of tea making - from plucking the freshest leaves to understanding the delicate process of tea production. It's amazing! This day includes the West Lake cruise, visit the Lingyin Temple, and Tea farm. Hangzhou has a way of capturing hearts!

DAY 8 : SATURDAY HANGZHOU

meals: **B/L**

Enjoy another full day tour with your lunch included.

First Stop: Xixi Wetland - Experience tranquility and natural beauty in the lush landscapes of Xixi Wetland. This serene getaway is the perfect introduction to the calming essence of traditional Chinese wellness practices. Next Up: Hefang Street - Step back in time as you wander through Hefang Street, an ancient thoroughfare bustling with culture, traditional crafts, and architectural wonders.



This historical gem offers a glimpse into the past, where every brick seems to tell a story. Next Spot: Huqing Yutang Museum - Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of traditional Chinese medicine at the Huqing Yutang Museum. Once a renowned pharmacy, now a treasure trove of herbal remedies and centuries-old wisdom, this museum embodies the essence of holistic healing practices passed down through generations.

DAY 9 : SUNDAY HANGZHOU/NANXUN

meals: **B/L**

After your breakfast in the hotel, you will travel to Nanxun by private vehicle for the 90 minute trip. Delve into the enchanting world of Nanxun Ancient Town. In the Ming and Qing dynasties, it was famous to produce high-quality raw silk, becoming a typical origin for Jiangnan silk. Steeped in history, Nanxun offers a unique blend of traditional Chinese culture and exquisite European architecture, making it a captivating escape from the bustling city life.



There are: Tranquil waterways reminiscent of Venice, inviting you to explore by boat. Majestic historic homes and gardens, where every corner tells a story. The harmony of East meets West in architecture and ambiance. It is more than a destination; it is a step back in time, offering a peaceful yet profound glimpse into the past that stays with you. This lovely city is known as "the hometown of poetry and books" and "the state of culture"

DAY 10 : MONDAY NANXUN/HANGZHOU/SHANGHAI

meals: **B/L**

After touring more of this lovely city is known as "the hometown of poetry and books" and "the state of culture" touring around the Nanxun ancient town with Chinese lunch included. After lunch you will be transferred to the Hangzhou Train Station for the trip to Shanghai by bullet train.

Arrive at the Shanghai HongQiao Train Station. Meet your local English-speaking tour guide at the **MEETING POINT: "IT'S DICOS" Store which is next to the EXIT 2 (南)**. You will be transferred to the your hotel to relax.



Hangzhou Train Station for the trip to Shanghai by bullet train.

Hangzhou/Shanghai

Bullet Train G7336(4:58P/5:51P)

(Your tour guide has train fare)

DAY 11 : TUESDAY SHANGHAI

meals: **B/L**

Enjoy a full day exploration with Chinese lunch included in Shanghai. Begin with your visit of the Yu Garden. Step into a serene paradise of YuYu Garden amidst the bustling city. The intricate designs and peaceful landscapes will take your breath away. It's a true gem! Next enjoy the stop at City God Temple, which has a rich history and bustling marketplace, around it offers a unique blend of the divine and the earthly.



Xintiandi Shopping Mall - Shopaholics, beware! From high-end boutiques to charming local brands, Xintiandi has it all. A chic and modern space where tradition meets trendy. You also explore wonderful Tianzifang with quaint cafes to artisanal shops, it's a creative enclave that captivates the senses. It is a famous area integrating art, culture and commerce, composed of the former French concession area, Shikumen Linong Area and Linong area. You will see the growth from the modern Jiangnan rural area to the Huayang mixed residential community and Linong community.

DAY 12 : WEDNESDAY SHANGHAI

meals: **B/L**

You will have another full day tour with Chinese lunch included in Shanghai as you uncover the heart and soul of this mesmerizing city! From strolling along the iconic Bund, absorbing the futuristic skyline, to wandering the charming alleys of Shanghai's Old Town, every moment promises a blend of tradition and modernity. Rise above the clouds in Jinmao Tower for breathtaking views, and don't miss the rich tapestry of history awaiting at the Shanghai Museum. This evening is free as you rest and plan your next phase of returning home or a planned extension for your journey!





DAY 13 : THURSDAY SHANGHAI/US

meals: **B**

Today you will be transferred to the Shanghai Pudong Int’l Airport for your return flights. Arrive home on the same day. Or you can extend your trip to the other cities in China if you let us know your destination cities after Shanghai.

REMARKS:

B = Breakfast

CA = Air China

L = Chinese Lunch

CZ = China Southern Airline

D = Chinese Dinner

MU = China Eastern Airlines

TOUR PRICES:

USD1,385.00/per person

ACCOMMODATION:

CITY	HOTEL
Hangzhou	ZhongWei Sunny Hotel, Hangzhou
Nanxun	Maison New Century, Nanxun
Shanghai	Holiday Inn Express Hongqiao Linkong, Shanghai

HOTEL INFORMATION:

HOTEL	Indoor Pool	Outdoor Pool	Gym	Safe Box	Refrigerator	Hair Dryer	Kitchen
ZhongWei Sunny Hotel, Hangzhou		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Maison New Century, Nanxun					✓	✓	
Holiday Inn Express Hongqiao Linkong, Shanghai					✓	✓	



HERITAGE TOUR LAND COST INCLUDING FOLLOWING:

- Private transfer of Hangzhou/Nanxun/Hangzhou;
- Bullet train fare of Hangzhou/Shanghai;
- Airport/hotel/airport (or train station) transfer as listed in itinerary;
- All listed sightseeing and tour programs with private English-speaking tour guide and private van or bus with driver.
- Hotels and meals as stipulated in itinerary.

PRICE QUOTES EXCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Services on Day 2 – Day 5 since we don't know which orphanage city you will visit on this trip but can be arranged with extra cost.
- Orphanage city/Hangzhou transportation;
- International airfare of US/China Gateway city, Shanghai/US;
- Unlisted meals.
- Tipping to tour guide and driver.
- Chinese visa.
- Expenses of a personal nature.

NOTES:

- For different scheduled tour, please contact us for a price quote
- A child has to be less than 12 years old to receive a discount.
- Twin beds in China hotels, about 40 – 50 inches wide, are closer in width to the 54" double size beds in the U.S., and much wider than the 39 inches wide twin beds found in U.S. homes.
- If your itinerary states "free time" or "free day", no activities would be planned for you and your English-speaking tour guide and driver would not be present.
- Lotus Travel highly recommends clients to purchase travel insurance. The Travel Plus Plan offered by the Travelex Insurance Company has excellent travel benefits and children 15 and under are free of charge when traveling with an adult.
- You need to apply for your Chinese visa 3 months before the trip. Please visit our website at <https://lotustours.net/visa-service/> for detailed visa information and contact our visa agent – Vicky at vickyzwjin@aliyun.com for any visa questions
- Balance is due 60 days before departure.

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