

# BCI VIP China Tour

**Post BCI 2013 International Bonsai Convention  
in Yangzhou.**

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**P**lease join us for the 50th anniversary BCI VIP Tour of China, to coincide with the BCI Convention 2013 in Yangzhou. Spend 8 days touring famous places and bonsai exhibitions with fellow bonsai hobbyists.

*inset; Lingyin Temple,  
Hangzhou*

- **Experience the magic world of Yellow Mountain over several days as well as historical places in Nanjing and Suzhou.**
- **Visit the ancient village where “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” was filmed and cruise around famous West Lake in Hangzhou.**
- **Experience an enthralling stage performance “Impression of West Lake” that will leave you spell-bound!**
- **Visit the 1,400 year old Hanshan Temple and cruise the Huangpu River in Shanghai at night.**

***This is a tour not to be missed. See the cost at the end of this article.***



## Itinerary



Xuanwu Lake

**Day 1. Yangzhou/Nanjing**  
Depart BCI Convention, Yangzhou. Travel by bus to Nanjing and visit 2013 Bonsai Exhibition and Xuanwu Lake. Dingye New Century Hotel or Jinling Hotel Nanjing or similar.



Tangyue Archway, Bao Garden

**Day 2. Yellow Mountain**  
Bus to Yellow Mountain and Tungxi. Visit Bao Garden Bonsai Exhibition. Junrui Lily Hotel or similar.



Yellow Mountain

**Day 3. Yellow Mountain**  
Take the cable car to Yellow Mountain and experience the sea of clouds and peaks. Visit Shixin Peak, Penholder Peak and Camel Peak. Beihai Hotel or Shilin Hotel or similar



Sea of Clouds, Yellow Mountain

**Day 4. Yellow Mountain**  
Today visit Xihai Scenic Area in the morning, including the Strange Pines, Absurd Stones and Sea of Clouds. After lunch hike along the thrilling path around the mountain to the Dream Viewing Platform and see the Peak of Victory, Xihai Grand Canyon and Dream Strip of Sky. Beihai Hotel or Shili Hotel or similar



Hongcun

**Day 5. Yellow Mountain/Hongcun/Hangzhou**  
Before breakfast experience Yellow Mountain sunrise at North Sea Dawn Pavilion. Return to hotel for breakfast then drive to the ancient village of Hongcun where the movie "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" was filmed. Each household in the village is connected by waterways and the entire village is surrounded by fantastic scenery. In the afternoon, travel by bus to Hangzhou. After dinner, attend "Impression West Lake", a spectacular stage performance that will overwhelm you! Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Hotel or Culture Plaza Hotel or similar.



West Lake

**Day 6. Hangzhou / Suzhou**  
In the morning take a guided boat tour of West Lake taking in the famous attractions around the lake. Later, visit famous, historical Lingyin Temple and River Lane Street, a pedestrian precinct of shops with a Qing Dynasty theme. In the evening, drive to Suzhou and visit Nets Garden Night Tour. Nets Garden is one of four famous gardens in Suzhou and is a World Cultural Heritage Site with historical relics under State protection. Suyuan Hotel or Naulin Hotel Suzhou or similar

Nets Garden



River Lane Street

Impression West Lake theatrical performance





Hanshan Temple



Shanghai Bund by night

**Day 7. Suzhou / Shanghai**

Visit Huqui Bonsai Exhibition in the morning then visit the 1,400 year old Hanshan Temple and Suzhou Museum and a silk factory. In the afternoon drive to Shanghai and take in the Bund with a night Boat Tour. Regal Jinfeng Hotel or Golden Riverview Hotel or similar

**Day 8. Shanghai / Flight home**

Check out of hotel and take flights home.

Please note that you need to be a current individual member of BCI to participate in this VIP Tour of China. If you are not currently a member you will first need to sign up by going to [www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com), scroll to the bottom of the Home Page, click on "Join BCI" and complete the application form.

This VIP Tour is limited to 50 people so you will need to confirm your participation by paying the full tour price when we give you the payment instructions.

To register, please fill out the online Reservation Form at [www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com), email [glen@bonsainursery.com.au](mailto:glen@bonsainursery.com.au), or fax the form below to +61 7 3206 4537 and we will send you payment instructions.

**RESERVATION FORM**

Surname, exactly as written in Passport:

Given Name(s) exactly as written in Passport:

Nationality:

Passport / ID No.:

Passport Issue Date: y/m/d

Passport Expiry Date: y/m/d

Sex:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: y/m/d

Email Address:

Contact Number / Mobile Number:

- I require Twin Share, sharing with:
- I require a single room

**Tour Cost**

**US\$1,480 before 23 Nov 2012**

**US\$1,500 after 23 Nov 2012 and before 13 Feb 2013**

**Single room supplement, add US\$680**

**Cost includes:**

1. Meals, accommodation, ticket and transportation fees listed in the Itinerary.
2. Tourism Reliability Insurance of RMB400,000 per person and Medical Health Insurance of RMB50,000 per person
3. Tips to Drivers, Tour Guides and Tour Escorts.

**Cost excludes:**

1. International fares for passengers from home to China and return.
2. Personal spending.
3. Visa fees.

**Remarks:**

1. All breakfasts are based on the hotel Chinese + Western style buffet.
2. The above quotation and room arrangement are based on double rooms. For single rooms, an extra US\$680 is required.



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