

Half day tour in Shanghai

(Afternoon of May 27, 2005)

- **PROGRAME**

You will visit typical Chinese private Garden-Yu Garden, Shanghai Museum, and the Bund. (Dinner is included)

- **TOUR COST**

\$ 36/person

- **INTRODUCTION TO SHANGHAI CITY**



Shanghai lies on the west bank of the Huangpu Jiang River, which flows into the Changjiang (Yangtze) River 28 kms farther upstream. The northern part of Shanghai is separated from the rest of the city by the Wusong Jiang River.

Shanghai is a special city in every respect. Even 50 years ago, it was considered as one of the most important metropolises of the world, as the trading and banking center of Asia.

Foreigners add variety to Shanghai's appearance, making it more western than Chinese. Twenty-story-high buildings reach skyward; there are vast hotel complexes, villas and palaces that a visitor from the West can more easily identify, for they were built according to Western architectural style by former business and military men.



Yu Garden is located in the southern of the Bund, the old Chinese city was a walled fishing town when the British arrived in 1843. Modern Shanghai grew up around it. It used to be a maze of tiny alleys, but the streets have been widened in recent years and are crowded with tourists. The Yu Garden is a classical Chinese garden with over 30 pavilions linked by a maze of corridors and bridges over ponds.



Shanghai Museum

As well-known as the Museum of Ancient Chinese Art, the Shanghai Museum was established in 1952 and relocated twice before finding a permanent home at its present location, south of the centrally located People's Plaza, in 1996. More than 120,000 precious and rare works of art in 21 categories make the Shanghai Museum the most remarkable cultural institution in the city.

The symbol of old and new Shanghai, **the Bund** (officially known as Zhongshan Lu) is Shanghai's most famous landmark. The Bund is from an Anglo Indian term meaning the muddy embankment on the waterfront, and it is the Huangpu River which helps create the uniquely colonial feel here and provides a feeling of space and openness which is lacking elsewhere in the city.

