Suzhou Tourism Shares Its Most Instagrammable Locations

Travelers can #TravelSuzhou virtually or plan a trip to capture their own unbelievable shots

NEW YORK (PRWEB) November 28, 2018 -- As social media becomes an increasingly important means of sharing travel experiences with the world, intrepid explorers are heading to Suzhou to snap brag-worthy Instagram shots. Suzhou’s picturesque canals, romantic stone bridges, lush classical gardens, and traditional Chinese architecture allow shutterbugs to take a step into the city’s 2,500 year old past, no filter necessary. Here are some of the top spots for the ultimate photo opps, as showcased via #TravelSuzhou on social media:

Flying Rainbow Bridge at Humble Administrator’s Garden
The Humble Administrator’s Garden is the largest of Suzhou’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated classical gardens. Originally a private garden of a former government official, the garden was built in 1509 during the Ming Dynasty and is dotted with steep hills, green grass, dense bamboo, pine forests, and winding streams. Construction of the garden lasted for more than ten years. For a one-of-a-kind selfie, head to the Flying Rainbow Bridge and strike a pose. It’s the only pedestrian-friendly bridge in the garden.

Tongli Water Town
Just outside of the city, Suzhou’s quaint water towns showcase a spellbinding array of waterways. To capture an authentic experience in the countryside, visitors head to Tongli water town to snap locals enjoying lazy strolls, sipping herbal tea at waterside teahouses, and gondola captains guiding tourists along the narrow canals. Tongli water town boasts fifteen brooks and a staggering forty-seven bridges, the most celebrated being Taiping (peace), Jili (luck), and Changing (celebration).

Gate to the East
The Gate to the East, also known as the Gate to the Orient, is Suzhou’s tallest building at 990 feet and also one of its most photographed. Completed in 2016, the building cost $US 700 million to construct and is intended to emphasize the city’s continuing significance in modern China. It is symbolically located between Suzhou’s historic Old City and the ultra-modern SIP District on Jinji Lake, where many of the city’s upscale entertainment venues, luxury hotels, and fashionable restaurants are located. It resembles a pair of pants from afar and is stunning when lit up at night.

22-pound Crawfish Platter at Just This Shrimp
Su cuisine is notable for its sweet and delicate flavors, abundance of fish and river-dwelling crustaceans, and focus on seasonality. There are plenty of spots around Suzhou to feast on unique dishes rarely, if ever, available outside of the region – from hairy crab to river shrimp, local fish, water shield soup, and chicken feet. However, one of the city’s most Instagram-worthy dishes is a 22-pound crawfish platter served at Just This Shrimp. Splashed with local beer and seasoned with flavors such as garlic, garlic herb with sesame, and spicy chili, this crawfish platter is a dish unlike any other in the world. Check out what the team from the popular food website Foodbeast had to say about their recent visit.

To see more enchanting images of Suzhou, visit Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, and search the hashtag #TravelSuzhou.

About Suzhou
Suzhou, the "Venice of China," is known for its elegant stone bridges, canals, flowing water, and noteworthy
architecture. Located in the center of the Yangtze River Delta, approximately 60 miles west of Shanghai, Suzhou is one of the oldest cities in the Yangtze Basin dating back more than 2,500 years. The city boasts the beautifully manicured Classical Gardens of Suzhou, nine of which have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Each year, millions of tourists travel to Suzhou to experience the destination’s more than 400 attractions, ranging from pagodas and temples to historical districts and world-class museums. As the largest industrial city in China, Suzhou continues to develop, such as the Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP), which boasts five-star hotels, the iconic Lake Jinji, and China’s largest overwater Ferris wheel.

Travel to Suzhou is easily accessible via three convenient area airports with non-stop flights from North America: Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport (SHA) offers bullet train service to Suzhou, which is approximately a 50-mile, 30-minute trip; Pudong International Airport (PVG) is approximately 65 miles from Suzhou, an hour and half drive; and Sunan Shuofang International Airport (WUX) is approximately 14 miles from Suzhou, a 30-minute drive. For more information on Suzhou visit www.TravelToSuzhou.com.
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