



**China Study Tour: Innovation Meets Civilisation —  
Where the Past Inspires Tomorrow**

11-18 December, 2025, Shanghai/Hangzhou

# Unforgettable Experiences



Step into the Future with China's Smartest Tech



Work with Local Students



A True Taste of Chinese Culture

A large, modern university building with a red facade and a green hill in the background. The building has multiple stories and a prominent entrance. The foreground is a green lawn with some trees and a paved area. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Itinerary

# Suggested Flights

## Outbound

Date	Itinerary
Thursday, 11 December	11:15 AM - 5:20 AM(+1) HU 754, Manchester Terminal 2 - Beijing Capital Intl Terminal 2
Friday, 12 December	8:00 AM - 10:20 AM HU 7683, Beijing Capital Intl Terminal 2 - Shanghai Hongqiao Intl Terminal 2

## Return

Date	Itinerary
Thursday, 18 December	9:10 PM - 11:30 PM HU 7678, Hangzhou Terminal 3 - Beijing Capital Intl Terminal 2
Friday, 19 December	2:40 AM(+1) - 5:50 AM(+1) HU 753, Beijing Capital Intl Terminal 2 - Manchester Terminal 2

# Overview

Day	Itinerary	Accommodation
1 (12 Dec)	- Shanghai arrival - Tea/Dinner at Hotel	Dinner/Hotel
2 (13 Dec)	- WER Competition - Shanghai River Cruise	3 meals/Hotel
3 (14 Dec)	- EnjoyAI Competition	3 meals/Hotel
4 (15 Dec)	- WhalesBot HQ - Drone Project with Local Students	No meal/Hotel
5 (16 Dec)	- Disneyland	3 meals/Hotel
6 (17 Dec)	- High Speed Rail to Hangzhou(First Class) - West Lake - Lighting Show	3 meals/Hotel
7 (18 Dec)	- Alibaba HQ - Shenhao Robotics Laboratory - Robot Town - Hangzhou Airport Departure	3 meals/No hote

# Day 1

## Morning: Shanghai Arrival



### **Arrival in Shanghai (HU754 - HU7603, 10:30am, Shanghai Hongqiao Airport (SHA) T2)**

- After touching down at Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, you'll be greeted in the arrivals hall by our friendly local guide, holding a clearly marked "WER UK Team" sign. Once everyone has collected their luggage, we'll set off together for the first experience of our Shanghai adventure.

# Afternoon: Competition Prep



After lunch, we'll transfer to our hotel by private coach. Once checked in, everyone will have time to unpack, freshen up, and rest.

Later in the day, we'll gather for a short group meeting to go over the **WER and EnjoyAI Competition schedules** and practical reminders. Then it's an early night, ready to start the trip refreshed and full of energy.

## Special Treat: Tea Ceremony and Dinner

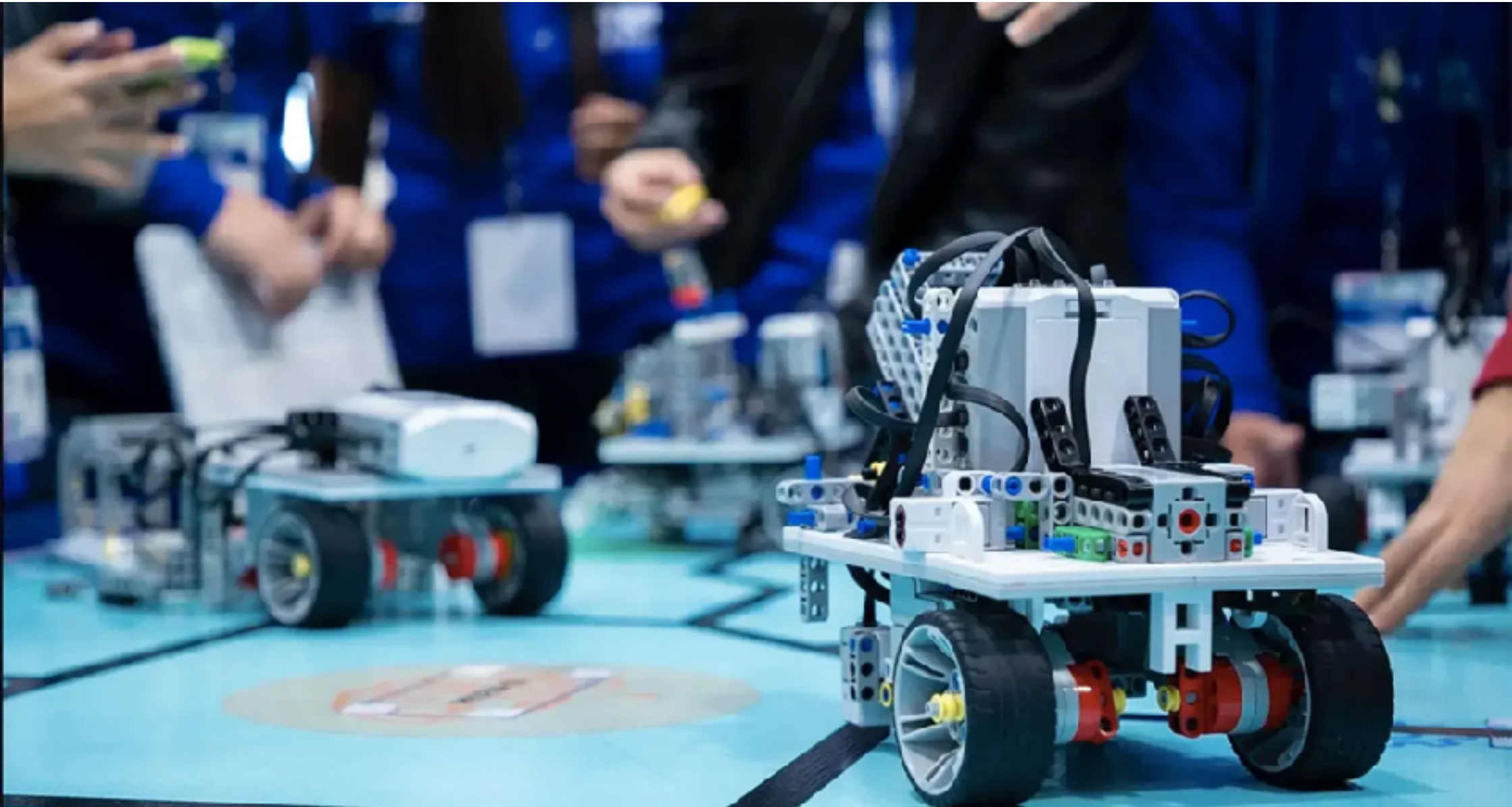


We'll enjoy a combined **tea ceremony and dinner experience at our hotel in Shanghai.**

- **Tea Ceremony:** A tea master will welcome us and introduce the fascinating history of Chinese tea. We'll watch the graceful Kungfu tea ceremony, learn the proper etiquette, and smell and taste several premium teas – from light green teas to rich, aged pu-erh. We will have the chance to brew and pour their own tea, practising the techniques we've just learnt.
- **Dinner Experience:** While sipping tea, we'll enjoy a selection of beautifully presented Shanghai dishes.
- **Cultural Tips:** Our guide will explain Chinese tea drinking and dining traditions.

This relaxed dinner-and-tea experience is the perfect way to shake off the journey, settle into the rhythm of Shanghai, and bond as a group.

# Day 2 Full Day at the WER Competition



After a good night's sleep, we'll start the morning with a **hearty hotel breakfast** to fuel up for the big day ahead.

After breakfast, we'll head straight to the competition venue for a **full and exciting day** of WER activities.

- The day will be packed with building, testing, competing, and cheering on teammates.
- A **packed lunch** will be provided so students can stay focused and energised throughout the busy schedule.

# Evening: Shanghai River Cruise



As the sun sets, we'll head to the Huangpu River for a **scenic night cruise**.

- Students will see Shanghai's iconic skyline glittering with lights – from the futuristic Oriental Pearl Tower to the historic Bund.
- It's the perfect way to relax after a full day and enjoy Shanghai's most famous view.

# Day 3 Full Day at the EnjoyAI Contest



The **EnjoyAI Competition** is an international robotics and artificial intelligence contest that encourages creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving. Students work together to design, build, and program robots to complete specific tasks. The event combines competition with cultural exchange, giving participants the chance to learn from peers around the world while showcasing their own skills.

# Day 4: Science, Innovation and Friendships

## Morning: WhalesBot HQ Visit



WhalesBot is a leading Chinese company in **educational robotics**, developing kits and platforms that help students learn programming, engineering, and problem-solving. At the company's Shanghai headquarters, visitors can see how the robots are designed and produced, and take part in demonstrations of the latest learning technologies.

This visit offers students a chance to understand how robotics is being used in education and to experience first-hand the innovative tools shaping the future of STEM learning.

# Afternoon: Drone Project & Collaboration



After lunch, we'll travel to **Kunshan**, where the real innovation begins.

- Students will **team up with Chinese students** in the school's AI and robotics lab.
- Together, they will work on a **drone project**, sharing ideas, solving problems, and learning from each other.
- After the project, we will be able to socialise with the Chinese students. This is an incredible opportunity to make new friends, exchange cultural experiences, and collaborate on a cutting-edge technology project.

# Day 5: Disneyland!



After breakfast, we'll head to **Shanghai Disneyland** for a day of rides, shows, and magical adventures. Students can enjoy thrilling attractions, character meet-and-greets, and entertainment across the park – a perfect way to let off steam and have fun together.

As night falls, we'll gather to watch the **famous Disney fireworks show**, a stunning display of light, music, and magic that will create memories to last a lifetime.

# Day 6: High-Speed Adventure & West Lake Wonders

## Morning: Highspeed Rail



Hop on a **high-speed train** in **First Class** and experience one of the world's most advanced rail systems as you travel from **Shanghai to Hangzhou** in under an hour!

Gliding at speeds of up to 350 km/h, students will not only enjoy the comfort and efficiency of China's modern transport, but also gain insight into the country's rapid development in infrastructure and technology.

From the futuristic stations to the smooth ride, this journey is more than just travel — it's a real-world lesson in innovation, engineering, and the power of smart cities.

# Afternoon: Tour of West Lake



Enjoy a leisurely half-day visit to the famous **West Lake**, where rich culture meets stunning natural beauty. This enchanting tour blends captivating stories with breathtaking scenery, offering an experience that is both educational and visually inspiring.

Stroll along historic pathways, admire classic gardens, and learn about the legends and traditions that have shaped this iconic Chinese landscape. Whether it's the tranquil waters, ancient bridges, or elegant pagodas, every corner of West Lake tells a tale waiting to be discovered.

# Evening: Light Show



Experience the wonder of **West Lake Tonight**, a spectacular outdoor performance set against the stunning backdrop of the lake itself.

This dazzling show combines music, dance, and light to tell the ancient legends and beautiful stories of Hangzhou. With the lake as the stage and mountains as the scenery, the performance creates a truly magical atmosphere that captivates audiences of all ages.

Perfect for students to enjoy a unique cultural experience, the show brings history and art to life in a way that is both inspiring and unforgettable.

# Stay at FlyZoo Hotel - the Robot Hotel



The **FlyZoo Hotel** in Hangzhou, also known as the “robot hotel,” is operated by Alibaba and offers a truly futuristic experience. From check-in to room service, many services are powered by **robots and artificial intelligence**. Guests can meet service robots in the lobby, use facial recognition for their rooms, and even order food delivered by robots.

Staying at FlyZoo gives visitors a unique chance to experience how technology and hospitality combine, making it both convenient and fun for international guests.

# Day 7: City of Innovation

## Morning: Alibaba Headquarters



Alibaba Group is one of China's most famous technology companies, founded in 1999 by Jack Ma. Its global business covers e-commerce, cloud computing, digital payments, logistics, and artificial intelligence.

The company's main headquarters is in **Xixi Campus, Hangzhou**, a modern "garden-style" office park with open spaces, green areas, and innovative architecture.

- **E-commerce Leader** – Alibaba's platforms such as Taobao and Tmall have changed how people in China and worldwide shop online.
- **Innovation Hub** – Alibaba Cloud is the largest cloud service provider in Asia.
- **Company Culture** – The campus reflects values like teamwork, innovation, and customer first.

Visiting Alibaba Headquarters offers a unique chance to see how one of the world's largest digital companies works, and to understand the role of technology and innovation in modern China.

# Morning: Shenhao Robotics Laboratory



During the visit to **Shenhao Robotics Laboratory** in Hangzhou, the group will have the chance to see advanced robots **in action** and learn how they are applied in real-world scenarios. A special **interactive programme**, designed in partnership with **Yin Ting**, will allow students to experience robotics demonstrations up close and gain insights into China's latest innovations in the field.

# Afternoon: Robot Town



Hangzhou Robot Town is a unique technology park located in Yuhang District, Hangzhou. Opened in 2015, it is China's first industrial park dedicated entirely to **robotics and artificial intelligence**. The town brings together research institutes, start-ups, and global companies to develop cutting-edge robots for industry, healthcare, education, and daily life.

## Highlights

- **Innovation Center** – Visitors can see the latest service robots, industrial robots, and smart devices.
- **Start-up Hub** – Over a hundred companies are based here, focusing on new technologies and applications.
- **Education & Exchange** – The town regularly hosts exhibitions, competitions, and training programs to inspire young people in science and technology.

For international students and visitors, Hangzhou Robot Town is an exciting place to experience China's fast-growing robotics industry and to understand how technology is shaping the future.

# Farewell from Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport



- Students will be escorted by our guide and teachers to **Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport Terminal 3: HU7678 - HU753, 9:10pm - 5:50am(+1)**
- Students board their flight back to the UK, taking with them **unforgettable memories of their Shanghai and Hangzhou adventure** – from robotics competitions and high-tech tours to cultural experiences, city walks, and spectacular shows.