FIELD GUIDE / COMPLETE EDITION

Hangzhou Shopping Field Guide

杭州

Compare Longjing, silk and craft beyond the gift box.

Choose tea by its labelled origin, silk by composition and fans by construction. Give the lake, tea villages and craft shops their own travel time.

8 places, with a reason to choose each

Four starting points from the free city guide plus four additional researched stops. Each card includes a fit, a reason to skip and a question that changes the purchase.

3 ready-to-adapt outings

Choose by interests and a spending cap. Each plan includes priorities, a fallback and something to cut when time or money is tight.

A kit for the shop counter

Recipient-matched gifts, bilingual questions, a worked comparison, packing decisions and a purchase record.

Research edition: 17 September 2026. Independent public-source research, not personal store visits. Prices, stock, access and opening hours are not live-verified. Route budgets are planning examples, not seller quotations.

01 / CHOOSE BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Which stop earns its place?

Use this board to build a short list. The four additional stops are marked +; the complete guide also expands the original four.

01 Xihu Tea House

A Longjing buyer willing to compare origin and harvest labels.

Skip: Pass if the packet's origin or identity cannot be matched to the tea selected.

02 Zhu Bingren - Jiangnan Copper House

Someone choosing a small decorative copper object with room for protection.

Skip: Pass if the packed weight or intended use does not suit your trip.

03 Wangxingji - Changban Lane flagship

Someone making a crafted folding fan the main purchase.

Skip: Pass if the fan catches, feels rough or cannot be protected from crushing.

04 China National Silk Museum - shops

A textiles visitor wanting silk-related gifts alongside a museum visit.

Skip: Pass on a special shopping trip until the relevant shop is accessible.

05 Nanshan Book House +

An art student, painter or reader who wants context rather than a decorative souvenir.

Skip: Skip a text-heavy title if the recipient cannot read its language.

06 Jingrou Silk - Longjing Road +

A recipient whose preferred colours and scarf size you already know.

Skip: Skip bedding when the packed volume or filling label is unclear.

07 Lu Zheng Hao - Meijiawu tea house +

A tea drinker who wants a focused visit and will compare flavour as well as packaging.

Skip: Skip the separate journey if you only need a quick packet; use the Hefang Street tea stop.

08 TSUTAYA Books - Tianmuli +

A design reader or stationery user who values the object more than a local-origin label.

Skip: Skip the detour if you need a uniquely Hangzhou-made gift.

Route cards follow on pages 3-5. Detailed stop cards are on pages 6-13. Copyable Chinese addresses are embedded text; save the PDF on your phone before travelling.

02 / OUTING 1

Hefang Street gifts, then an art book

For a first visit with tea, one small object and an optional book. Budget is an illustrative spending ceiling, not shop prices.

Your spending cap: CNY 700

Illustrative allocations, not current store prices. Only costs explicitly listed below are included; budget separately for anything else. The cap is not a target.

Tea ceiling: CNY 200

Book ceiling: CNY 150

Small copper gift ceiling: CNY 250

Travel and unspent reserve: CNY 100

1. Xihu Tea House

Compare sealed tea by the same weight and origin on Hefang Street.

2. Zhu Bingren - Jiangnan Copper House

Continue along Hefang Street; handle one small object and check its packed weight.

3. Nanshan Book House

Make a separate onward leg to Nanshan Road for an illustrated book; check the map before leaving Hefang Street.

If a stop does not work

If Nanshan's branch cannot be confirmed or the weather makes the extra leg unattractive, finish on Hefang Street.

Short on time or budget?

Drop copper first if the available pieces exceed the ceiling or luggage limit; keep the reserve.

Before you head back

Keep the tea label and receipt together; place the copper box apart from book corners.

03 / STOP 05 / ADDITIONAL SELECTION

Nanshan Book House

Art books

Choose this specialist bookstore when the gift should explain something you have seen in Hangzhou. China Academy of Art documents the Nanshan Road location and art-book events. Ask to see an open copy: a richly illustrated volume can work for a non-Chinese reader, while an academic text may not.

Best for

An art student, painter or reader who wants context rather than a decorative souvenir.

Look for

An illustrated Chinese-art book or compact exhibition catalogue.

Make this comparison

Buy after opening the book and finding several pages the recipient would actually return to.

Walk away or skip when

Skip a text-heavy title if the recipient cannot read its language.

南山书屋

杭州市上城区南山路210号

210 Nanshan Road, Shangcheng District

One last check at the counter

Check language, image quality, binding and weight. The academy confirmed this address in June 2025; reconfirm the branch before a dedicated trip.

China Academy of Art: June 2025 public lecture at Nanshan Book House, 210 Nanshan Road

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