



# Scenes from the West Lake



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**H**angzhou is a convenient 50-minute high-speed train ride (up to 300 km/h) from the Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station. The trip in October 2011 was ideal as the weather was cool and sunny. I highly recommend at least an overnight trip, and the ideal hotel: the Hyatt, strategically positioned on the northern side of the famed West Lake. Stroll leisurely along the perimeter of the West Lake, savour the tranquil ambience, and enjoy the sights, smells and sounds...



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Key:

1. Sunset at West Lake
2. Leifeng Pagoda
3. Boats submerged in the lake
4. The lake is a prime spot for wedding photography
5. Sun breaking through the clouds
6. A pavilion nestled in lush greenery
7. Bridge along Yang Causeway
8. Dongpo pork from 28 Hubin restaurant at Hyatt Hotel
9. Lotus root stuffed with glutinous rice flavoured with osmanthus from 28 Hubin
10. Hairy crab from 28 Hubin
11. Tofu from Jin Sha Ting restaurant at Four Seasons Hotel **SMA**



Martin finds travel and food photography (taken with a simple Canon S95) a pleasurable distraction.