

## Celebrate Spring Near Shanghai, In Nanjing, An Ancient Chinese Capital



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*Nanjing China, reflections (Photo: VCG/VCG via Getty Images)*

If you're headed for Beijing or Shanghai this spring, you can add on a few days to smell fragrant plum blossoms, and enjoy colorful floral landscapes in nearby [Nanjing](#), China, which goes all out celebrating the arrival of spring.

Nanjing, which translates to “Southern Capital,” is the capital of Jiangsu province in eastern China, situated in the Yangtze River Delta area 190 miles northwest of Shanghai. Recognized as one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China, Nanjing has served as the capital city of 10 Chinese dynasties and regimes for a total of more than 1,800 years.

A sophisticated metropolis and a modern center of history, education, and culture, Nanjing is home to some of the country’s most significant historical attractions such as the Xiaoling Tomb of the Ming Dynasty, Dr. Sun Yat-sen’s Mausoleum, The Presidential Palace, and a City Wall which dates back more than 600 years. Popular attractions also include China’s oldest public library and one of the country’s first museums, the Nanjing Museum.

Nanjing is accessible by Nanjing Lukou International Airport (NKG) with daily flights from North America. Three train stations – Nanjing Railway Station, Nanjing South Railway Station, and Nanjing West Railway Station – connect Nanjing to all of China’s major cities, including Beijing, which is a 3.5-hour ride via bullet train. Travelers coming from Shanghai can reach Nanjing in approximately 90 minutes by bullet train or three hours by car.



*Nanjing drum tower (Photo: Wikipedia commons)*