



## NANJING, RECOGNIZED FOR THE VALUE IT OFFERS TRAVELERS, ANNOUNCES FREE ADMISSION TO MULTIPLE ATTRACTIONS IN 2019

*Money magazine recently named Nanjing one of the '20 Best Places to go in 2019'*

**New York, NY (April 4, 2019)** – As one of China's great ancient capital cities, Nanjing is a destination long known for its rich history – from the Ming Dynasty through the Republic of China – and modern take on contemporary Chinese culture. Nanjing is now also being recognized for the value it offers travelers, having recently been designated one of the 20 best places to go in 2019 by [Money magazine](#). Nanjing was one of just 10 international destinations selected from approximately 450 due to its affordable roundtrip flight and hotel prices, average daily meal and sightseeing expenditures, and the number of highly rated attractions available for visitors to enjoy.

Nanjing is consistently a good value for travelers seeking to explore China's past and present in one easy-to-navigate city, and visitors seeking the best bang for their buck can take advantage of 47 tourism attractions that offer free entrance on certain days this year. Here are a few selected top attractions offering free entrance in the coming months that travelers should be sure to experience.

- **Nanjing Folk Museum** – Free Admission May 18 (Normal admission: CNY 20/US \$3.20)  
With exhibits focusing on daily life in China, the Nanjing Folk Museum has more than 300 rooms filled with ancient books, traditional Nanjing handicrafts, paper cuttings and clay figures. The building that houses the museum is an attraction in itself; this sprawling mansion is Nanjing's largest and best-preserved private estate, and dates back to the Ming dynasty. Craftsmen demonstrate how a variety of crafts are made, and visitors can even take a workshop to learn some of the techniques themselves.
- **Confucius Temple** – Free Admission May 19 (Normal admission: CNY 30/US \$4.80)  
Located in Qinhui Scenic Area, the Confucius Temple was constructed to worship one of ancient great minds of China's Spring and Autumn Period (771-476 B.C.) who is remembered and revered for his social philosophy. In A.D. 1034, during the reign of the Song dynasty, Confucius Temple was first built along the Qinhui river; it was later destroyed during World War II, but the temple was reconstructed and expanded by the Chinese government in 1984. The main hall of the Temple, Dacheng Hall, now houses China's largest statue of Confucius plus a precious collection of jade, gold and silver panels detailing the philosopher's life.
- **Imperial Examination Museum of China** – Free admission May 19 (Normal admission: CNY 50/US \$8.00)  
One of the biggest imperial examination centers in ancient China, Imperial Examination

Museum of China was built in the Southern Song Dynasty. Thanks to constant expansion under Guangxu reign of the Qing Dynasty, it became the biggest venue for examination in China with as many as 20,644 examination rooms. In the Qing Dynasty alone, 58 examinees became No. One Scholars through the county-level examination in the south of the Yangtze River area. The Museum is located to the east of Nanjing Confucius Temple in Qinhui District of Nanjing.

- **Niushoushan Cultural Park** – Free admission July 11 (Normal admission: CNY98/US \$14.50)

Opened in late 2015, Niushoushan Cultural Park invites visitors to immerse themselves in the mystic landscapes and sacred relics of Niushou Mountain—a breathtaking ancient Buddhist site in the south of Nanjing. The centerpiece of the park is an ornate and intricate Buddhist palace, spanning six floors underground, built into the side of the mountain. Visitors can also explore the Pagoda of Hongjue Temple and the nine-story Usnisa Pagoda, as well as Usnisa Temple, a monastery complex featuring monks' living quarters and a large meditation hall.

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### **About Nanjing**

Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu Province is 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 Shanghai, which is a 90-minute ride via bullet train or three hours by car.

For more information on Nanjing please visit [www.GoToNanjing.com](http://www.GoToNanjing.com).

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