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## 内容概要

Wuzhen is famous for its residences dating from the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), and the town keeps its ancient ambience, as if time has stood still. Wuzhen is also famous for its traditional craft of "bed-making," exquisite examples of which can be seen in the Museum of Antique Beds. Other attractions include the elaborate painting of 24 filial sons of old times in the Zhu Family House, and depictions of traditional ceremonies, such as those for babies when they were one month old, weddings and the birthdays of the elderly all illustrative of the culture of southeast China.

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插图：By the river in Dongzha there are two corridors each with a full awning, one on South Street and the other on North Street, winding afar. There are many workshops and snack bars on both sides of the river. Tourists all love to sit by windows with views of the river. Age-old houses or the sight of women washing clothes by the river may remind you of lines from a poem by a Chinese poet called Bian Zhilin: Standing on a bridge you are sightseeing./People sitting in their houses are looking at you./The bright moon adorns your window, and you enrich the dreams of others."You will see many historical sites along the rivers. There is a storied building named Wenchang ( Culture and Prosperity ) Pavilion in front of Lizhi School. In between is a narrow lane called Guanqian Street. In the olden days, a scholar usually took a boat to Wenchang Pavilion, accompanied by his pageboy. The boat would be berthed right beside the building when the scholar went upstairs to read or study. His pageboy sat on the bench in the corridor waiting for him. At the end of the Qing Dynasty, when the imperial examination system was abolished, Wenchang Pavilion became a place for the locals to spend their leisure time, and a place where all kinds of news was gathered and shared. Do not stop your stroll yet. Going along the river to Xizha, you will glimpse from afar Bailiansi Pagoda, which has had a remarkable history. It is said that there is "one Taoist temple, two pagodas, nine Buddhist temples and 13 Buddhist nunneries" in Wuzhen. The Taoist temple refers to Xiuzhen Temple in Dongzha, and one of the two pagodas is this Bailiansi Pagoda.

## 编辑推荐

《乌镇(英文)(图文版)》：The Taihu Lake Basin adjacent to Shanghai has a diversified water system and damp climate and is rich in produce. The original inhabitants planted rice and bred silkworms, and took advantage of the convenient water transportation there to develop trade relations both domestically and overseas. This part of the country is famous for its silk and herbal medicines. Since ancient times, it has witnessed rapid economic growth, and has earned the nicknames "Heaven on Earth" and "Land Flowing with Rice and Fish." Six ancient waterside towns in this area, namely, Zhouzhuang, Luzhi and Tongli in Jiangsu Province, and Xitang, Wuzhen and Nanxun in Zhejiang Province, are the most attractive representatives of age-old towns in south-east China. Waterways have shaped the ancient towns of southeast China, their streets following the contours of the waters and their houses built on riverbanks. Small bridges, smoothly flowing rivers and tranquil residential houses form the typical natural landscape of these towns. Winding streets and lanes, ancient bridges and beautiful gardens contribute to a tranquil and simple atmosphere. These towns' rich historical and cultural legacies are embodied in the venerable shapes of bridges, streets, lanes, residential houses, ancestral halls, temples and theaters, all with a distinctive local flavor. The philosophy of life in a waterside town emphasizes the harmonious unity of Nature and Man. The buildings appear simple, though inside they are usually splendidly decorated, and the luxury is not shown on the exterior. The main building material is

wood, displaying fine carvings and other decorations. The scenery changes with the four seasons, yet the tranquility and harmony, the smartness and elegance remain unchanged. A stay in one of these age-old towns brings tourists a strong sense of history, and enchants them with graceful landscapes and a relaxing lifestyle.

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