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内容概要

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 in these towns 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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插图：On the Luzhi rivers , you can hear cheers and laughter from morning to evening. Attractive and hardworking boatwomen speak the Suzhou dialect and sing folk ballads while rowing boats to and fro. The water ripples as the boats move forward , rather resembling the boatwomen's dimples. The songs of local flavor and colorful local folk costumes leave a deep impression on visitors. Walking in the streets of the ancient town , you will often see small groups of village women who wear their hair in buns or coiled and covered with colored clothkerchiefs , front-buttoned Chinese garments of various colors , black trousers , wraps and embroidered shoes. Many people think that they are ethnic minorities. Actually , they are local Han people. The women's clothing of Luzhi can be traced back to over 2 , 500 years ago. At that time , Luzhi was a small village surrounded by lakes and rivers , which were covered with blossoming lotus flowers and green lotus leaves. When village women went to lotus ponds to pick lotus roots , they covered the head with lotus leaves to protect them from the sun and rain. Maids in the provisional.

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《甬直(英文)(图文版)》：Luzhi is famous for its waterways. There are six rivers in the town, three flowing from east to west and three from north to south. Along the rivers are old streets and residential houses, where the local people are living a peaceful life. The Songze culture and Liang-zhu culture, with a history of over 5,000 years, have left behind a great historical and cultural heritage. A galaxy of literati could be found in each period. Moreover, the tradition of running schools and improving education has been passed down. The centuries-old Baosheng Temple houses nine arhat sculptures under state protection. Behind a screen wall along a river is the Shen family compound, with many houses and spacious courtyards. This ancient waterside town has nurtured a pioneer of the modern reform movement in China, Wang Tao, as well as the international movie star Josephine Siao. Along the narrow rivers, boat women dressed in local costumes singing melodious songs, making for beautiful scenes in Luzhi.

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