## INSIDER COLLECTION

# WELCOME TO THE **NANJING** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavour that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Nanjing experiences.



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#### INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

#### **INSIDER SPEAKERS**

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

#### **INSIDER COMMUNITY**

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

#### **INSIDER INTERACTIONS**

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

#### **INSIDER BREAKS**

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.



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#### ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognising each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travellers.

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### RE-LIVE NANJING'S HISTORY AT XUAN WU LAKE

For a venue steeped in history Xuan Wu Lake where the east and north city walls cross is perfect for a gala dinner or cocktail reception.

Dating back over 2200 years to the Qin Dynasty and where, during the later Three Kingdom period, Zhou Yu's waterborne warriors once trained, Xuan Wu Lake is one of four sites named after fictional animal characters. Purple Mountain is named after the Cyan Dragon, the City Wall after the White Tiger, the Qinhuai River after the Red Magpie and Xuan Wu Lake after the Black Turtle.

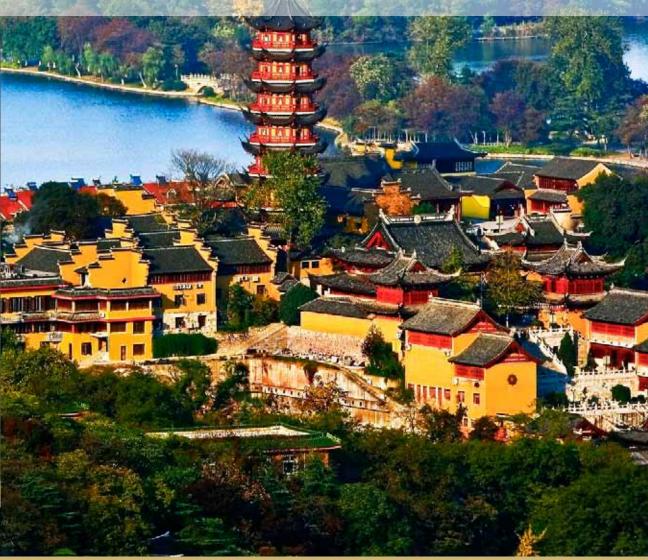
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This is a unique and original setting for a stunning event – one your delegates will remember for years to come.

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### CRUISE IN STYLE ON THE QINHUAI RIVER

Take a cruise on an ancient-style boat and experience thousands of years of history from the mother river of Nanjing – the Qinhuai River.

In olden times, many rich and noble families chose to live near the riverbank, which for thousands of years has nourished the population of Nanjing. The river inspired the many scholars who visited Nanjing to write articles and poems in its honour. Famous writers Zhu Ziqing and Yu Pingbo, once competed to write an essay about the river. Zhu Ziqing emerged as the winner and his article became a must-learn lesson for Chinese literature.

Our catering team will provide superb cuisine – the perfect complement to a wonderful evening gently cruising down the river of time.

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### DISCOVER THE SECRET OF NANJING SILK BROCADE

Nanjing Silk Brocade has always been made exclusively for the royal family. The secrets of its intricate process have been closely kept by generations of weaving families for hundreds of years. The vivid and lively patterns spun out on huge weaving machines are based on intricate calculations, which are never revealed to outsiders.

Our local silk expert, Mr. Xu Huping the curator of Nanjing Silk Brocade Museum and the former curator of Nanjing Museum, will give your delegates a unique insider's view of Nanjing Silk Brocade. Learn the fascinating history of this ancient art, whilst sharing unique anecdotes and stories from someone in the know.

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### LEARN HOW TO BE AN EVEN GREATER TEAM

Set your sights high; raise your ambitions. In this interactive and teambuilding session, Mr. Raymond Lee the General Manager of InterContinental Nanjing will share his insights on what makes great teamwork. He will use as his inspiration, the famous Nanjing landmark – Zifeng Tower.

An engineering marvel and the seventh tallest building in the world standing at a giddy 450 metres high, this building situated at the very centre of downtown Nanjing is for many, the very essence of the city and a shared triumph. Mr. Lee will draw parallels with the building's iconic status and its impact on the city, to show you how good teamwork can lead to a great team!

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### HELP LOCAL CHILDREN AND BOND AS A TEAM

For an intensely rewarding teambuilding experience, we invite your delegates to spend time at the Nanjing Boai Center. The first shelter and education institution for disabled children of its kind in Nanjing, Boai helps children with learning difficulties by educating and training them so that they can learn to live and fend for themselves in the future.



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### LEARN TO MAKE SPRING ROLLS WITH OUR MASTER CHEF

Join our Master Chef in a fun cooking session where you can learn how to make the perfect spring roll.

Enjoyed all over the world, spring rolls are the original traditional Chinese folk festival food prepared especially for family reunions or when treating relatives and friends. This delicious favourite originated from the southeast of the Yangzi River over 2,000 years ago during the Han Dynasty and became popular all over China.

Learn to cook like a local and allow our Master Chef to teach you the secret of perfect spring roll making. Then share your creation with your team and take a new culinary skill back home too.

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### REFINE YOUR BODY AND SPIRIT WITH TAI CHI

Tai Chi has long been part of the Chinese yin and yang philosophy on health and spiritual balance. Every morning you can find people practicing Tai Chi in the public parks of Nanjing, as well as across China.

You and your team can experience Chinese spirituality first hand and learn the philosophy and principles of Tai Chi with classes conducted by instructors from Nanjing Sports Institute. Learn the graceful and meaningful moves to help calm and re-energize your body, mind and soul.

Private classes for your meeting group can be arranged. Tai Chi is a truly relaxing, revitalising and inspiring way to begin your day.

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### EXPERIENCE THE CULTURE AND CUISINE OF NANJING

Qinhuai River is regarded as the headstream of Nanjing's profound history. As far back as the Six Dynasties, this was a dwelling place where busy merchants, urbane scholars and Confucianism learners gathered to snack. With this Insider Break we offer you our snack selection based on the stories of the "Eight Wonders of Qinhuai River".

Experience their amazing shapes and flavours. Choose from:

- Nut selection (4 varieties)
- Local pastries
- Red date cake
- Seasonal fruit display
- Homemade wonton soup with duck's blood
- Nanjing salted duck

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THE NANJING LOCAL BREAK

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### I TAKE CARE – HEALTHY FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BREAK

Choose the healthy option for your meeting break. Allow our expert culinary team to prepare a delicious array of fresh fruit and vegetable dishes to refresh and re-energise your delegates.

- Our fresh fruit and vegetable menu includes:
- Seasonal fruit and vegetable juices
- Vegetable crudités
- Mini fruit tart selection
- Fresh fruit juice
- Fresh fruit platter
- Fruit Xue Mei Niang selection

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