
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS & NATURAL CONDITIONS

Administrative Divisions

At the end of 2020 Suzhou Municipality had jurisdiction over the five districts of Gusu District, Huqiu District (Suzhou New & Hi-tech Zone), Wuzhong District, Xiangcheng District, Wujiang District, and Suzhou Industrial Park (Industrial Park for short), and was responsible for the four county-level cities of Zhangjiagang, Changshu, Taicang and Kunshan. There were 42 street committees and 52 towns in the city, and 1,170 community neighborhood committees and 1,015 village committees under them.

Location

Suzhou lies in the center of Yangtse River Delta, between 30°47'—32°02'E and 119°55'—121°20'N. It borders on Shanghai on the east, Jiaxing and Huzhou of Zhejiang on the south, Taihu Lake and Wuxi on the west and Yangtse on the north.

Suzhou enjoys strategic geographical location. Hu-Ning Railway, Hu-Ning Expressway and the riparian highway runs from east to west; Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal and Chang-Tai expressway connect south and north. Suzhou abounds in waterways and highways. Yangtse Rive that lies on the north of the city is a key waterway artery. Suzhou Port on the south bank of the lower reaches of Yangtse is state first-class port.

Typography

Suzhou, at the bottom of a shallow saucer-shaped plain with Lake Tai at its center, is low and even. Average height is 3.5m-5m above sea level. The southeast part is relatively lower, with the lowest point 2m below sea level. The southwest is a hilly area, with the highest point, the peak of Qionglong Hill, 341.7m above sea level.

Area

The total area of Suzhou is 8657.32 sq.km, the river, lake, beach area accounted for 36.6% of the city's land area. At the end of 2020, Built-up Urban Area covers 481.33 sq.km.

Rivers & Lakes

Suzhou is a famous water country region to the south of Yangtse River. It has over 20 000 rivers and over 300 lakes of various size. Famous among them are Taihu Lake, Yangcheng Lake, Yangtse River & Beijing-Hongzhou Canal, etc.

Climate

Suzhou's climate belongs to monsoon of subtropical moist marine climate zone, with distinct four seasons, Suzhou has a mild climate with plenty rainfall. Average temperature of the year is 17.9°C and annual precipitation is 1569.6 S millimeter in 2020.
