I woke up at 6:30am and ate breakfast in the hotel. Afterward, I asked the hotel to call a private car to Hanshan Temple (they call it Han shan si).

The temperature in Suzhou was not very nice to me, coming from Wisconsin and having endured a spell of the polar vortex back in February. Not a very big problem in the morning, though.

Tickets were cheap at 20 RMB for entrance to the entire temple. That’s around $2.50 USD!

Entering from the east, I walked to a bridge (I don’t know why), thinking it was Fengqiao. I was mistaken as I was told it was under repairs.

I walked into the actual temple, however, no pictures were allowed, and I respected their privacy. I observed what they did as they smoked incense.

Finally, I walked to the *Vanyingge*. It’s basically a Chinese – style tower. I snapped a few pictures and travelled to Huqiu by a taxi that I hailed once I exited.

At Huqiu, I climbed to the top to see the Chinese Leaning Tower of Pisa, before coming down and taking a boat ride.

I had lunch at Deyuelou, which is very decent in serving Jiangsu and Suzhou dishes.

After lunch, I took a taxi to the Humble Administrators Garden, and saw the many corridors and plants.

From there, I took a taxi to the Railway station to buy tickets for a train to Wuxi, then took the subway back to the hotel. I did not get a picture of the subway because it was too crowded, however, it’s about as standard as it can get. Imagine a carriage with four doors on each side, a map of the line above each door with LED lights telling you what stop next, and longitudinal seating between them is. That’s how it is.

The next day, I took a train to Wuxi. You can read my train travels [here](CRH380B%20and%20BL%20Suzhou%20to%20Wuxi%20and%20Suzhou%20to%20Shanghai%201st%20and%202nd%20class.docx).

After arriving from train, I took a taxi to the Lingshan Scenic Spot. I purchased tickets there, then took a “bus” to the temple, where I watched a show inside, mostly about human progress. I did enjoy walking in the cool area.

After that, I went to watch the water fountain, then walked to the exit.

For lunch, I walked to a nearby restaurant to enjoy a traditional meal.

Finally, I went to Lake Tai, where I took a ferry to one of the islands in the middle. I only stayed for less than an hour, and, under the pressure of missing my return train, returned by a ferry and took a taxi out towards the main train station.