



Shanghai

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Shanghai is the shiniest gem in modern China's jewel box. It's a hip, contemporary city that's charging into the future with all the energy of its famous Maglev train. Yet if you veer away from the sleek highways and glitzy shopping streets you can still stumble upon a more traditional Shanghai, with all its character and flavour. In the tiny back streets, wet-market vendors peddle their wares - buckets of bright green vegetables, fish flapping in shallow plastic bowls and heaps of crayfish crawling over each other.



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THE CITY



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Shanghai's most famous attraction is the Bund. This was where the colonial merchants of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries built the headquarters for their trading firms and banks. Still today, these vast, august edifices boom of power - but now the roofs are topped with the red and yellow flags of the People's Republic and the buildings below house designer clothing shops as well as banking headquarters. Across the Huangpu River, there's a greater transformation still. 30 years ago, this was sleepy farmland - now, Pudong is a booming financial and economic district. Just back from the waterfront lays the old city, a tangle of tiny lanes where the locals still live as they have for decades. Even in these traditional lanes, though, the wrecking ball is wreaking its havoc: walk around them now before it's too late. Further west lays the French Concession, where large colonial houses are being rapidly converted into high-end bars and restaurants.

For shoppers, Shanghai is still a kind of heaven. Markets are regularly being uprooted and rehoused as part of the urban planners' mission to make the city better and brighter than ever before. There are still fabulous deals to be had at the fabric market, wonderful trinkets and antiques in Dongtai Road and good-value custom-made furniture for those with a shipping

crate to spare.

DO & SEE



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Shanghai really is a delightful city to explore. See skyscrapers alongside surviving colonial buildings, visit the Shanghai museum to get an insight into the city's past and just how rapidly it has changed within the last decade. Early birds must visit one of Shanghai's many parks, where thousands gather daily for morning exercise.

The Bund /



Shanghai's best-known attraction is impressive any time of the day, but it's at its most glam in the evening when floodlighting illuminates the colonial piles and the neon across the river, where Pudong gaudily glitters. Take a stroll along the waterfront walkway and watch the world go by.

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Address: Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 24/7

Shanghai Disneyland /



Shanghai Disneyland is the 6th Disneyland in the world. It opened in 2016 and covers 91 hectares of land. In line with the company's promise, this Disneyland is "authentically Disney and distinctly Chinese". The park has seven themed areas: Mickey Avenue, Gardens of Imagination, Fantasyland, Treasure Cove, Adventure Isle, Tomorrowland, and Toy Story Land. This is also the only Disneyland where you can see all the Disneyland princesses introduced so far, including Mulan.

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Address: 310 Huangzhao Lu, Chuansha Zhen, Pudong New District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 9h - 20h

Phone: +86 21 3158 0000

Internet: www.shanghaidisneyresort.com/en

Tian Zi Fang /



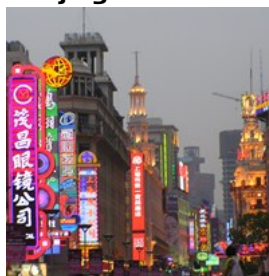
This is where the new and old Shanghai meet. In the traditional stone-paved alley lies, perhaps, the artsiest neighbourhood in Shanghai. Modern restaurants and cafés line the street. Take a walk on a cosy afternoon, you can surely discover another side of this international metropolis.

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Address: 210 Taikang Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Phone: +86 21 5465 7531

Nanjing Road Pedestrian /



The main shopping street of Shanghai embodies the eclectic nature of the city. Being one of the busiest streets in the world, it features outlets of both well known traditional Chinese and global brands, as well as more than 600 stores, shopping malls and restaurants on both sides of the walkway. It is certainly the place to be to feel the pulse of the city or join the crowds on a shopping spree.

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Address: Nanjing Rd, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 21 5109 9782

Yu Garden /



Yu Garden embodies the quintessence of classical ancient Chinese gardens south of the Yangtze River - a creation of maximum out of

minimum. While it takes a familiar person only five minutes to walk from the entrance to the exit, most first-time visitors find themselves lost in this little paradise with fish ponds, rockeries, plants, bridges, and buildings of various types arranged along zigzagging paths. The ingenious use of Chinese gardening art in combination with the garden's 400-plus years history makes Yu Garden one of the most popular tourist attractions in Shanghai.

Photo: Greir/Shutterstock.com

Address: 218 Anren Jie, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 8h30 - 17h30

Phone: +86 21 6326 0830

Internet: www.yugarden.com.cn

Email: yugarden@yugarden.com.cn

Maglev /



If you fly into Shanghai's international airport in Pudong, be sure to take the Maglev into town rather than a taxi or regular metro. The

Maglev is China's futuristic magnetic levitation train and the fastest ride in its technological repertoire. The journey only lasts a few minutes, but during that time the train can reach a top speed of 430 kilometres per hour (although the average is closer to 300 km/h).

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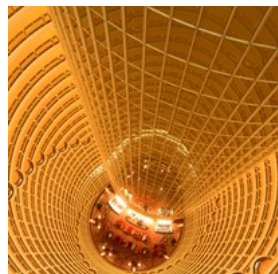
Address: Longyang Road, Shanghai

Opening hours: To Pudong Airport: 6h45 - 21h40; To Longyang Road: 7h - 21h45

Phone: +86 21 2890 7777

Internet: www.smtdc.com

Jin Mao Tower /



It's the view you're going for: on a clear day, Jin Mao Tower offers incredible 360-degree panoramas across the city. It's 88 storeys high

and it's located at number 88 - have you guessed that eight is a lucky number for the Chinese? There are offices up to the 50th floor, then the Grand Hyatt hotel from floors 53 to 87. A public observation deck is located on the top floor. Otherwise, forget the lucky numbers and go for a drink at the Grand Hyatt's Cloud 9 bar, just one storey below.

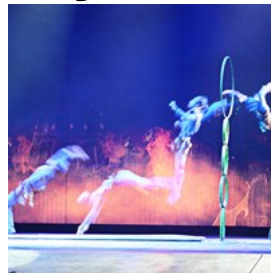
Photo: chuyuss/Shutterstock.com

Address: 88 Shiji Da Dao, Pudong New District, Shanghai

Phone: +86 21 5047 6688

Internet: www.jinmao88.com/en/index.php

Shanghai Circus World /



If you are looking for a great evening activity, then this might be something for you; in fact, this is one of the most popular forms of

evening entertainment in the city. Here you can experience stunning acrobatic performances accompanied by live music.

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Address: 2266 Gonghe Xin Lu, Jing'an District, Shanghai

Phone: +86 21 3137 5911

Internet: www.shanghaimaxicheng.com

Email: kefu@itickets.cn

Shanghai Ocean Aquarium /



Shanghai Ocean Aquarium is the largest sea aquarium in Asia, divided into nine different thematic zones including China, South America, Australia, Africa, Polar, Deep Ocean, and more.

This is a place where you can discover more than 15,000 marine creatures and almost all sea species that can be found in Asia. Do not miss the underwater tunnels.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1388 Lujiazui Huan Lu, Pudong New District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 9h - 18h

Phone: +86 21 5877 9988

Internet: www.sh-soa.com/en/html/index.aspx

Jade Buddha Temple /



This Buddhist temple was founded in 1882, with two jade Buddha statues imported from Burma (1.95 metres tall, 3 tonnes) by the Monk

Huigen during the Qing Dynasty. Today there is plenty to see on premises, including multiple beautiful Buddha statues.

Photo: Philip Lange/Shutterstock.com

Address: 170 Anyuan Lu, Putuo District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 8h - 16h30

Phone: +86 21 6266 3668

Internet: www.yufotemple.com/en/

People's Square /



People's Square is a Shanghai landmark. In its vicinity lie People's Park, Shanghai Museum, Municipal Building, Shanghai Grand Theatre

and other important buildings. It is not only the political, economic, cultural and tourism centre and transportation hub of Shanghai but also a large shopping district.

Photo: Songquan Deng/Shutterstock.com

Address: Renmin Da Dao, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 24/7

Shanghai Science & Technology Museum /



This interactive museum turns scientific theories into an exciting, interactive experience for guests of all ages. Learn about the structure of the

Earth surface by travelling hundreds of meters down to its core, explore animal diversity by taking a stroll through rain forests and deserts,

and understand the theory of gravity by riding a bicycle on a steel string hanging in the air.

Photo: Brett Hodnett/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 2000 Shiji Da Dao, Pudong New District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 8h30 - 17h30

Phone: +86 21 6862 2000

Internet: en.sstm.org.cn

Xintiandi /



Xintiandi literally means "new heaven and earth". It's a new landmark of Shanghai developed in the late 1990s. In order to improve the living

conditions of local people, the majority of old-style Shikumen houses were replaced with new apartment buildings. Some were worried that this traditional local house type might disappear one day, so the government decided to maintain some as cultural heritage. This area has now grown to become a major western-style dining location.

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Address: Taicang Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Phone: +86 21 6311 2288

Shanghai World Financial Center /



For sweeping views over Shanghai, visit this 492-metre skyscraper. Also known as SWFC, this second tallest building in Shanghai features an

indoor observatory from the 94th to 100th floors. Walk across the impressive Sky Bridge on the 97th floor and experience the tallest observatory in the world on the 100th floor.

Photo: Bill Perry/Shutterstock.com

Address: 100 Shiji Da Dao, Putong New District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 9h - 22h30
Phone: +86 21 3867 2008
Internet: www.swfc-shanghai.com
Email: swfc_webmaster@mori-building.com

Bund Tourist Tunnel /

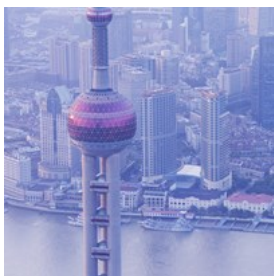


Run down there quick, before the lights are extinguished: there's the talk of turning the Bund Tourist Tunnel into a tediously ordinary

commuter line. In the meantime, it's the most entertaining way to cross between the Bund and Pudong. Pumping music, psychedelic neon and nebulous commentaries accompany your journey - it's showy, it's tacky and it's truly outrageous fun. It's sometimes called the Bund Sightseeing Tunnel.

Photo: [robert.paul.van.beets/Shutterstock.com](http://robert.paul.van.beets/shutterstock.com)
Address: Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, Shanghai
Opening hours: 8h - 22h
More Info: Entrances are on the Bund at Nanjing Road East and in Pudong near the Riverside Promenade

Oriental Pearl TV Tower /

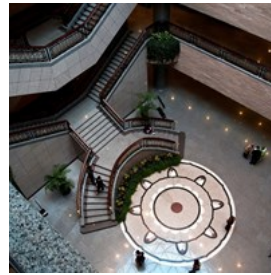


As one of the tallest towers in Asia, Oriental Pearl TV Tower is the distinct landmark of Shanghai. Located opposite The Bund, it is

one of the hottest city attractions, as well as an entertainment venue containing dining and shopping spots. There is an observation deck at the 263-metre mark, which offers fascinating views of Shanghai.

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Address: 1 Shiji Da Dao, Pudong New District, Shanghai
Opening hours: 8h - 22h
Phone: +86 21 5879 8888
Internet: www.orientalpearltower.com

Shanghai Museum /



Shanghai Museum provides a glimpse into the past. The museum focus on ancient Chinese art such as Bronze and Ceramic objects, calligraphies and paintings. Outstanding displays of 120,000 pieces fill this five-storey space.

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Address: 201 Renmin Da Dao, Huangpu District, Shanghai
Opening hours: 9h - 17h
Phone: +86 21 6372 3500
Internet: www.shanghai-museum.net/museum/frontend

DINING



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The Chinese like to eat, and Shanghai is a city where this characteristic national trait finds its ultimate reflection. From chic and elegant international restaurants to local dumpling joints, Shanghai is where you can easily eat your way around the globe. Whether you like your portions exquisitely presented or prefer a tangled mountain of noodles, you'll find it all here. A note on tipping: it's officially prohibited in China. While it has become usual to tip tour guides on organised outings, it is not common to tip taxi drivers or the staff of bars and restaurants.

Crystal Jade /



With its menu featuring scrumptious dumplings, pork belly and roast meat, this place serves some of the best Shanghainese and Cantonese cuisine. This (originally Singaporean) chain restaurant offers a unique dining experience with exceptional food quality and good service.

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Address: 1438 Hongqiao Lu, Changning District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 11h - 14h, 17h - 21h30

Phone: +86 21 5290 5303

Internet: www.crystaljade.com

More Info: Inside Gubei International Fortune Center.

M On The Bund /



Created by Australian restaurateur Michelle Garnaut, M on the Bund serves high-end Asian and Western food in classy surroundings. With its terrace overlooking the Bund, it has one of the best locations in town. The restaurant has been distinguished by multiple awards.

Photo: 10 FACE/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7F, 20 Guangdong Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 11h30 - 17h, 18h - 22h30

Phone: +86 21 6350 9988

Internet: www.m-restaurantgroup.com

CHAR bar and grill &



This excellent restaurant is located on the top floor of Hotel Indigo, and, thanks to being perched so high, offers great views and an even better

menu selection. Their speciality is meat, but if a juicy steak isn't what you're feeling, seafood and delicious desserts are available as well.

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com

Address: 585 Zhongshan Dong Er Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 13h - 1h

Phone: +86 21 3302 9995

More Info: 29-31 Floors, top of Hotel Indigo Shanghai on the Bund

El Willy



If you are craving Spanish, head over to this authentic Spanish restaurant housed in a 1928 colonial house. The restaurant specialises in modern tapas and prepares all dishes using the best products available. The restaurant has been recognised by multiple culinary awards.

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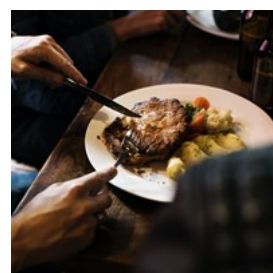
Address: 501, 22 ZhongShan Dong Er Rd, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 11h30 - 14h30, 18h - 22h30

Phone: +86 21 5404 5757

Internet: www.el-willy.com

Franck Bistrot



When you walk into Franck, you will immediately notice the private ambience of this French bistro. The attentive staff serve delicious French food, with dishes like foie gras, le poulet rôti" (roast chicken) and la cote de boeuf (imported Australian steak) offered up in a romantic setting. The restaurant also has its own wine cellar with 300 labels.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 376 Wukang Lu, Xuhui District, Shanghai
Opening hours: 18h - 24h
Phone: + 86 158 2167 6767

Guyiwan Wonton /



This is a famous chain of restaurants scattered throughout the city. The restaurant specialises in wontons and shumai (a type of dumpling), and is an ideal choice for some quintessentially local food. Their bamboo shoot shumai is a must-try.

Photo: cherry-hai / Shutterstock.com

Address: 56 Huaihai Dong Lu, Huangpu Disitric, Shanghai
Opening hours: 7h - 21h
Phone: +86 159 5506 7097
More Info: On the crossroads

Paradise Dynasty /



Paradise Dynasty is an innovative Zhejiang cuisine restaurant. They serve high-quality dishes which always have a delightful twist. The most famous dish is undoubtedly the 8 colour Xiao Long Bao which has gone viral on Chinese social media. The dish consists of 8 steamed dumplings in different colours and flavours, which should be eaten in a strict order so that every single flavour can be fully enjoyed. You should start with the original then followed by luffa, foie gras, black truffle, cheese, crab roe, garlic and finish with Szechuan; the flavour goes from light to rich, and following the sequence assures an unforgettable dining experience.

Photo: bryan... / flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 999 Huaihai Zhong Lu, Xuhui District, Shanghai
Opening hours: 11h - 21h30
Phone: +86 21 5425 2035

More Info: 608, 6F, Ipam Shopping Mall

Pushi Xiao Dian /

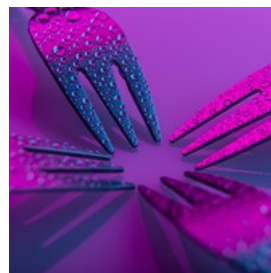


This is another eatery for some Shanghainese dim sum. The restaurant is decorated in a Chinese zen style and serves sophisticated dishes such as sweet and savoury soy milk, different kinds of steamed dumplings, pot-stickers as well as many beautiful Chinese deserts. This is the place to go if you are craving some high-quality local foods.

Photo: ellenshou / Shutterstock.com

Address: 333 Huaihai Zhong Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai
Opening hours: 10h - 22h
Phone: +86 21 6377 0090
More Info: 34, b2, Shui On Plaza

Ultraviolet



Founded by chef Paul Pairet, Ultraviolet serves what is described as "Psycho-Tasting". Guests are welcomed into a room with a 10-seater table, where audio and visual equipment accompany the 20-course meal on offer, so that all the five senses are stimulated at once.

Photo: Robertas Casnovicius/Shutterstock.com

Address: Waitan, Huangpu, Shanghai
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6.30pm-11.45pm
Internet: www.uvbypp.cc
Email: info@uvbypp.cc

CAFES



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Coffee culture is not deep-rooted in Shanghai, however, dozens of coffee shops have sprung up all across the city in recent years. While locals tend to go for western coffee chains and bubble tea sold at hole-in-the-wall takeaway shops, foreign visitors may rather gravitate towards a traditional tea house and experience the Chinese tea culture.

Element Fresh /



The Nanjing Xi Lu was where it all started, but Element Fresh now serves its stellar sandwiches, salads and smoothies in Wuxing

Road, Huaihai Road, Xintiandi, People's Square and Lujiazui. The menu extends to substantial mains, such as rib-eye steak and pasta.

Photo: Vanida/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1376 Nanjing Xi Lu, Jing'an District, Shanghai

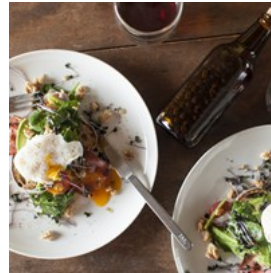
Opening hours: 8h - 23h

Phone: +86 21 6279 8682

Internet: www.elementfresh.com

More Info: 1F Shanghai Shangcheng () () () ()

Kommune /



Kommune is a great little courtyard café off the boutique shopping street of Tai Kang Road. It serves sandwiches, salads, lasagna, etc., and is popular among locals and expats alike. It is an excellent choice for brunch or even an evening drink of beer or wine.

Photo: CHIKARAvv/Shutterstock.com

Address: 210 Tai Kang Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 8h - 24h

Phone: +86 21 6466 2416

Internet: www.kommune.me

Email: info@kommune.me

More Info: In the Tianzifang Area

Antique Garden /



Antique Garden is an excellent find in the French Concession, only steps away from the green Fuxing Park. Relaxing jazz music often plays in the background, and they serve coffee, beer, wine and champagne (along with a few dishes to choose from). Most of the antiques and vintage items inside are up for sale. Can get very busy on Saturdays and Sundays.

Photo: Kudla/Shutterstock.com

Address: 44 Sinan Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 11h - 22h30

Phone: +86 21 5382 1055

Email: info@antique-cafe.com

Abbey Road /



Abbey Road has a lovely bamboo garden which offers shade on a hot summer day. The chef is from Suisse and the restaurant has a western menu and the music is a mix between rock and blues. It is an ideal place to go for brunch. Staff can speak English.

Photo: NatashaPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Taojing Lu, Xuhui District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 10h - 1h

Phone: +86 21 5466 2069

Internet: www.abbeyroad-shanghai.com

Maya /



Maya serves Mexican food with an Asian touch, using exclusively fresh ingredients and experimenting with bold flavours. The extensive brunch menu is what originally earned Maya its fame. The food is healthy and hearty, with dishes like casserole, roast chicken enchiladas and roast duck quesadilla.

Photo: DCmuller/Shutterstock.com

Address: 568 Julu Lu, Jingan District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 11h - 14h, 17h - 24h

Phone: +86 21 6289 6889

Internet: www.maya-shanghai.com

More Info: Grand Plaza Club House 2F

Yang's Dumpling /



For the perfect pan-seared Shanghai dumplings filled with a thick, flavorful broth that's molten off the pork filling (shrimp and squid

varieties on offer as well), stop by one of the famous local Yang's Dumpling chain. Pre-order and pay at the cash register, then produce the receipt at the kitchen counter to receive your serving.

Photo: Stripped Pixel/Shutterstock.com

Address: 178 Ningbo Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 6h30 - 20h

Phone: +86 21 6322 9763

Internet: www.xysjg.com

Sumerian



Coffee is taken seriously at Sumerian, a hip cafe and coffee shop in the heart of Shanghai. With carefully monitored origins of its beans (which come from Africa, Latin America and China itself), the establishment serves up superb hot and cold caffeinated drinks, along with delectable bagels with a variety of toppings.

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Address: 415 Shaanxi Bei Lu, Shanghai

Opening hours: 7h30 - 19h30

Phone: +86 136 3657 8753

Internet: www.sumeriancoffee.com

Baker & Spice



An excellent bakery/cafe with several locations across town, Baker & Spice is a welcoming joint that serves healthy, appetising cafe classics such as salads and sandwiches, along with a vast variety of baked goods and desserts. Seating at a long communal table.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 195 Anfu Lu, Xuhui District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 6h - 22h

Phone: +86 21 5404 2733

Tian Zi Fang /



This is the meeting point of the new Shanghai and old Shanghai. In the traditional stone-paved alley lies probably the artsiest neighbourhood in

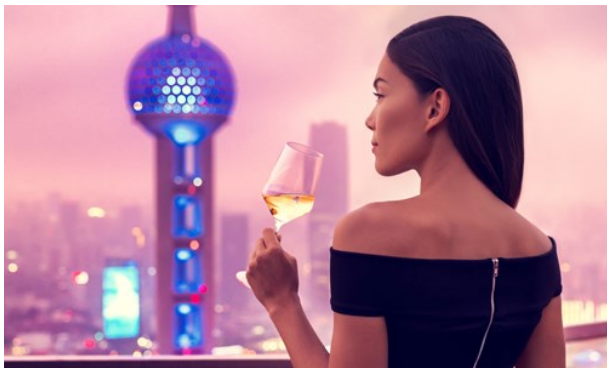
Shanghai. Modern restaurants and cafés line up along the street. Take a walk in a cosy afternoon, you can surely find another side of this international metropolis.

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Address: 210 Taikang Lu, Huangpu District

Phone: +86 21 5465 7531

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Some cities simply never sleep, and Shanghai is certainly one of those. In Shanghai, the party lasts till daylight - and then starts over. Like everything in Shanghai, the bar scene is developing fast with new venues opening every month. Gone are the grey days when fun was frowned upon as a bourgeois pursuit. Contemporary Shanghai is making up for lost time with everything from pulsating house music to sultry jazz.

Cottons /



The eponymous drinking hole of Cotton Ding has recently moved to a new home in a French Concession villa. The most intriguing element is its circular bed with the white voile drapes. But anyone not needing a snooze can enjoy the torch-lit courtyard and the enticing sofas indoors.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 132 Anting Lu, Xuhui District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 11h - 1h

Phone: +86 21 6433 7995

Internet: www.cottons-shanghai.com

M Glam /



It bills itself a "bar for grown-ups" - its décor features hand-painted Chinese screens and an oval chrome bar - and, of course, the amazing view over the Bund and the river for which M is famous. The Glamour Bar hosts an array of interesting events from live jazz to literary readings. It is also the home to the Shanghai International Literary Festival each March.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20 Guangdong Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 17h - 2h

Phone: +86 21 6329 3751

More Info: [The Glamour Bar](#)

House of Blues and Jazz



House of Blues and Jazz is a relaxed venue which often hosts international live acts. There is no cover charge, and the drink menu is extensive, although mixed drinks are best skipped in favour of beer or wine. Opens in the afternoon; some dining options available.

Photo: Sorbis/Shutterstock.com

Address: 60 Fuzhou Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 18h - 2h

Phone: +86 021 6323 2779

Internet: www.bluesandjazzshanghai.com

Email: house@bluesandjazzshanghai.cn

Bar Rouge



A quintessential nightlife hot spot, Bar Rouge is the place to see and be seen. Dressed-to-the-nines glitterati flock to this sleek, glamorous bar-club hybrid set smack in the middle of it all in Shanghai's Bund, overlooking the Pudong skyscrapers.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 18h - 4h

Phone: +86 21 6339 1199

Internet: www.bar-rouge-shanghai.com

Barbarossa



Barbarossa holds three floors of Arabic opulence beside the lake in People's Park. With its delicious cocktails and a serene atmosphere, it

attracts a glamorous crowd and is one of the city's finest for a relaxed drink out. Every day, between 5 pm-8 pm, drinks are 50% off.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: 231 Nanjing Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 17h - 1h30

Phone: +86 21 6318 0220

Email: marketing@barbarossa.com.cn

More Info: Inside People's Park (0 0 0 0)

M1NT



M1NT is Shanghai's definition of lavish opulence - with indoor shark tanks, exuberant decor style, pricey drinks, first-class views over the night city from its 24th-floor location and the notoriously strict dress code, the club is a sought-after nightlife spot for those looking to party in style.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 318 Fuzhou Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 18h - 23h

Phone: +86 21 6391 2811

Internet: www.m1ntglobal.com

Email: bookings@m1ntglobal.com

More Info: 24th Floor of Huashe Building (0 0 0 0)

Boxing Cat Brewery /



Boxing Cat Brewery is an award-winning small brewery with several locations across Shanghai. Here you can enjoy every type of beer from malt to ale and many different European favourites. They serve good pub grub, and the indoor screens are large enough to fully enjoy a sporting game.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 519-521 Fuxing Zhong Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 11h30 - 24h

Phone: +86 21 6426 0360

Internet: www.boxingcathbrewery.com

The Paramount /



This Art Deco dance hall was the place to be seen in 1930s Shanghai (Charlie Chaplin once danced here), and it has now reopened for the twenty-first-century crowd. The clientele is mostly older, and the dancing done is old-style. This place is a real throwback to the glamour of old Shanghai, so strap on your dancing shoes and take to the floor for a whirl.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com

Address: 218 Yuyuan Lu, Jing'an District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 14h - 24h

Phone: +86 21 6249 8866

Dr Wine



The wine selection leans towards French but extends its scope to include international labels. The dimly-lit bar occupies two storeys that look nothing like the doctor's office, but a cure for (nearly) all ailments is served both by the glass and bottled. Delectable wine accompaniments and platters are highly popular.

Photo: archimede/Shutterstock.com

Address: 177 Fumin Lu, Jing'an District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 12h - 2h

Phone: +86 21 5403 5717

SHOPPING



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If you like things made to measure, Shanghai is a shopping Mecca. The Fabric Market has recently been pulled up from its down-at-the-heel roots and relocated to 399 Lujiabang Road. Meanwhile, Tai Kang Road features more upscale boutiques selling jewellery, pottery and leather wear, while Xintiandi has everything from clothes to cushions to cocktails. And then, of course, there's the Bund.

Three on the Bund /



Try Three on the Bund for seven floors of glamour, art, culture, cuisine and music, with the Shanghai Gallery of Art located on-site. Hours can easily be spent at this historic building offering up some of the best views of the Bund and Pudong across the river.

Photo: Tom Wang/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Phone: +86 21 6323 3355

Internet: www.threeonthebund.com

Tianshan Tea City /



The ground level of Tianshan Tea City really is a tea lover's paradise: the variety of teas on offer is seriously impressive, and most shop owners will conduct free-of-charge tastings to help you decide on a variety to purchase. Floors two and three are given over to porcelain and tea-making paraphernalia.

Photo: hxdyl/Shutterstock.com

Address: 520 Zhongshan Xi Lu, Changning District, Shanghai

Phone: +86 21 6259 9999

Internet: www.dabutong.com

Tian Zi Fang /



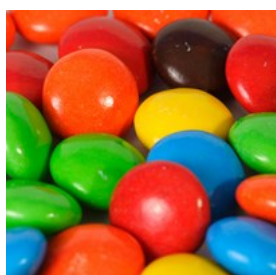
This is the meeting point of the new Shanghai and old Shanghai. In the traditional stone-paved alley lies probably the artsiest neighbourhood in Shanghai. Modern restaurants and cafés line up along the street. Take a walk in a cosy afternoon, you can surely find another side of this international metropolis.

Photo: cyo bo / Shutterstock.com

Address: 210 Taikang Lu, Huangpu District

Phone: +86 21 5465 7531

M&M's World / m



This is the only M&M's World in Asia and the 5th one to open its doors to the celebrated candy lovers. This world famous chocolate bean brand offers much more fun than only delicious chocolates. The shop has the iconic M&M tube wall as well as T-shirts, toys and all other kinds

of souvenirs.

Photo: Felix Mizioznikov / Shutterstock.com

Address: 829 Nanjing Dong Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

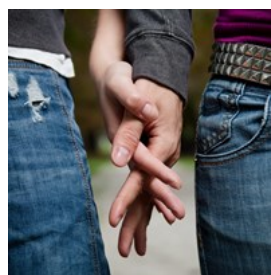
Phone: +86 21 2316 2888

Internet:

www.mymms.com/category/store-locations/shanghai.do

More Info: Inside Shimao Shopping Mall (□ □ □ □ G09)

Tian'ai Lu /



This is the most romantic road in Shanghai. Allegedly, if you walk down the 600- metre-long road holding the hand of your beloved one, you will be blessed and all but guaranteed to stay together. Each 20 meters are marked by a framed world-famous love poem (there are 28 in total). There is also a special red mailbox on the street, every letter sent from here will get a seal with the word "love" written on it.

Photo: MinDof / Shutterstock.com

Address: Tian'ai Lu, Hongkou District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 21 6218 9993

Joy City /



With international brands and more than 40 Chinese brands selling fashion-forward outfits, digital gadgets, and a dazzling sky screen, this spacious place is one of the best places to shop in the area. Exhibitions are held occasionally in the lobby of the shopping mall.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: 166 Xizang Bei Lu, Zhabei District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

Phone: +86 21 3633 8833

Disney Flagship Shop /



This is the biggest Disney flagship shop in the world. There is a 6 metre tall Disney castle inside the shop, with a 3-minute mini show inside the castle every hour. The shop has Mickey Mouse, Disney Princess, Pixar and Marvel sections. They also have souvenirs that feature Disney and Shanghai, which can be ideal for Disney-fan friends or yourself.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: 180 Fenghe Lu, Pudong New District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

Nanjing Road Pedestrian /



The main shopping street of Shanghai embodies the eclectic nature of the city. Being one of the busiest streets in the world, it features outlets of both well known traditional Chinese and global brands, as well as more than 600 stores, shopping malls and restaurants on both sides of the walkway. It is certainly the place to be to feel the pulse of the city or join the crowds on a shopping spree.

Photo: proboss / flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Nanjing Rd, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 21 5109 9782

Xintiandi /



Xintiandi literally means "new heaven and earth". It's a new landmark of Shanghai developed in the late 1990s. In order to improve the living conditions of local people, the majority of old-style Shikumen houses were replaced with new apartment buildings. Some were worried that this traditional local house type might disappear one day, so the government decided to maintain some as cultural heritage. This area has now grown to become a major western-style dining location.

Photo: 4045/Shutterstock.com

Address: Taicang Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

Phone: +86 21 6311 2288

Shanghai Old Street /



Discover a bustling Shanghai market the way it was 100 years ago. A combination of sightseeing, shopping, entertainment and cultural exhibits turn the area into a tourist must-see. Here you can experience the unique "Hai Pai" (East meets West) architecture and folk custom.

Photo: chuyuss/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fang Bang Zhong Lu, Huangpu District, Shanghai

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Best Time To Visit



Most of Shanghai attractions are city sights, so the change of seasons has little impact.

However, given the weather, it is

recommended to visit in spring or autumn, for winter might get too cold and summer too hot for comfort. There is also the possibility of typhoons during summertime and even early autumn. Try to avoid Chinese public holidays such as between October 1st and 7th, during which the city could be flooded by local tourists.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

Passport/Visa



For citizens of the following countries, a visa is not requested for short term stays: - 90 days: Bosnia and Herzegovina, San Marino - 60 days:

Mauritius

- 30 days: Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Ecuador, Fiji, Grenada, Qatar, Serbia, Seychelles, Tonga, United Arab Emirates.

- 15 days: Brunei, Japan, Singapore.

Holders of passports issued by the following 49 countries do not require a visa for a 144-hour stay if they are transiting through Shanghai Airport. However, passengers need to provide a ticket showing their first destination, which should be outside China, nor could it be in the same country as the inbound flight.

- All European Union citizens, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, United States.

- Passengers who enter China via Shanghai Airport under transition condition cannot leave the area of Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Internet Access and VPN in China



Due to the Internet policy of China, certain websites and applications are not accessible from the mainland, which includes those very commonly

used in the west (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google, Skype and more). Some travellers have been able to gain access to those via a VPN service (installed prior to arrival in China).

Make sure you comply with local laws and regulations when deciding on whether or not to employ a VPN, and which one to choose (if you do, only use those explicitly allowed by the Chinese government, and only use them for authorised purposes to avoid any trouble). There have been reports of foreigners in China getting their cell service cut off in response to unauthorised use of VPN being detected;

restoring cell service required a trip to the local police station where contents of the device were investigated and certain apps removed.

Giving that Google is banned in China, Google Maps might not be the most accurate and reliable source of information. Some local apps such as Baidu Maps and AutoNavi tend to work better than Google Maps.

Photo: TukTuk Design / Shutterstock.com

Shanghai Pudong International Airport



Shanghai has two airports one of them is the international airport in Pudong, 35 km from the city centre. From the Pudong Airport, the most

enthralling way to travel is on the Maglev (the high-speed magnetic-rail train) to Longyang Road in Pudong. Purchasing a round-trip comes with a discount. There are an underground station and a taxi rank at Longyang Road for onward travel.

Metro Line 2 is available when departing or arriving at Pudong International Airport. Operating Time 6 am 10 pm and leaves every 8.5 minutes. Hotline: +86 21 6437 0000, www.service.shmetro.com/en

A taxi from Pudong Airport to the city centre takes up to an hour. Make sure you have your destination written in Chinese.

The airport has regular shuttle buses to many areas in the city and the major hotels have desks at the airport and will arrange the transfer.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Phone: +86 21 96990

Internet: www.shanghaiairport.com

Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport



Another airport called Hongqiao Airport, which handles domestic flights, lies 15 km from downtown. Both Metro and buses run from this

airport.

A taxi from Hongqiao Airport will take 30-45 minutes. Make sure you have your destination written in Chinese.

Hongqiao Airport has regular shuttle buses to many areas in the city. The major hotels have desks at the airport and will arrange the transfer.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport

Phone: +86 21 96990

Internet: www.shanghaiairport.com/

Metro



One of the best ways to travel is by the rapidly expanding Metro network, which is reliable, good value and easy to navigate (all

directions are in English as well as Chinese).

You can buy your ticket at the ticket office at the Metro station or the automatic ticket selling machine.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Phone: +86 21 6437 0000

Email: hexieditie@shmetro.com

Bus



can be useful.

Keep some loose change when travelling by bus, coins need to be placed in the slot at the entrance.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



understand English. A great solution comes from a set-up called Guanxi: you text the English name of your destination to 885 074 and back it comes in Chinese characters. Just show your phone to your taxi driver.

You can also use taxi cab hailing service with WeChat or Alipay (like the Chinese version of Uber).

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Buses are usually busy and the network can be complicated to negotiate for non-speakers of Chinese. The 911, which runs along Huaihai Road,

Centre branch (1376 Nanjing Xi Lu) and the branch at 212 Xinhua Lu have staff who speak some English. Post boxes are green.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are not hard to find in the city, just look for the green cross. The Shanghai United Family Hospital and Clinics Pharmacy work 24/7, year-round. It is located at 1139 Xianxia Rd, Changning Qu, Shanghai (+86 21 2216 3900).

Parkway Community Pharmacy is an international standard professional pharmacy. Staff can speak English.

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: 9-B101A, Green Garden 333 Bi Yun Lu, Shanghai
Opening hours: 9h - 18h
Phone: +86 21 3382 1382
Internet: www.parkwaycommunitypharmacy.com
Email: pharmacists@parkwaycommunitypharmacy.com

Telephone



Country code: +86 Area code: (0)21

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 V / 50 Hz, three-pin
plugs Adapter needed

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

24 million

Currency

Chinese Yuan (CNY)

Opening hours

Most offices are open Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm or 6 pm. Some bank branches open on Saturday mornings. Shopping centres and department stores are usually open seven days a week until 8 pm or 10 pm.

Newspapers

Shanghai Daily: Local English-language daily
China Daily National English-language newspaper

Emergency numbers

Police: 110
Ambulance: 120
Fire: 119

Tourist information

The Shanghai Tourist Information and Service Centre has branches throughout the city. Main branches can be found at:

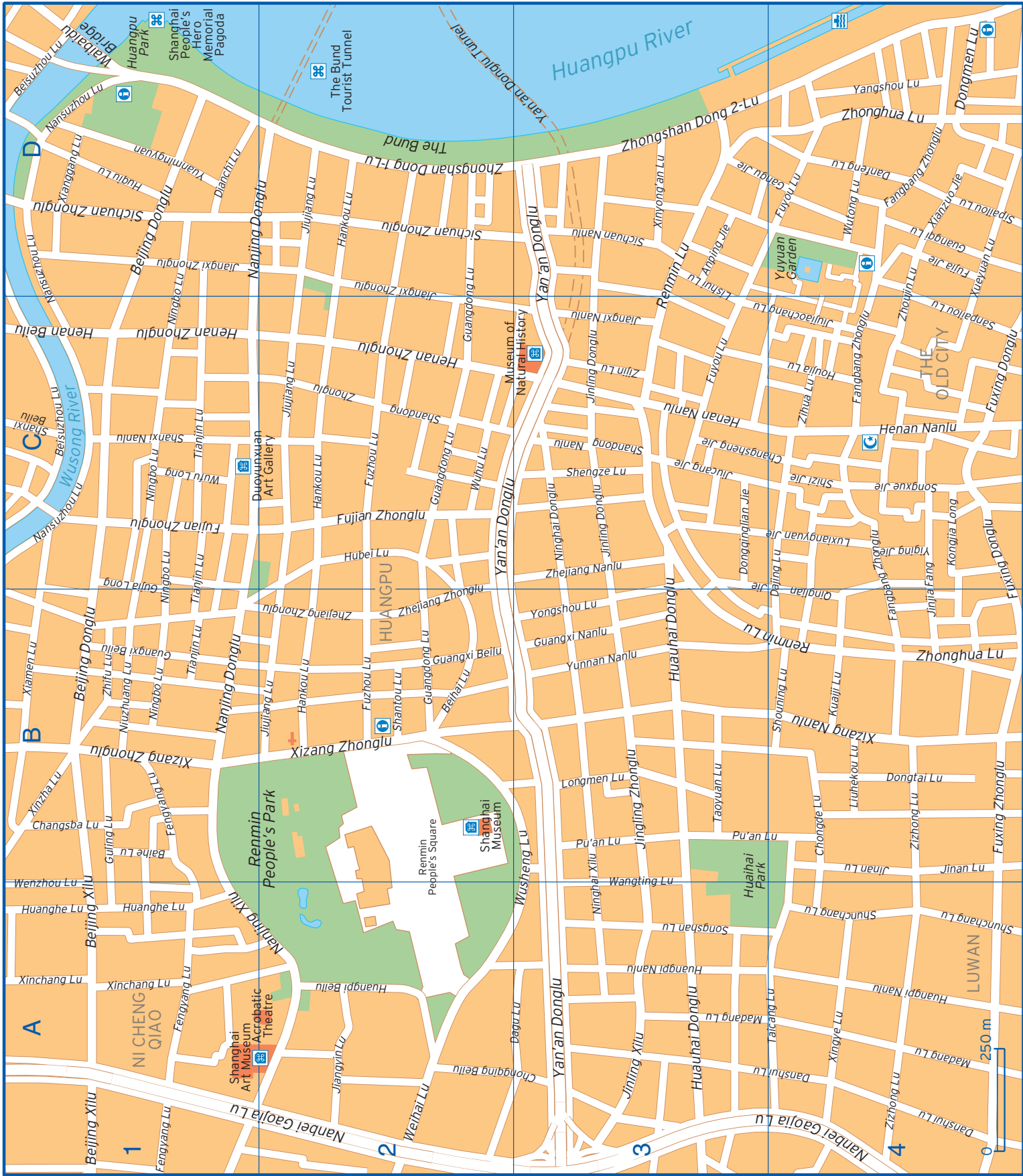
Room 410, 2525 West Zhongshan Road
Tel: +86 21 6439 9806

1699 West Nanjing Road
Tel: +86 21 6248 3259

561 East Nanjing Road
Tel: +86 21 5353 1117

127 South Chengdu Road
Tel: +86 21 6372 8330

Zhengda Guangchang, 168 West Lujiazui Road
Tel: +86 21 6887 7888



Anping Jie	D3	Huqiu Lu	D1	Sipailou Lu	D4
Baihe Lu	B1	Jiangxi Nanlu	C3	Songshan Lu	A3
Beihai Lu	B2	Jiangxi Zhonglu	D1 D2	Songxue Jie	C4
Beijing Donglu	B1 D1	Jiangyin Lu	A2	Taicang Lu	A4
Beijing Xilu	A1 B1	Jinan Lu	B4	Taoyuan Lu	B3
Beisuzhou Lu	C1 D1	Jingling Zhonglu	B3	The Bund	D2
Changsba Lu	B1	Jinjia Fang	B4 C4	Tianjin Lu	B1 C1
Changsheng Jie	C3 C4	Jinling Donglu	C3	Waibaidu Bridge	D1
Chongde Lu	B4	Jinling Xilu	A3	Wangting Lu	A3
Chongqing Beilu	A2 A3	Jiucang Jie	C3	Weihai Lu	A2
Dagu Lu	A3	Jiujiang Lu	B2 C2 D2	Wenzhou Lu	A1
Dajing Lu	B4 C4	Jiujiaochang Lu	C3 C4	Wufu Long	C1
Danfeng Lu	D4	Kongjia Long	C4	Wuhu Lu	C2
Danshui Lu	A3 A4	Kuaiji Lu	B4	Wusheng Lu	A3 B3
Dianchi Lu	D1	Lishui Lu	D3	Wutong Lu	D4
Dongmen Lu	D4	Liuhekou Lu	B4	Xiamen Lu	B1
Dongqinglian Jie	C3	Longmen Lu	B3	Xianggang Lu	D1
Dongtai Lu	B4	Luxiangyuan Jie	C3 C4	Xianzuo Jie	D4
Fangbang Zhonglu	B4 C4 D4	Madang Lu	A3 A4	Xinchang Lu	A1
Fengyang Lu	A1 B1	Nanbei Gaojia Lu	A1 A2 A3 A4	Xingye Lu	A4
Fujia Jie	D4	Nanjing Donglu	B1 D1 D2	Xinyong'an Lu	D3
Fujian Zhonglu	C1 C2	Nanjing Xilu	A1 A2	Xinzha Lu	B1
Fuxing Donglu	B4 C4	Nansuzhou Lu	C1 D1	Xizang Nanlu	B4
Fuxing Zhonglu	B4	Ningbo Lu	B1 C1 D1	Xizang Zhonglu	B1 B2
Fuyou Lu	C3 D4	Ninghai Donglu	C3	Xueyuan Lu	C4 D4
Fuzhou Lu	B2 C2	Ninghai Xilu	A3 B3	Yangshou Lu	D4
Gangu Jie	D3 D4	Niuzhuang Lu	B1	Yan'an Donglu	A3 C2 C3 D3
Guangdong Lu	B2 C2 D2	Pu'an Lu	B3 B4	Yan'an Donglu Tunnel	D2 D3
Guangqi Lu	D4	Qinglian Jie	B4 C3 C4	Yiging Jie	C4
Guangxi Beilu	B1 B2	Renmin Lu	B3 B4 C3 D3	Yongshou Lu	B3
Guangxi Nanlu	B3	Renmin People's Square	B2	Yuanmingyuan	D1
Gujia Long	C1	Sanpailou Lu	C4	Yunnan Nanlu	B3
Guling Lu	B1	Shandong Nanlu	C3	Zhejiang Nanlu	C3
Hankou Lu	B2 C2 D2	Shandong Zhonglu	C2	Zhejiang Zhonglu	B2
Henan Beilu	C1	Shantou Lu	B2	Zhifu Lu	B1
Henan Nanlu	C3 C4	Shanxi Beilu	C1	Zhonghua Lu	B4 D4
Henan Zhonglu	C1 C2	Shanxi Nanlu	C1	Zhongshan Dong 1-Lu	D2
Houjia Lu	C4	Shengze Lu	C3	Zhongshan Dong 2-Lu	D3
Huanghe Lu	A1	Shizi Jie	C4	Zhoujin Lu	C4 D4
Huangpi Beilu	A2	Shouning Lu	B4	Zihua Lu	C4
Huangpi Nanlu	A3 A4	Shunchang Lu	A4	Zijin Lu	C3
Huauhai Donglu	A3 B3 C3	Sichuan Nanlu	D3	Zizhong Lu	A4 B4
Hubei Lu	C2	Sichuan Zhonglu	D1 D2		