SHANGHAI CITY GUIDE

上海 城市指南



SAY THIS

NIHAO!



HELLO, or literally from the chinese characters, "You Good!" Pronounced "knee-how"





THANK YOU!

Pronounced "she-yeah she-yeah" said quickly

ZAIJIANI



GOODBYE, or "See you again!" Pronounced "Tzy-Ji-en"

We are thrilled that more and more of our clients, partners and friends are traveling back to China for work, business and pleasure.

Finally we get to share our favorite parts of Shanghai with our foreign community.

So much has changed over the past few years, so we have put this guide together to help navigate the best of the city, including some all-time favorites, hidden treasures, and new players.



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SHANGHAI INTRO

SHANGHAI LOCALES

Shanghai, along China's Yangtze River Delta, is a vibrant world city linking East and West for centuries. Split by the Huangpu River, Puxi holds historic landmarks like The Bund and the Former French Concession (now Xuhui), while Pudong's glass-and-steel skyline features icons like the Oriental Pearl Tower and Shanghai Tower, plus a 25km riverside green belt to Qiantan's luxury precinct.

Beyond the tourist sights, Puxi's neighborhoods pulse with creative, fashion-forward energy. In Xuhui, Anfu Lu and Wukang Lu are weekend stages for influencers posing by art deco facades. Changning's Yuyuan Lu is lined with hip cafes, restaurants, and retail, while Zhongshan Park buzzes from tai chi at dawn to "dancing aunties" at dusk.

Suzhou Creek's greenways now replace its industrial past, dotted with galleries and cafes such as Fotografiska. West Bund's former wharfs and airport site offers miles of riverside paths past museums and sports venues. Scenic, cheap ferries connect both sides from multiple piers.

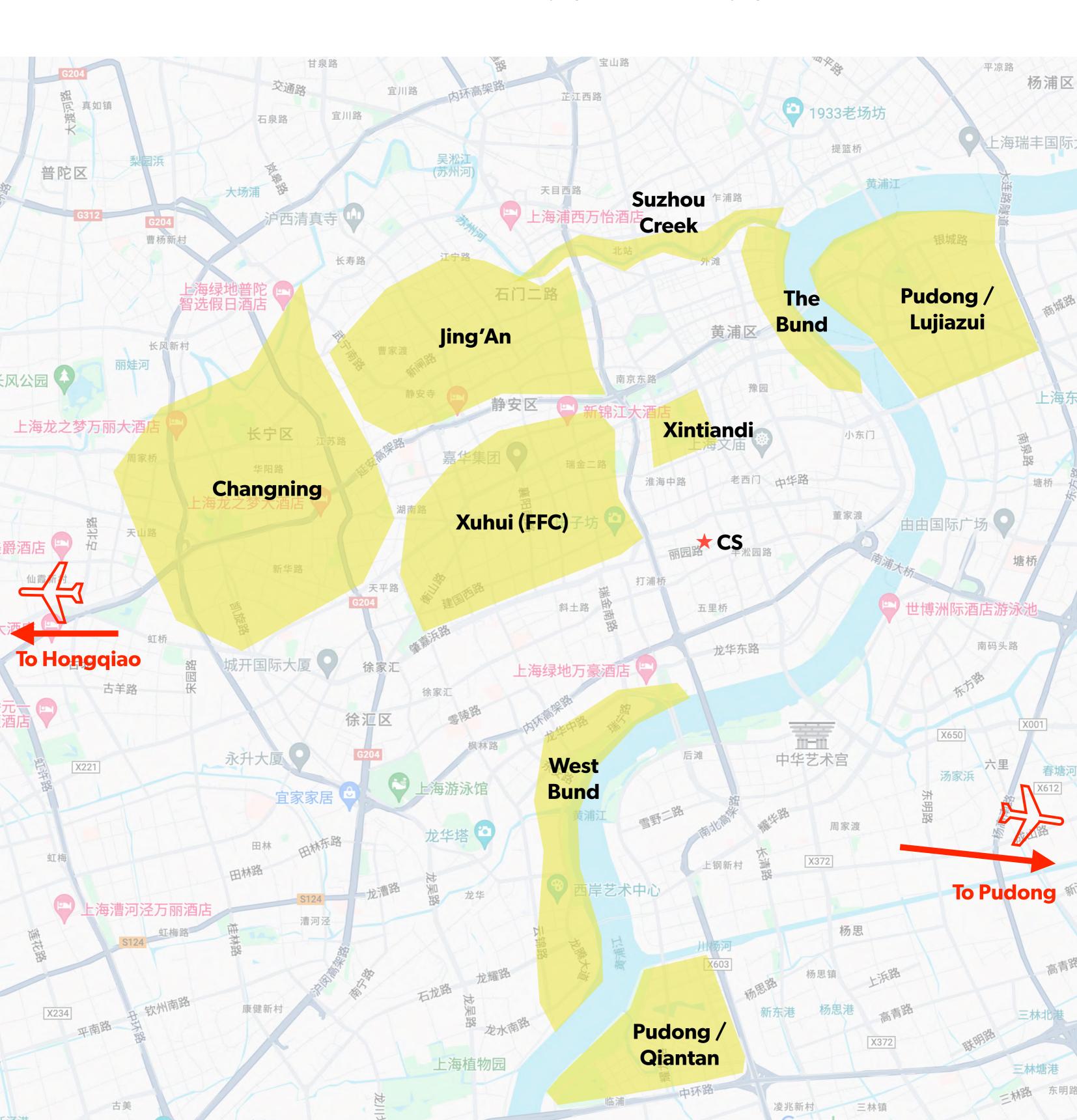
Shanghai blends history, modernity, and style like nowhere else.

MAP OF SHANGHAI

Aside from the river, the heart of Shanghai is divided into quadrants marked out by the North-South Elevated road and the Yanan Elevated road. (Gao-jia 高架).

Also running east-west is the revitalized Suzhou Creek ending in the Huangpu River. This magnificent transformation has walking and bike tracks along the length of both sides. New precincts are always opening up and the city keeps growing.

The Chinese word for Road is Lu (路). For example Nanjing Road is said Nanjing Lu.



THE BASICS

AIRPORTS AND TRANSPORTATION

Shanghai is served by two major airports: Pudong International Airport (PVG) and Hongqiao International Airport (SHA). Hongqiao is closer to downtown and is integrated with Shanghai's main intercity high speed rail station.

Pudong International Airport (PVG)

Pudong International Airport is the primary hub for international flights, located approximately 30 kilometers east of downtown Shanghai, around a 40 to 50 minute drive from downtown.

If you are reading this you've probably got transport sorted from the airport, but aside from road, there is also the Maglev train, a high-speed magnetic levitation train, which reaches speeds of 431 kph. Unfortunately at the end of the ride you need to transfer to taxi or local metro which ruins the illusion of getting to the city quickly. But take a ride and get a selfie in front of the speedometer.

Hongqiao International Airport (SHA)

Located closer to the city center, about 13 kilometers west of downtown Shanghai, Hongqiao International Airport primarily serves domestic flights and some regional international routes. The airport is preferred for domestic flights and international whenever possible.

A car will take around 30 minutes to downtown and the airport is well-connected to downtown Shanghai via Metro Line 2 and Line 10, with a travel time of about 20-30 minutes.

Hongqiao Railway Station

Adjacent to Hongqiao International Airport, Hongqiao Railway Station is one of the largest railway stations in China, serving as a major hub for high-speed trains. It connects Shanghai to various major cities across China, including Beijing and nearby cities like Hangzhou and Nanjing, which can be reached in around an hour or so.

Other stations include Shanghai Station and Shanghai South - so double check all tickets and stations.

TAXI

DIDI

As a local alternative to Uber, DiDi provides a range of appbased transportation services, including taxi hailing, private car hailing, social ride-sharing and bike sharing, designated driving, and on-demand delivery services.

An English version is available and make sure you link up a payment method.

VPN

Many western sites and online services such as Google, Facebook, Instagram are blocked in China. A VPN is recommended to ensure smooth surfing.

SIMPLE LINK

Simple VPN is a reliable VPN service with desktop and mobile apps that generally allows good connections for international and local sites. www.simplelink.app

*To ensure a smooth digital journey, secure your VPN before you take off for China.

ELECTRICITY

In China, the standard voltage for electricity is 220 volts at a frequency of 50 Hz. The power outlets typically accept two types of plugs: the Type A (two flat parallel pins) and Type I (three flat pins in a triangular pattern).

It's advisable for travelers to always carry a universal adapter, however most power points are designed to accept multiple different types of plugs.

Additionally, travelers should check if their electronic devices support the 220V voltage; if not, a voltage converter may be necessary to prevent damage.



TYPE A



TYPE I

MONEY

Cash is certainly not king in China. Most transactions are done by using mega-apps WeChat or Alipay for digital payments with QR codes at every cash register and check out.

Many stores don't accept cash anymore; and if they do may struggle to give change. Foreign credit cards are not accepted widely, so if you can, set up your Alipay or WeChat by linking your credit card for ease of getting around.

Food delivery, transport and bike sharing apps are all linked and usable through these two mega-apps.



ALIPAYHighly Recommend

HOW TO USE ALIPAY

01 Download Alipay and Sign Up with Your Phone Number

Get the latest version of the app from your app store or download at Alipay's website There's just one Alipay app, but inside the app you can switch between an English "International Version" and a Chinese local version. The English version has limited features but can certainly use the most popular services.

Once you've installed the app, follow the registration steps with either a local Chinese or foreign phone number. Using a foreign phone number will automatically register you for the International Version.

02 Add Your Bank Card

Tap "Me" in the bottom-right corner, then tap "Bank Cards". These foreign cards are currently accepted:

- Visa Card
- Master Cards
- Diners Club
- Discover

03 Make Payments!

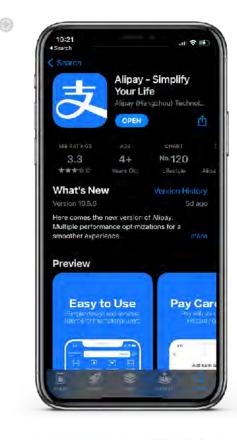
Your bank card will now appear in the "Bank Cards" section. With that, you can make purchases with your phone just about anywhere in China.

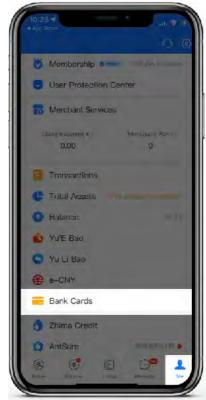
There are two common ways of paying with Alipay:

If are you are presented with a QR code, tap the Scan button to scan and pay. That's more common in smaller shops.

In most restaurants and supermarkets, they will scan your QR code. Just tap the Pay/ Collect Icon and present the QR code that shows.

Alipay will also now be an automatic option for payments within mobile apps like Didi, Meituan, and of course, Taobao.







APP - COMMUNICATIONS

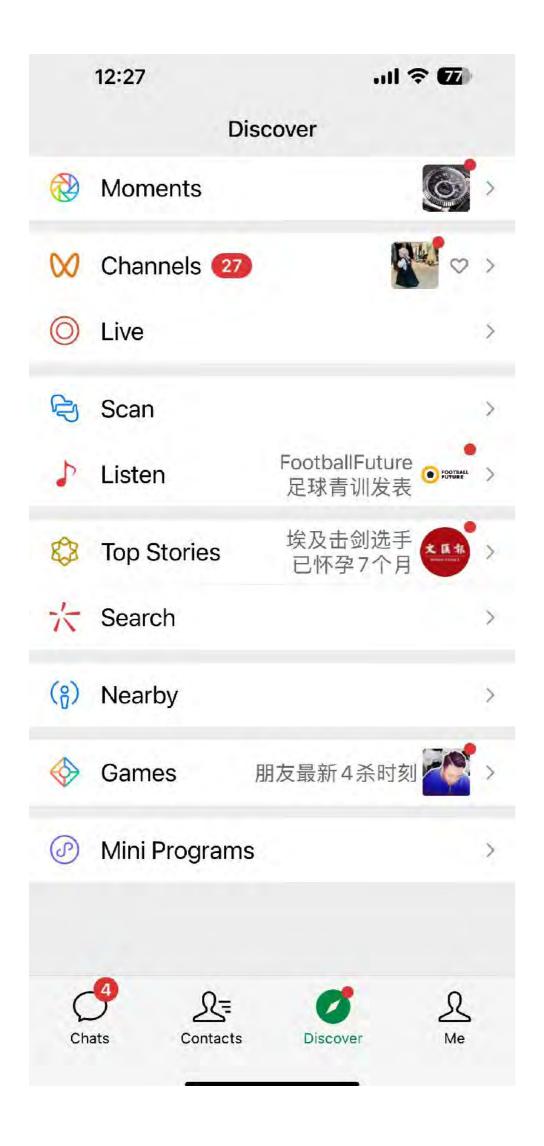
WECHAT

This is the essential Mega-App to have in China that enables quick communication, location sharing, links to restaurants and money transfer / payments.

The main features of this app are:

- Instant messaging that allows easy photo sharing, document sharing and other useful info
- Group chats
- Voice and Video calls with individuals or groups.
- P2P payments and also payments for good and services
- A "moments" feed to see what your community is posting about
- Official Company accounts to follow brands and business you like
- Food ordering at many restaurants by scanning on-table QR codes
- Connection to loads of other services

If you don't have WeChat enabled in China, you won't get the full experience of life in China





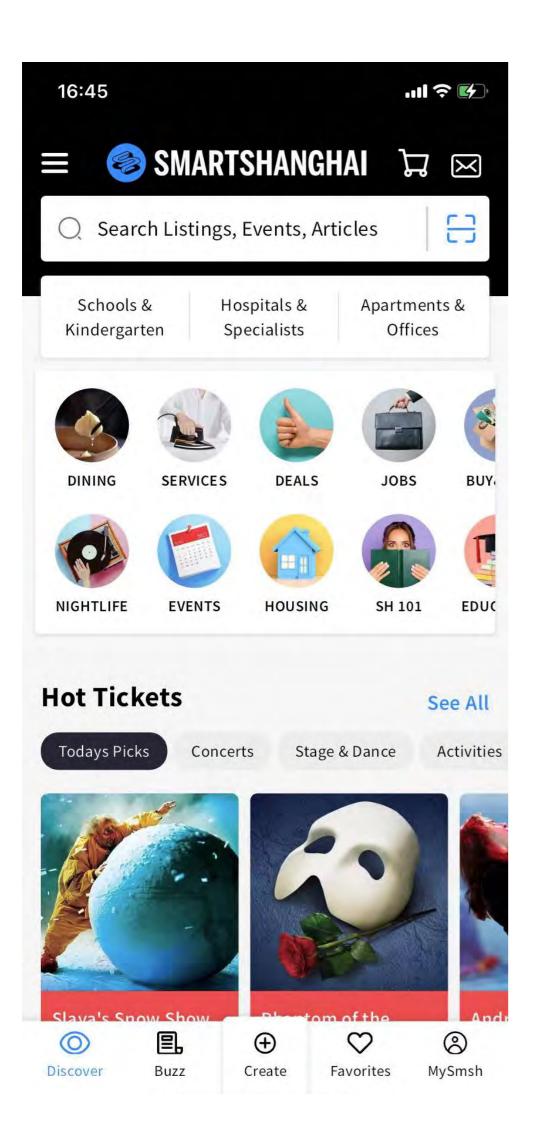
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SMARTSHANGHAI

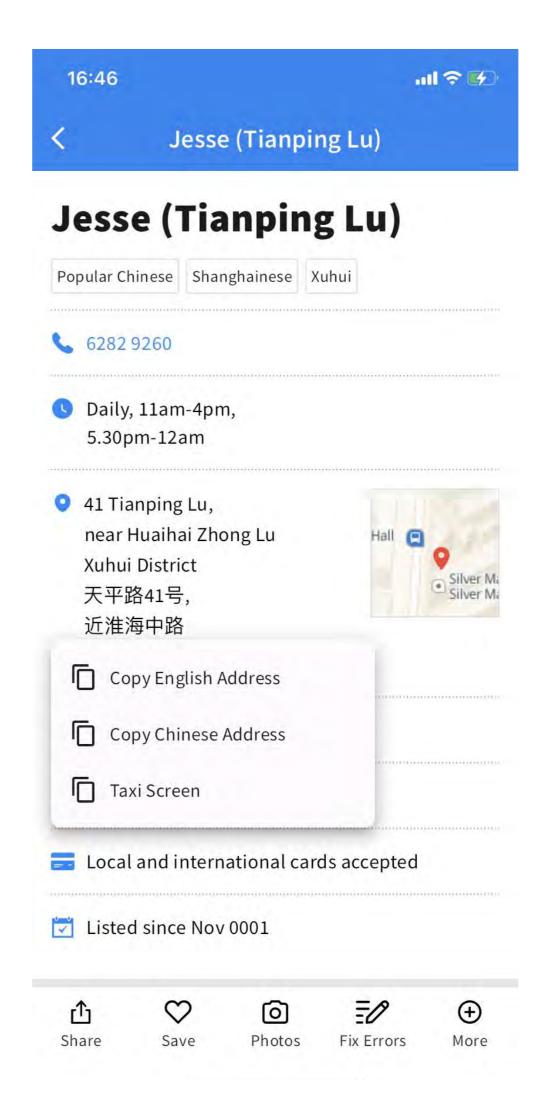
"Smart Shanghai" has been the city's leading English-language online magazine for over 15 years. It offers daily content on lifestyle news and events, hosts Shanghai's largest venue directory and best event listings, and provides a popular housing platform. Additionally, it features SmartTicket, an active online dating community, a digital marketplace, and more.



• Discover Shanghai's vibrant culinary scene, exciting activities, and more.



 You can directly copy the address to book a taxi.



APP - CITY GUIDE

DIANPING 大众点评

Often called the "Yelp of China", DianPing features millions of user reviews for restaurants, cafes, bars, salons, attractions, and more. The app includes menus and different stores, featuring price ranges, photos, and real-time wait time, making it an essential tool for navigating Shanghai like a local. Users can also book reservations, order delivery, and access exclusive deals all in just one place.

Note: DianPing is primarily in Chinese, so it helps to use a translation feature on your phone or familiarize yourself with basic navigation. Key sections to look for include 点评 (reviews), 菜单 (menus), and 预订 (reservations).



 Discover good food, top attractions, hotels, malls, and more in one go



Personalized suggestions and posts



• "Smart Scene" (场景) - Location based suggestions



WECHAT PROGRAMS - CITY GUIDE

You can search for the following official accounts in your chats window.

TIME OUT SHANGHAI

Time Out Shanghai is a trusted English-language city guide designed for travelers and expats. It features curated recommendations for restaurants, bars, art, nightlife, and things to do across the city. With an easy-to-use website and WeChat mini program, it offers up-to-date listings, editorials, and event highlights.



NOMFLUENCE

Nomfluence is a popular lifestyle and food discovery platform focused on offering curated recommendations for restaurants, bars, cafes, and events. With user reviews, beautiful photos, and insider tips, Nomfluence helps you uncover the city's hidden gems and trending spots.



THAT'S SHANGHAI

That's Shanghai is a leading English-language lifestyle magazine and website offering up-to-date news, event listings, restaurant reviews, and cultural insights. This resource is especially helpful for those looking to explore Shanghai's vibrant dining, arts, and entertainment scenes.



SHANGHAI WOW

Shanghai WOW features a variety of events, restaurants, nightlife, and cultural activities in the city. While most of the content is in Chinese, it's a valuable resource for those comfortable navigating the language or using translation tools. To get the most out of Shanghai WOW, you can use your phone's built-in translation feature (Google Translate) or the built-in WeChat translation to read menus and event details.



APP-FOOD DELIVERY

ELEME

"Eleme" is the predominant food delivery app in China. It features almost all restaurants and can deliver to hotels or offices. If delivering to hotels, they will call you and and ask you to come down and collect the food in person or from a delivery rack.

The app is all in Chinese so ask someone to help plug and save your delivery address. You can save your favorite restaurants, and ordering is relatively easy by following pictures. However at times when given choices, take a screen grab and use the translate function on device to decipher what options you have.

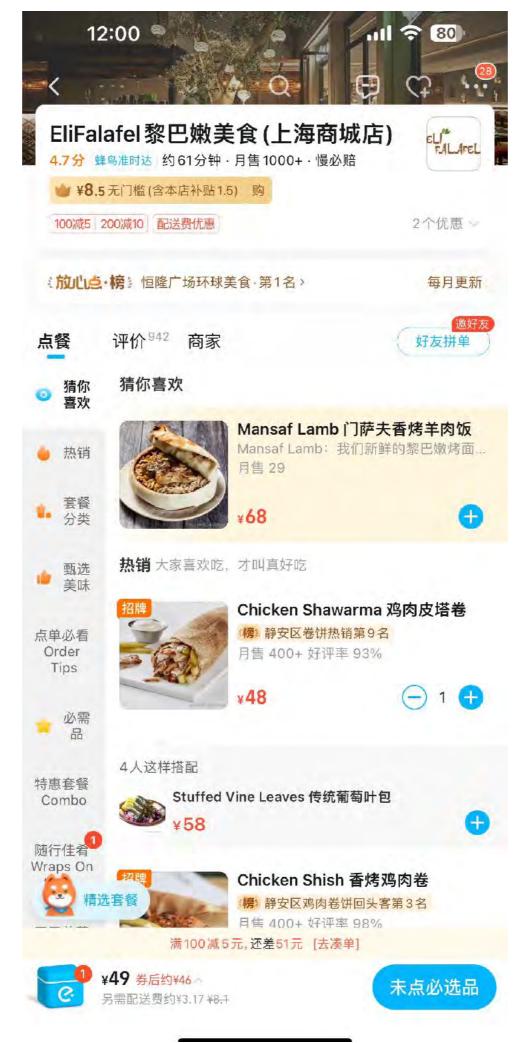


• Western and chinese restaurants all available on Eleme.

Add your items

Checkout







ART GALLERIES

The Shanghai art scene is well represented with major museums as well as an abundance of commercial galleries. While many of the major institutions are towards the riverside, the commercial galleries are dotted throughout Xuhui, towards the Bund and Suzhou Creek.

Many of the city's most prominent museums are housed in striking contemporary spaces that reflect Shanghai's rapid urban evolution. These institutions showcase a range of exhibitions—from avant-garde installations to retrospectives of modern Chinese masters—often bridging Eastern and Western art histories. Their programs are ambitious, drawing both international attention and fostering a vibrant dialogue within the local art community.

Meanwhile, Shanghai's commercial gallery scene offers a more intimate and experimental counterpoint. Independent spaces tucked into lane houses, renovated warehouses, or minimalist storefronts present emerging artists alongside established names. Many areas have evolved into creative hubs for viewing art but also for cultivating it—with studios, pop-ups, and artist-run initiatives contributing to a dynamic, ever-changing cultural landscape.

ART GALLERIES

You will need to check local guides to see whats on or search for the museum or gallery's official account in WeChat to follow their schedules.

Fotografiska

Renowned gallery from Stockholm, Fotografiska, has recently landed in Shanghai occupying a historic warehouse on the North Suzhou Creek. Fotografiska brings together the legendary works of international photography masters and the creations of local avant-garde visual artists.

127 Guangfu Lu, near Jinyuan lu, Jingan 静安区光复路127号,斤晋苑路



Photo: Seth Powers

Museum of Art Pudong

Located on the river in the heart of Lujiazui, Museum of Art Pudong is Shanghai's newest Art institution hosting the best of Chinese contemporary art and international works. The top floor boasts an amazing terrace with gun barrel views across to the Bund or the Oriental Pearl Tower behind.

2777 Riverside Promenade 浦东新区滨江大道 2777 号



Long Museum

Long Museum West Bund is a stunning concrete art space that hosts visiting shows, events and exhibitions. Check whats on as each show usually involves a big install so there are down periods.

With a location on the West Bund promenade, the riverside is a lovely place to stroll and catch locals relaxing and enjoying outdoor activity.

3398 Longteng Avenue, Xuhui District 徐汇区龙腾大道3398号



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Art Labor

Located in Shanghai's Former French Concession, Art Labor GALLERY showcases original, emotionally resonant work by artists from around the world. From big names to local artists, Art Labor has created a space for creativity and exploration.

No. 2, Lane 19, Wulumuqi Zhong Road, Jingan District 静安区乌鲁木齐中路19弄2号

Need to call ahead +86 21 6245 6963

M50 Creative Space

Shanghai's iconic art district set in a former factory space along Suzhou Creek. Home to artist studios, galleries, street art, as well as contemporary art exhibitions and a creative community.

No. 50 Moganshan Road, Putuo District 普陀区莫干山路50号





Island6

A long-standing fixture of Shanghai's Moganshan Lu art district, fusing digital media with traditional craft to create works that are playful, provocative, and distinctly local.

50 Moganshan Road, Bld 6, 2F, Putuo District 普陀区莫干山路50号6号楼2楼



SHOPPING & LEISURE

While retail culture in China is mainly mall based, Shanghai has pockets of vibrant street culture with street front doors and lots of revitalized precinct developments housing plenty of options for coffee, bars, food, fashion & lifestyle.

Right in the heart of Jingan, Nanjing West Road is akin to the Champs Elysees of Shanghai. Every luxury marque has a supersized flagship stores all vying for the luxury dollar with next level brand experiences. Generally prices are more expensive than other countries, but trade is brisk.

However, seek and you shall find. Strolling through the eminently walkable streets you are bound to find bursts of creative style with stunning shop fit outs and unique products.

SHOPPING -FASHION EDIT

Breaking out of the mall, here are a few of our favorite boutiques.

Supreme

Xuhui

No. 291 Fumin Road 富民路 291号



To Summer

Xuhui

No. 111 Hunan Road 湖南路 111 号



GoodBai

Xuhui

No. 92 or 104 Yanqing Road 延庆路 92 号 / 104 号 (Cafe)



Maison Dongliang

Changning

No. 168 Wuyi Road 武夷路168号



XC273

Jingan

No. 12, Lane 273, Jiaozhou Road 胶州路273弄12号



Anno Mundi

Jingan

No. 372-374 Hunan Road 湖南路 372-374 号



SHOPPING -STREETWEAR EDIT

The quest for eternal youth can be found right here.

TX Mall

Jingan

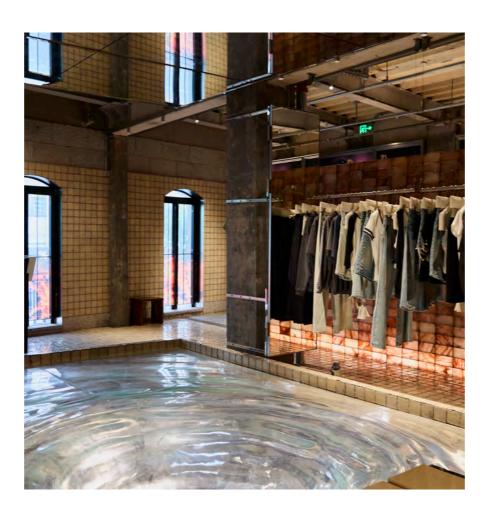
No. 523 Huaihai Road 淮海中路 523 号



Mason Prince

Jingan

No. 530 Huaihai Road 淮海中路 530 号



Undefeated

Xuhui

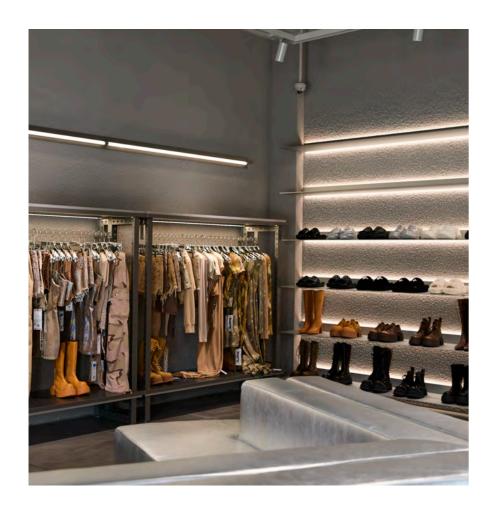
No. 112 Tianping Road 天平路 112 号



SMFK

Jingan

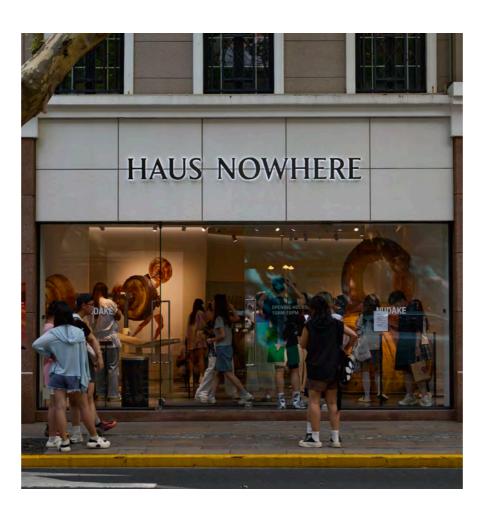
No. 70 Yongyuan Road 永源路 70号



Haus Nowhere

Jingan

No. 798-812 Huaihai Road 淮海中路 798-812 号



HAI550

Jingan

No. 550 Huaihai Road 淮海中路 550 号



SHOPPING - MALL EDIT

Reel Plaza

Jingan

• Spread out over 2 floors in a popular mall, Reel fashion offers an incredible selection of local and international brands.



NO.1601 Nanjing West Road 南京西路1601号芮欧百货

Xing Ye Tai Koo Hui

Jingan

 A high-end mall with architecturally striking design and close ties to the city's creative and cultural scene, now hosting the LV Cruise Ship "The Louis."



No. 383, Tianhe Road 天河路 383号

Qipu Road Clothing Wholesale Market

Suzhou Creek

• Legendary market Qipu Lu is a weird and wonderful place. Worth exploring for some incredible bargains and treasures.



No.303 Qipu Road 七浦路

Zhangyuan

Jingan

 A newly opened series of laneways in restored terrace houses. A popular location for pop-ups and events with some very individual boutique retail concepts.



NO.588,Weihai Road 威海路588号

BEAUTY & SPAS

浅深 Cheersum

Changning

• A stylish, multi-level Korean bathhouse featuring hot tubs, saunas, a rooftop lounge, and a relaxed atmosphere.



NO. 1146 Yan'an West Road 长宁区延安西路1146号

沐屿新集 Muk Resort

Hongkou

• A design-forward boutique spa hotel blending Shanghai's old-lane charm with immersive water-inspirited architecture.



Room 103, NO. 727 Tongfeng Road 虹口区同丰路727号103室

水裹 • 汤泉 Shuiguo

Yangpu

• A luxurious 24-hour hot spring experience offering saunas, pools, massages, and unlimited snacks like fresh fruits and more.



3F-E4F, NO. 111, Songhu Road 杨浦区淞沪路111号3层-4层

漾 • Space 汤泉生活

Pudong

 A modern, all-in-one spa complex combining hot springs, massages, games, and dining in a clean, photogenic setting ideal for solo or grouprelaxation.



NO. 57 Pudian Road 浦东新区浦电路57号

SOME WALKING POINTS

Being so flat, Shanghai is the ideal city to walk around. If you get tired, simply use your Alipay app to scan on a shared bike and rider to your next stop.

Try this walking path (Apple Maps)

WUKANG LU x ANFU LU

Starting on Anfu Lu near Wulumuqi Lu, walk westwards along this bustling avenue and when reaching Wukang Lu turn left and follow all the way to Huaihai Lu at a 6-ways intersection. Stand on the opposite corner to get a perfect view of Shanghai's flatiron - the Wukang Building.

Along the way are countless boutiques, cafes and restaurants. Don't be in a rush.





JULU / FUMIN / CHANGLE / XINLE / YANQING

These streets is where the bustling old neighborhoods get a little more crowded. Brimming with street life, a mix of historical deco architecture and contemporary developments are home to boutiques restaurants, cafes and bars.

YU GARDEN

Yu Garden is Shanghai's oldest area that is currently caught between massive redevelopment and historic preservation. Unfortunately the neighborhoods around here are largely being demolished, but there is still some interesting things to see. Although a tourist Mecca, strolling through the jiangnan-style Yu Garden, is a surprising retreat from the bustle of the specialty and traditional snack shops outside.









RESTAURANTS, BARS & CLUBS

There is no end to the choice of food in Shanghai whether Western or Chinese.

For Chinese food, **Shanghainese** cuisine itself is typically very sweet and saucy, but here every kind of Chinese food is available. From the west comes a lot of spice with the spicy numbing flavours of **Sichuan**, the fire of a **Chongqing** hotpot and the fragrant and spicy **Hunan** cuisine. **Dongbei** food from the north is known for its hearty stews, noodles and abundant vegetables. **Cantonese**, and **dim sum**, hail from the southern province of Guangzhou and is best known for its roast meats, stir fries, rice dishes and congees.

French and Italian are the main influences of western food here, with no shortage of burgers and bbq. Over the past few years there has been a surge of bakeries and coffee chains that you will no doubt observe in multiple locations.

RESTAURANTS

At 195 Anfu Lu, Australian Chef Craig Willis has created one of the cities most loved, multi-story comfort food stops.

Mr. Willis

(Third floor)

Mod-Oz comfort food offering a simple and tasty a la carte menu highlighted by his signature Roast Chicken and pavlova for desert

Mi Thai

(Second Floor)

Thai food done well with super authentic flavors in a relaxing setting.

La Strada

(Ground Floor, right)

Wood fired pizzas, pastas and simple Italian dishes in a casual setting.

Baker & Spice

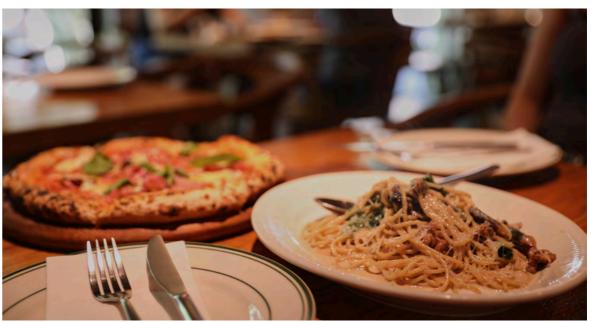
(Ground Floor, left)

The original location of popular Baker & Spice - an all day casual bakery offering sandwiches, salads and fresh bakery and cakes.

195 Anfu Lu, near Wulumuqi Lu, Xuhui District 安福路195号









Something

Set in a botanical industrial atrium, Something offers northern European inspired molecular style recipes in an approachable and delicious manner. Perfect location for a weekend brunch.

2/F, 98 Wukang Road 武康路 98 号 2 楼



RESTAURANTS

Villa Le Bec

Classically French bistro done well. Located in a beautiful old villa with inviting garden bar at the rear, Le Bec has a delicious range of the freshest seafood, charcuterie and mains.

321 Xinhua Lu,near Dingxi Lu Changning District 新华路321号,近定西路



Juke

A hole in a wall bistro with a curated menu paired with a wine list chosen for the geography of the actual vineyards rather than the name the label.

No.11-102, Dongping Road 东平路 11 号-102



High Yaki

A sleek, modern Japanese grill specializing in yakiniku, yakitori, and dry-aged wagyu—served from an open counter bar in an intimate two-floor space. Their signature dishes include purebred wagyu sushi, crab rice, etc.

113, Building 5, Jinhe Yuejie, 8 Hengshan Road 衡山路8号锦和越界5号楼113单元



RESTAURANTS - CASUAL BITES

Yaya's

An easy-going Chinese-Italian fusion joint with a relaxed vibe and fantastic Negronis, renowned for its house-made wide noodles topped with slow-braised lamb ragù as the signature dish.

329 Tongren Road (beside Manner Coffee) 静安区铜仁路329号 (MANNER旁)



Okaeri

A laid-back Taiwanese pub with izakaya-style charm, offering cozy communal ambience and vibrant bites like three cup chicken and crispy fried oysters alongside local craft beers.

B103, Jiashan Old Market, Lane 259, Jiashan Road 嘉善路259弄嘉善老市B103

Must enter from Jiashan Road or Shanxi Road, not West Jianguo Road



Cheers Burger

A locally founded burger joint with a raw industrial storefront.

185 Changshu Lu,near Yanqing Lu 常熟路185号



RESTAURANTS

Bastard

Neon disco inspired funky futuristic contemporary Chinese fusion done very very well with great cocktails and well crafted natural wine selection.

Lane 319, Jiaozhou Road, Room 102, No. 30, 静安区胶州路319弄30号102号



RAC Allee

French daily cafe classics - Croque Monsiuer anyone? And of course great wines and draught beer.

Lane 319, Jiaozhou Road, 301, No. 30, 静安区胶州路319弄30号301号



Pass Residence

(First Floor)

Italian trattoria in an a raw, yet intimate location serving hand made pasta, rustic pizzas and seafood. The wine list has a good weighting of natural wines.

318 Julu Road, near Maoming Nan Lu Huangpu District 黄浦区巨鹿路318号



LOCAL FOOD TREATS

DIN TAI FENG 鼎泰丰

Now a global brand, DinTaiFeng is still the best eaten in Shanghai.

2F, Xin Tiandi Shopping Center, Lane 123, Xingye Road 兴业路123弄新天地购物中心2楼



JIAJIA TANGBAO 佳家汤包

A famous old Shanghai brand of special soup dumplings (TangBao), including their famed crab, or black truffle flavours for a fraction of the price of DTF and just down the road from Central Studios.

62 Liyuan Road 丽园路 62 号





SIJI MINFU KAOYA 四季民福烤鸭店

Crispy Beijing duck served to perfection with a full menu of contemporary styled northern Chinese food. Be prepared to queue.

3F, 130 City Investment Holding Bldg, North Block

吴淞路130号城投控股大厦辅楼彩虹北三层



LOCAL FOOD TREATS



The Mushroom 蘑欢云南小酒馆

Yunnan Cuisine is known for its range of mushrooms, and this bistro measures up, offering noodles, bbq and fragrant vegetable options with mouth watering dressings and sauces.

194 Beijing Dong Road 黄浦区北京东路 194 号美沙大楼一楼





Maolaguo 毛辣果

Guizhou inspired sour and spicy catfish hotpot with a nice terrace overlooking the street or nice AC inside. Downstairs is Pass Residence if you fancy a drink before or after. Another branch in Fuxing Xi Lu offers a serene outdoor deck if the weather is peachy.

318 Julu Road, 2F, Building A 黄浦区巨鹿路 318 号甲1 幢 2 楼



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Jesse Restaurant 老吉士

One of Shanghai's legendary local restaurants with rude waiters, low ceilings and a veritable who's who of the local elite sitting on the next table. Lucky they banned indoor smoking!

41 Tianping Road 徐汇区天平路41号



LOCAL FOOD TREATS

BIRD HUT 蓁丰道

Not only for the Bourgeoisie, Bird Hut offers top-tier canto-bbq meats at a polished counter top with raw touches of urban cool.

No. 174, South Xiangyang Road, Xuhui 徐汇区湖南路街道襄阳南路174号



<u>- 555</u>

Roam 糊游

A laidback, three-story hangout spot that combines casual dining, creative cocktails, and fun music all under one roof, seamlessly transitioning from dinner to late-night dancing.

909 Yan'an Middle Road, Jing'an 静安区延安中路909号





Yuan You Tao 园有桃

A cozy fusion restaurant serving modern Hunan cuisine. Their beef tartare, saltshaved duobao fish, and churros are a musttry, and pre-order the fish head if you are game.

No. 167 Xinle Road 徐家汇新乐路167号



BARS

Lab whisky&cocktail

One of the oldest bars in Shanghai, Lab is an elegant, two story bar known for their whisky variety, calm environment, and soothing music.

No. 1093 Wuding Road 静安区武定路1093号(宝石花都市工业楼宇内, 近胶州路)

Can book table +86 21 6255 1195





COA

An offshoot of the HK #1 bar in Asia, COA offers a Mexican theme over 4 floors, each with a different focus. A taqueria on the ground floor, Cantina on second serving food; a cocktail Salon on 3rd and the top floor offers mezcal drinks.

580 Middle Fuxing Road 黄浦区复兴中路580号

No reservations; Arrive earlier to book table



Speak low

Hidden behind a secret door in a bartending equipment shop, this bar winds up over 4 floors each with a different vibe.

579 Middle Fuxing Road 黄浦区复兴中路579号

Can book table +86 21 6416 0133



BARS

Sober Company

Occupying two floors in INS, Sober Company is split into 4 smaller bar areas each with a different inspiration of traditional Japanese eateries.

109 Yandang Road, 1F (inside INS in Fuxing Park) 黄浦区雁荡路109号,1楼

Can book table +86 21 5309 8261





Terrier

Shanghai's newest nightspot for the fashion crowd with an incredibly culinary inspired botanical cocktail list. Nearby some of the city's newest bars, it's the perfect starting point for a night of bar-hopping in the neighborhood.

25 Shaoxing Road 黄浦区绍兴路 25号

Can book table on Dianping



Juno

A private, retro bar only accessible through appointment. There is a different DJ throughout the week, creating a lively, yet calming atmosphere - perfect for the late night after hours vibe.

1, Hengshan Road





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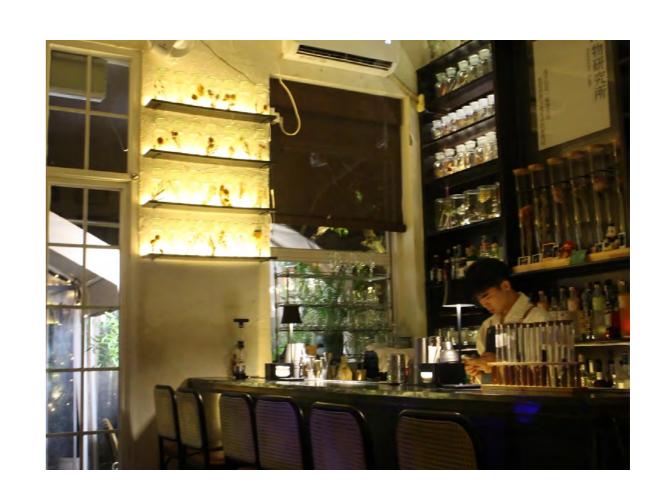
If you are looking for an easy bar crawl, try
Nanchang Lu where there is a whole lot of cocktail
fun each within a short walk of each other.

Botanic Lab 1.0

A botanical bar, decorated with a variety of plants and flowers, giving a very retro atmosphere. Drinks are flower and perfume inspired, all with a unique story and twist of their own.

134 Nanchang Road 黄浦区南昌路134号

Can book table +86 21 5466 2069



Root Down

A vinyl bar inspired by Japanese listening bars, known for its high-fidelity sound system playing classic jazz and funk, and handcrafted cocktails by the Japanese maestros..

145 Nanchang Road 南昌路145乙

Can book table (021)64315374



Penicillin

As one of Asia's Top 25 Bars, this two story bar has a perfectly curated bar and garden on the first floor, and unique lab space on the second floor.

64 Nanchang Road 南昌路62号

No reservations; Arrive earlier to book table



CLUBS



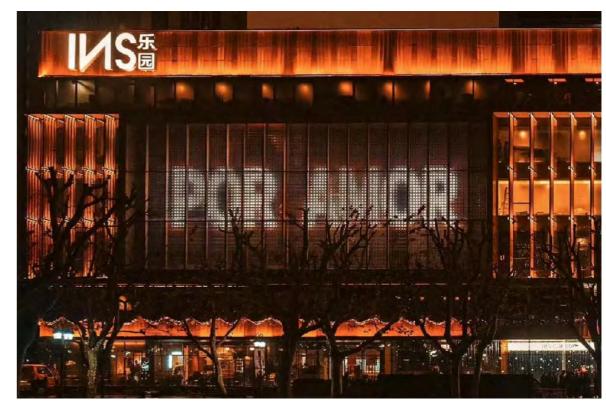
INS 复兴公园

INS is the kind of place you can just turn up to when stuck for somewhere to go. A 5 story building packed with different F&B and entertainment options.

109 Yandang Road 黄浦区雁荡路109号



Green room (5F)
Culture club (4F)
KEZEE Live House (3F)
Hush (2F)
Lafin (6F)





La Barra

A two story bistro and club known for their Brazilian and African beats. Different DJs are invited each week, creating an unforgettable experience.

273 Jiaozhou Road, near Xinzha Road 静安区胶州路273弄,近新闸路



Celia

A small dive club in a basement with great music and a late night seediness we've grown to miss.

(opposite Icicle Garden flagship store) 2 Hengshan Road 徐汇区衡山路2号



Shanghai is such a fast moving city that its hard to keep up with openings and closing. If you discover something great that you feel should be in the guide or sadly turn up to shuttered doors, please let us know if any edits are needed.

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