

上海城市指南

SHANGHAI CITY GUIDE



SAY THIS

你好。

NI HAO

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

谢谢。

XIE XIE

THANK YOU.
Pronounced "she-yeah she-yeah"
said quickly

再见。

ZAI JIAN

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 of our favorites, hidden treasures, and new players.



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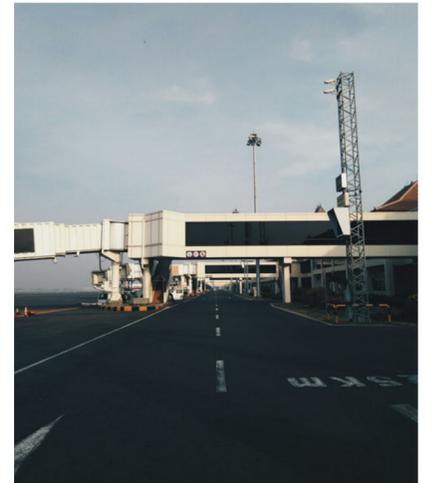
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SHANGHAI INTRO

SHANGHAI LOCALES

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

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 Xu-hui), 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, the neighborhoods in Puxi 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 riverside promenades 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 that past museums + galleries and lifestyle venues of course peppered with brand new retail. Scenic, cheap ferries connect both sides from multiple piers.

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

MAP OF SHANGHAI

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.

★ Central Studios

-  **The Bund**
-  **Pudong-Lujiazui**
-  **Xintiandi**
-  **Pudong-Qiantan**
-  **Xuhui (FFC)**
-  **West Bund**



THE BASICS

AIRPORTS & 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)

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

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. It 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

is the adjacent to Hongqiao International Airport. It 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.

ELECTRICITY



TYPE A



TYPE I

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.

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.

TAXI



As a local alternative to Uber, **DiDi** provides a range of app-based 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 it up a payment method.

MONEY & PAYMENT METHOD

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 cards for ease of getting around and about.

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



ALIPAY
Highly Recommend
for payment



WECHAT
The everything App, best
for communicating

APP | ALIPAY

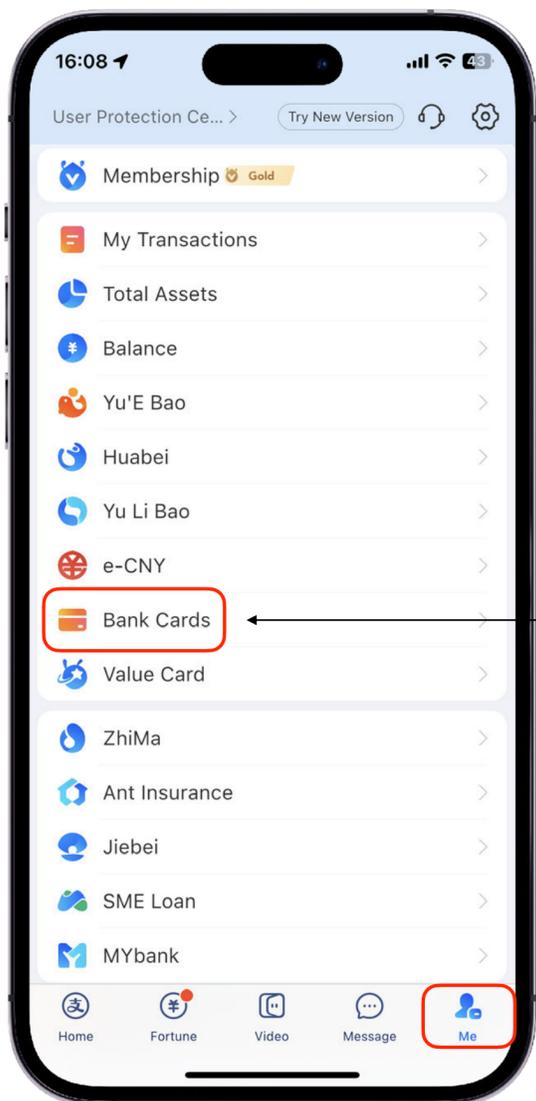


01 Download Alipay and Sign Up with Your Phone Number

Get the latest version of the app from your app store or download at Alipay's website

There's just one Alipay app, you will get an English "International Version" if your App Store region is outside of China. And you could always changed the language if you somehow get a Chinese version. The English version has limited features but can certainly use the most popular services.

After you installed the app, follow the registration steps with either a local Chinese or foreign phone number. Using a foreign phone number will also 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
- Diners Club
- Master Cards
- Discover

03 Make Payments

Your bank card now appears 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. This is more common in smaller shops and local venders.

Most restaurants and supermarkets will scan your QR code. Just tap the "Pay/Collect" Icon and present the QR code that shows.

If you take a bus, tap "Transport". It will switch cities automatically based on your location.



Alipay will also now be an automatic option for payments within mobile apps like Didi, Meituan, and Taobao. Once you've downloaded and registered these apps, the built-in system will ask and help you to link to your Ali App.

APP | WECHAT

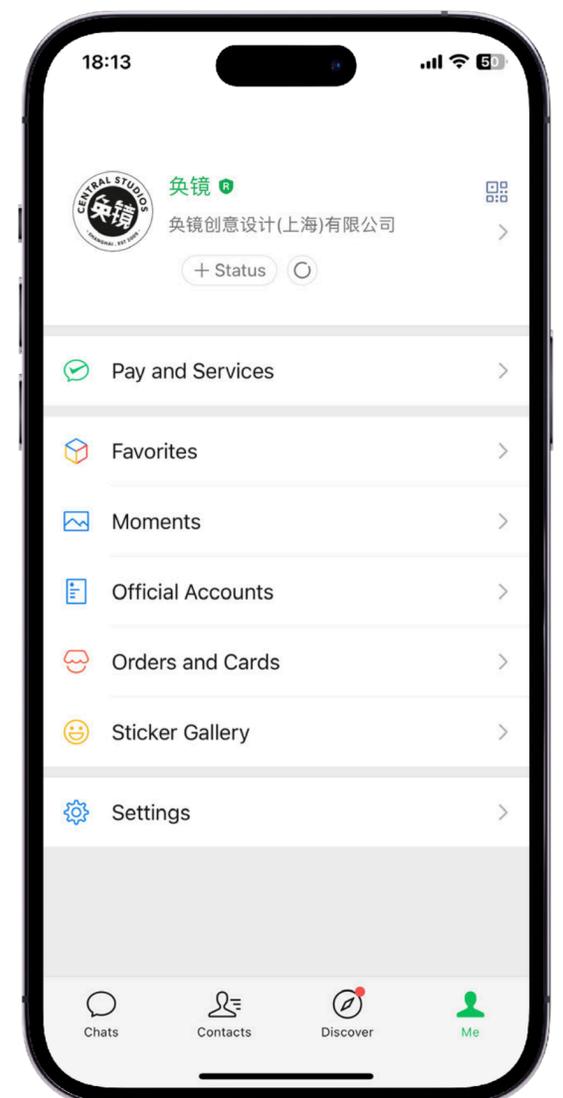
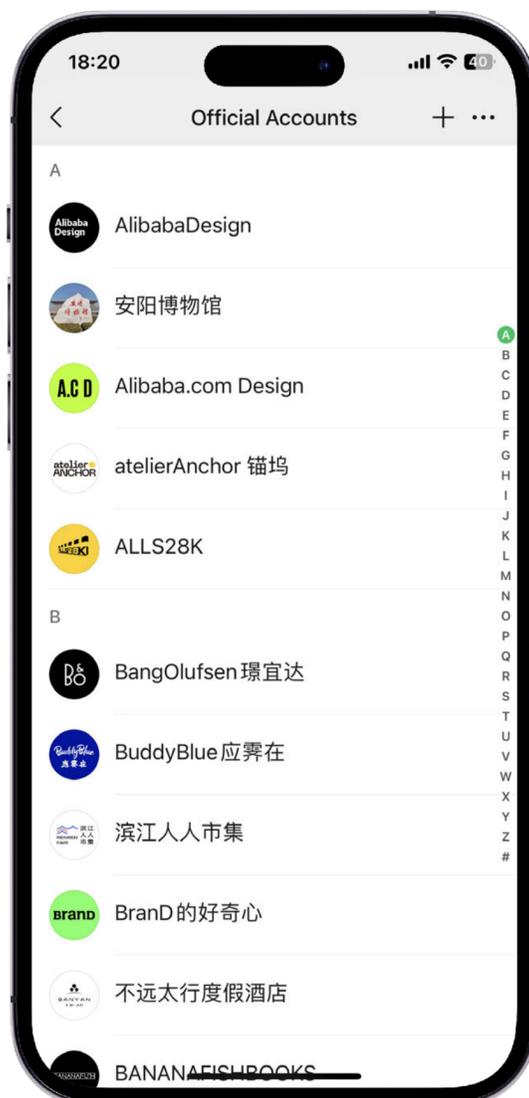
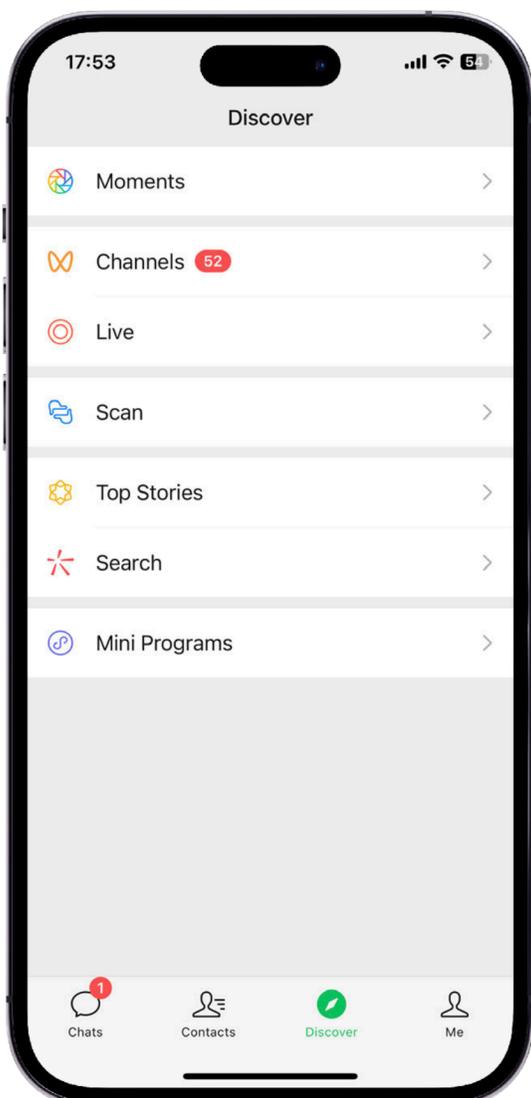
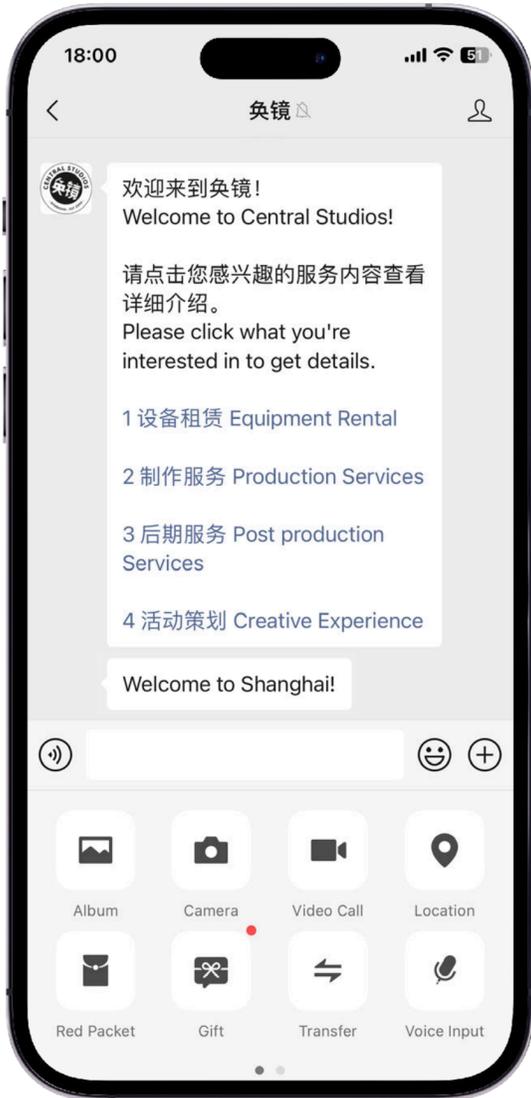


This is the essential Mega-App to have in China that enables quick communication, location sharing, links to restaurants and money transfer / payments.

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.
- A "moments" feed to see what your community is posting about
- Official Company accounts to follow brands and business you like
- P2P payments and also payments for good and services
- 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

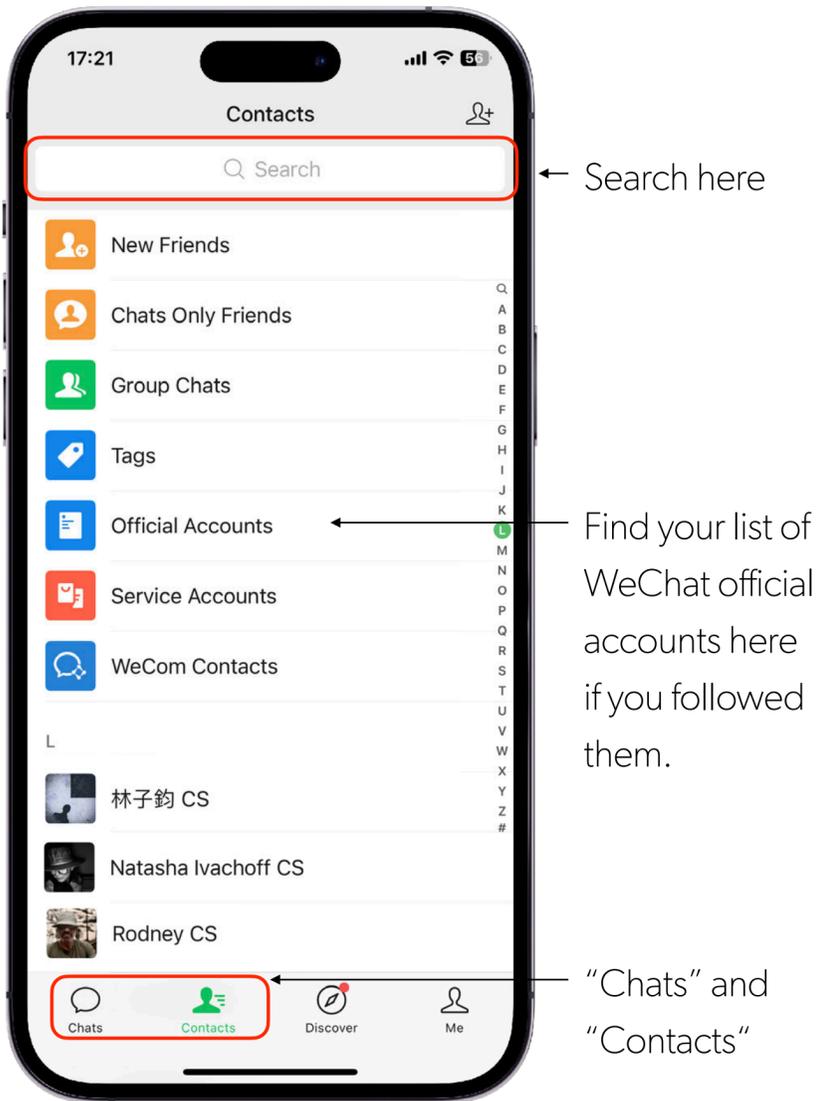


WECHAT | OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS ON CITY GUIDE



You can search for the official accounts on this page via the search bar on the top of your WeChat's "Chats" or "Contacts" section.

These are all Cross-Platform Guides that WeChat could be an easy access to them when you follow them.



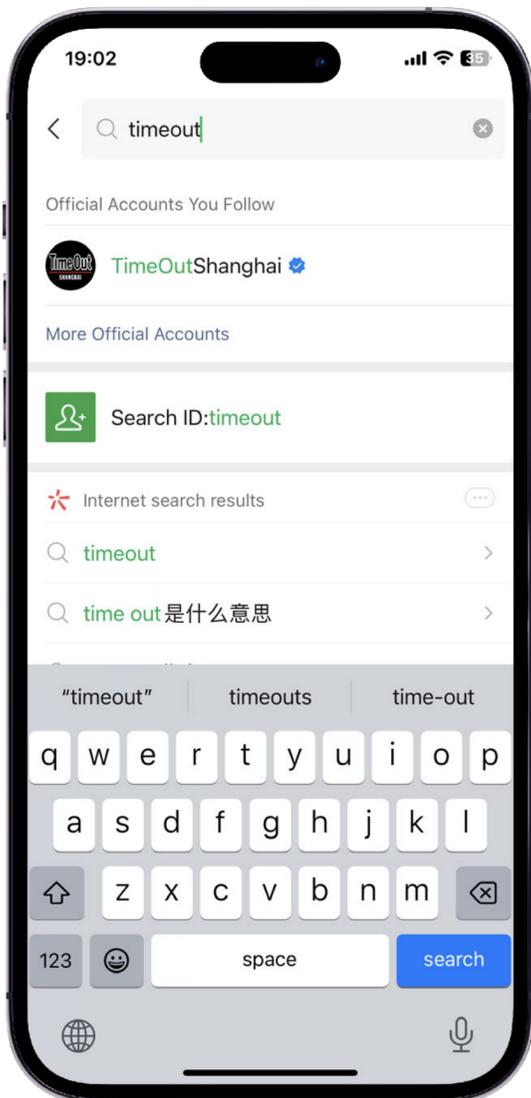
Time Out Shanghai is a trusted English-language city guide designed for travelers and expats. It features curated recommendations for restaurants, bars, art, nightlife, and things to do across the city. With an easy-to-use website and WeChat mini program, it offers up-to-date listings, editorials, and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



Nomfluence 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 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 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.



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Weixin ID: [Central_Studios](#)

Central Studios has a WeChat account, too. Scan and follow us.

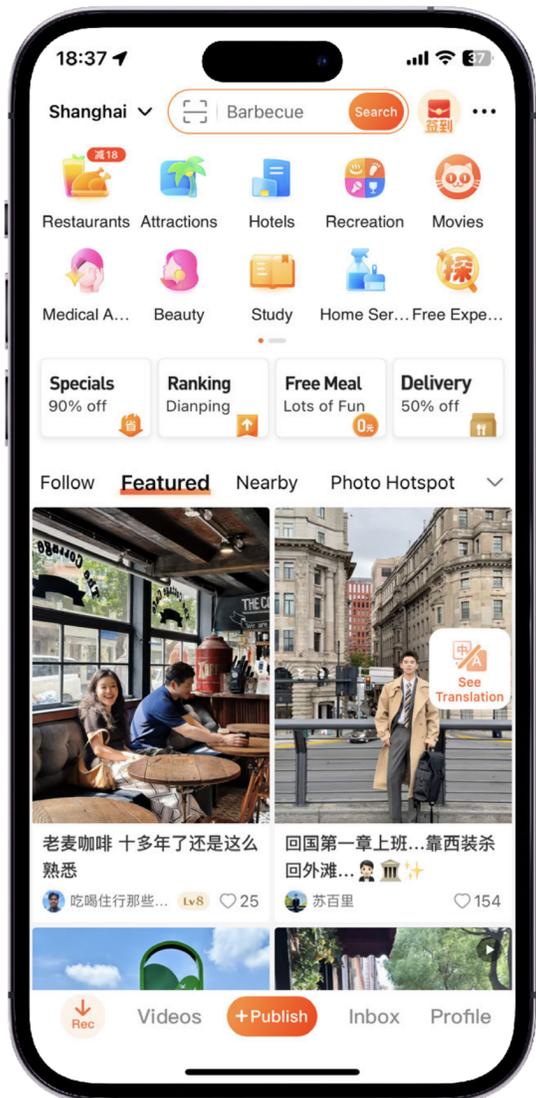
APP | DIANPING



Often called the “Yelp of China”, DianPing (大众点评) 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.

Discover good Restaurant, attractions, hotels, malls, and more in one go.



Nearby recommended places.



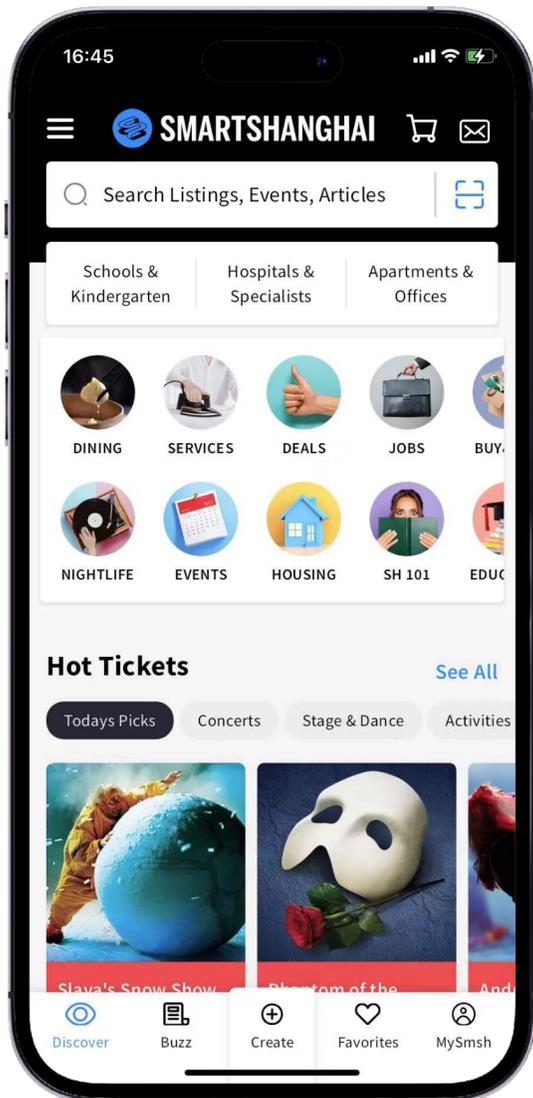
List of nearby locations with rating.

Key sections to look for include 评价 (reviews), 菜单 (menus), and 预订 (reservations).

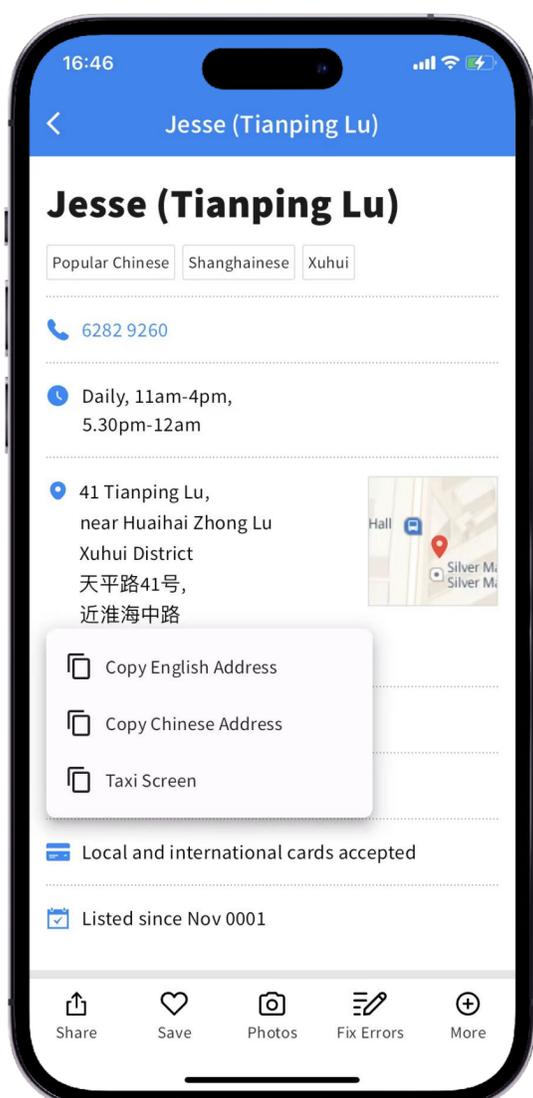
APP | SMART SHANGHAI



"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 | 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 ask you to come down and collect the food in person or from a delivery rack. If you stay in a residential place, they will most likely deliver-to-door.

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.

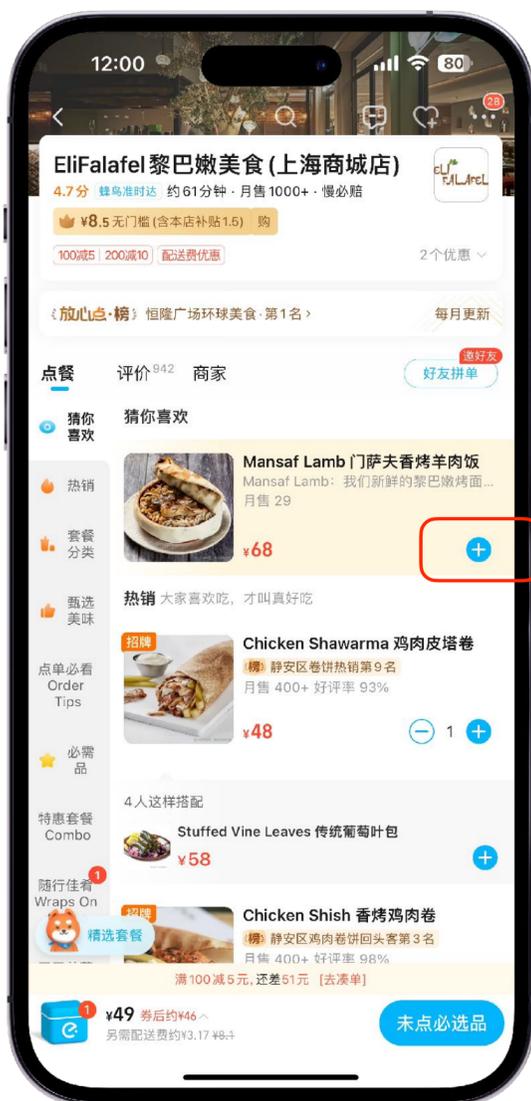
Western and Chinese restaurants are available.



Add/ change your address



Set up your address



Add your items



Checkout

ART GALLERIES

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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

ShanghART Gallery offers a rare window into China's most influential and boundary-pushing contemporary artists, from pioneers to emerging voices.

Visiting the gallery is to experience the evolution of Chinese contemporary art firsthand, within one of Asia's most respected and internationally connected art spaces.

ShanghART Gallery has three locations in Shanghai.

www.shanghartgallery.com



ShanghART M50

Moganshan Lu

Tue.-Sat. 11am-6pm,

Sun. & Mon. Closed

Bldg 16, 50 Moganshan Rd., Putuo District

普陀区莫干山路50号16号楼

T: +86 21 6359 3923

info@shanghartgallery.com



ShanghART WB Central

West Bund

Tue.-Sun. 11am-7pm,

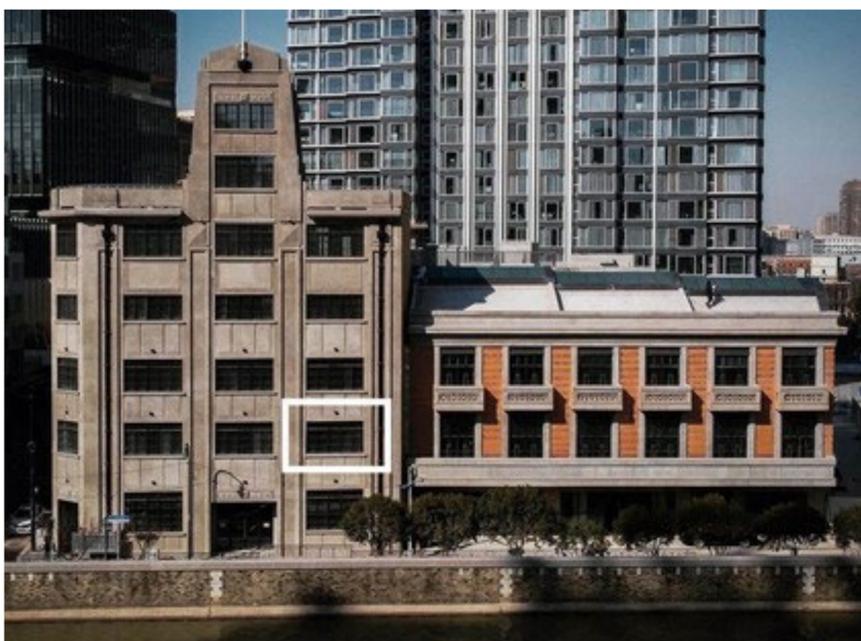
Mon. Closed

Bldg 4, no. 288 Ruining Road, Xuhui District

徐汇区西岸瑞宁路288号4幢

T: +86 18917671295

info@shanghartgallery.com



ShanghART SUHE

Suzhou Creek

Weds. - Sat. 11:30-18:00,

Sun. - Tues. By Appointment

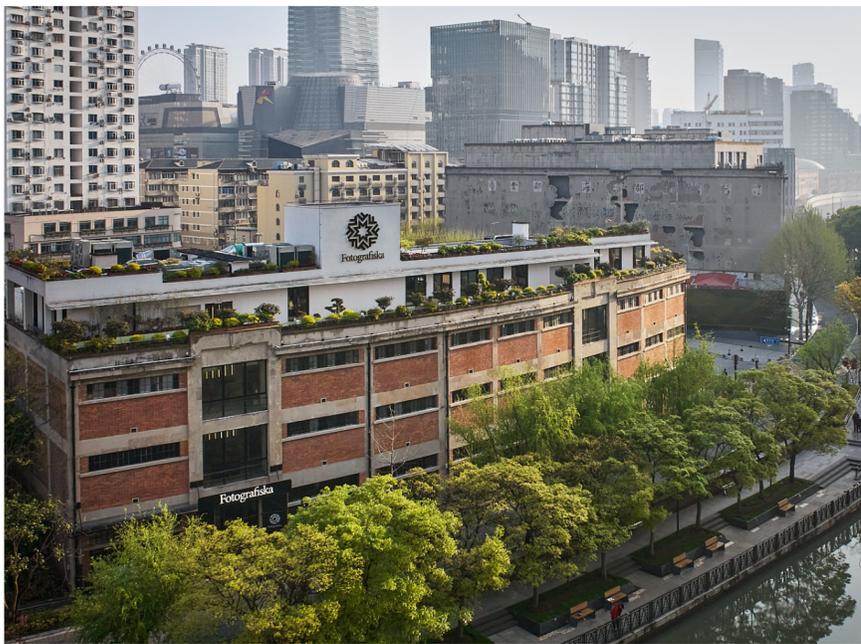
204, 2/F, 30 Wen'an Road, Jiang'an

静安区文安路30号二层204

suhe@shanghartgallery.com

ART GALLERIES

You could search for most museum's or gallery's **WeChat official accounts** to find out their schedules and other information.



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 District
静安区光复路127号,斤晋苑路

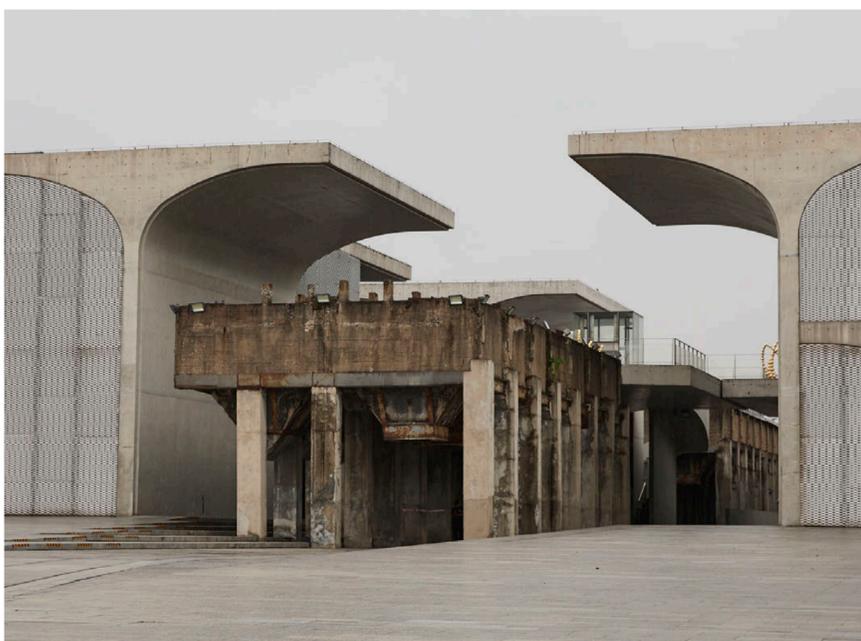
Photo credit: Seth Powers



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, Pudong District
浦东新区滨江大道 2777 号



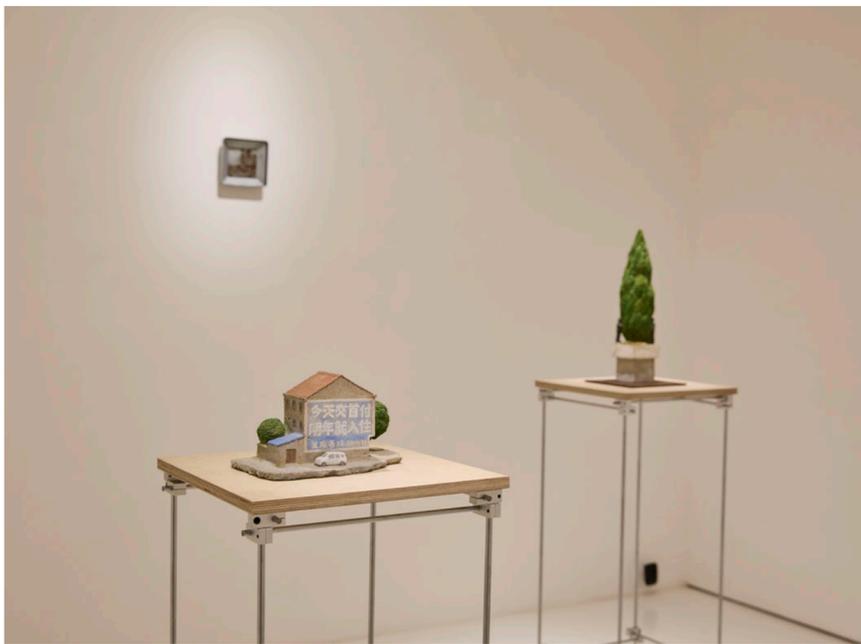
Long Museum

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

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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

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



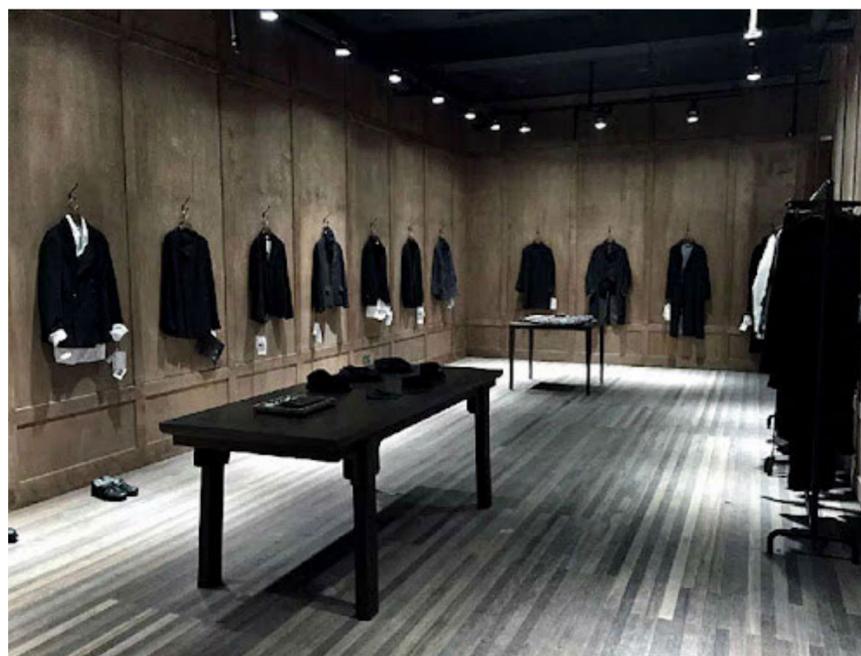
Lolo Love Vintage

12:30 PM – 8:00 PM (closed on Mondays)
Need to buzz at the first gate to enter

Lolo Loves Vintage is the original vintage store in Shanghai.

Once you step through the gates, you enter the magical world of Lolo Loves Vintage. Their new home is not too dissimilar from their previous locations, hidden, special, and beautifully merchandised with authentic vintage pieces, as well as Lolo's own collection inspired by the 1930s period.

270-105 Wukang Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区武康路270号105



Ethos

+862154665063

Ethos is a contemporary fashion store featuring some of the most unique and edgy brands from Japan and around the world. With a literally, underground feel, its dark interior is full of fashion-savvy corners and intriguing items waiting to be discovered.

No. 253 Jiashan Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区嘉善路253号

SHOPPING | FASHION



GoodBai

A slow space with cafe and local designs for daily lifestyle.

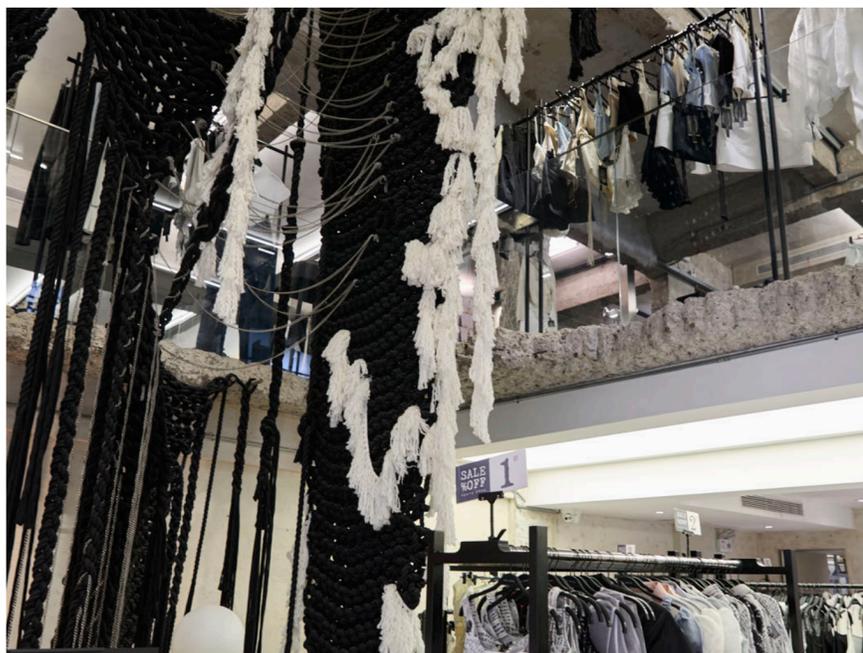
No. 92 & 104 Yanqing Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区延庆路 92 号 / 104 号 (Cafe)



To Summer

A tranquil space for the aroma of an eastern lifestyle.

No. 111 Hunan Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区湖南路 111 号



Anno Mundi

Designers shop for the souls of dark romance and narrative.

No. 372-374 Hunan Road, Jinan District
徐汇区湖南路 372-374 号



Maison Dongliang

Shop for Chinese designer brands in a historical neighborhood.

No. 168 Wuyi Road, Changning District
长宁区武夷路168号

SHOPPING | STREETWEAR

The quest for eternal youth can be found right here.



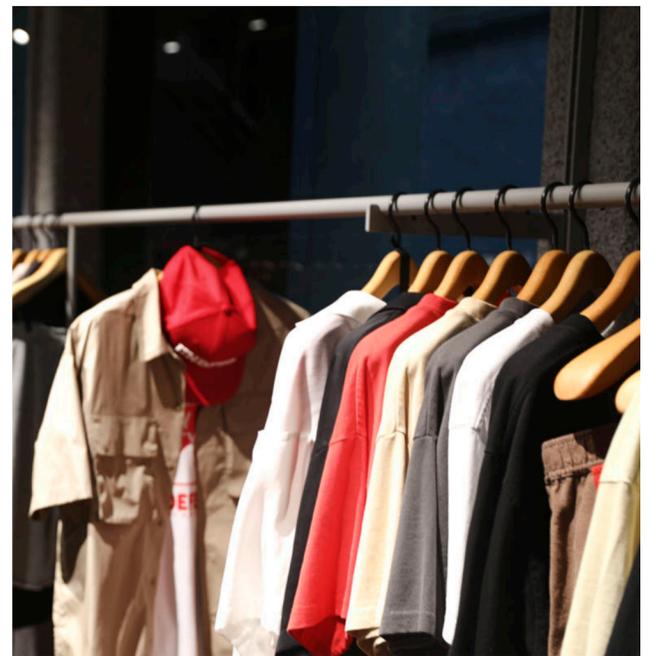
Supreme

No. 291 Fumin Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区富民路 291号



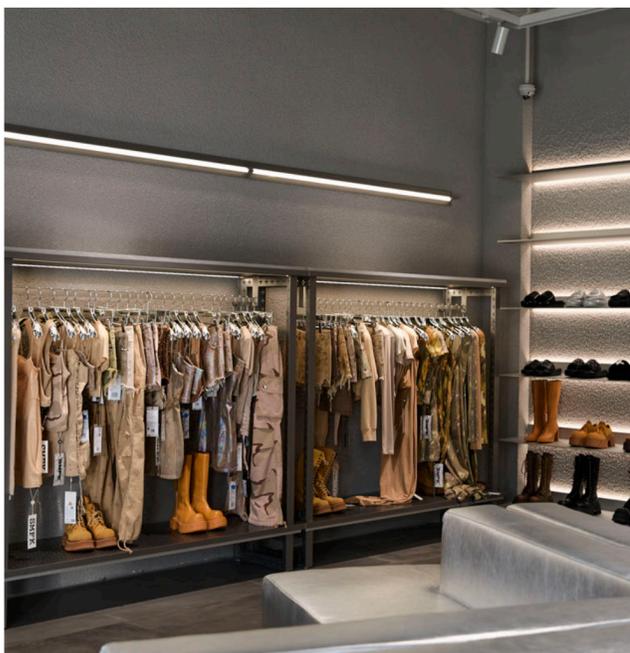
TX Mall

No. 523 Huaihai Road, Jingan District
静安区淮海中路 523 号



Undeclared

No. 112 Tianping Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区天平路 112 号



SMFK

No. 70 Yongyuan Road, Jingan District
静安永源路 70号



Mason Prince

No. 530 Huaihai Road, Jingan District
静安区淮海中路 530 号



HAI550

No. 550 Huaihai Road, Jingan District
静安区淮海中路 550 号

SHOPPING | MALL

There is no shortage of malls in Shanghai. Sometimes it feels like rinse, wash, repeat, but here are some temples of consumption that stand out.



Reel Plaza

Spread out over 5 floors in a popular mall, Reel fashion offers an incredible selection of local and international brands, with great F&B options.

NO.1601 Nanjing West Road, Jingan District
静安区南京西路1601号芮欧百货



Xingye Tai-Koo Hui

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."

288 Shimen Yi Road, Jingan District
静安区石门一路288号



Qipu Lu Clothing Market

Legendary market Qipu Lu is a weird and wonderful place with front row seats to the local hustle. Worth exploring for some incredible bargains and treasures.

No.303 Qipu Road, by Suzhou Creek
静安区七浦路303号



Zhangyuan

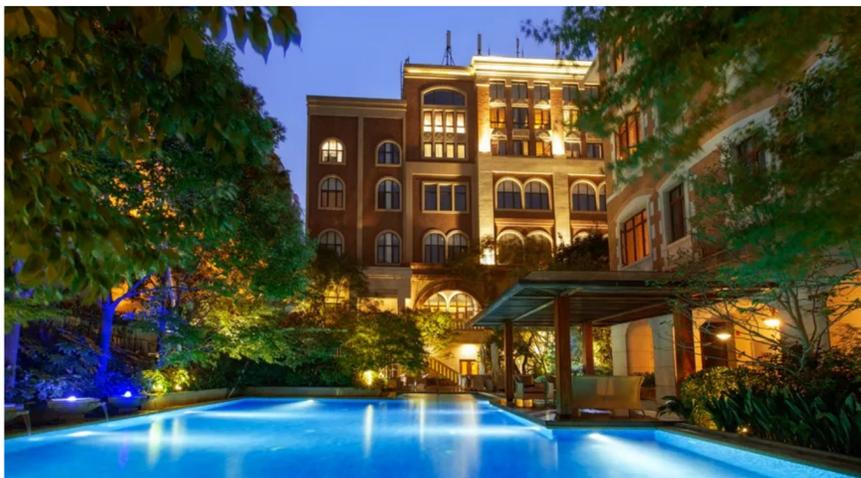
A newly opened series of laneways in restored terrace houses. A popular location for pop-ups and events with some very individual boutique retail concepts.

NO.588, Weihai Road, Jingan District
静安区威海路588号

BEAUTY & SPAS

Spa culture in China is on a path of continual self-improvement with new venues focusing on design and exceptional service.

Come to be pampered, steamed, scrubbed, massaged and well fed. You will leave feeling refreshed after wiling away hours in these relaxing environments.



Cheersum

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

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



Muk Resort

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

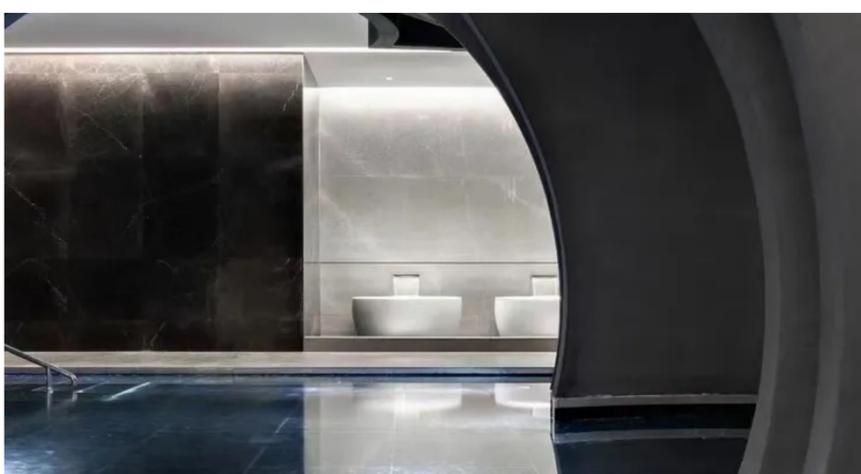
Room 103, NO. 727 Tongfeng Road, Hongkou District
虹口区同丰路727号103室



Shuiguo • Tangquan

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, Yangpu District
杨浦区淞沪路111号3层-4层



漾 • Space

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

NO. 57 Pudian Road, Pudong District
浦东新区浦电路57号

CITY WALK

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)



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.

Photo credit: [ungjin Moon](#)



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.

Photo credit: [Edwin Chen](#)



Julu Lu / Fumin Lu / Changle Lu / Xinle Lu / Yanqing Lu

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.

Photo credit: [Timothée Gidenne](#)

BUCKET LIST

When we travel we love getting into the fabric of the city, but there are some tourist attractions that are simply too magnetic to pass by.

Shanghai Disney is arguably one of the best Disney's on the happy planet. Ever expanding with awesome rides, you're never too old for a visit.

Nearby retail outlets can offer a welcome respite and a different kind of therapy. Both of these venues in the Pudong airport vicinity so can offer a cool option on your last day in town.



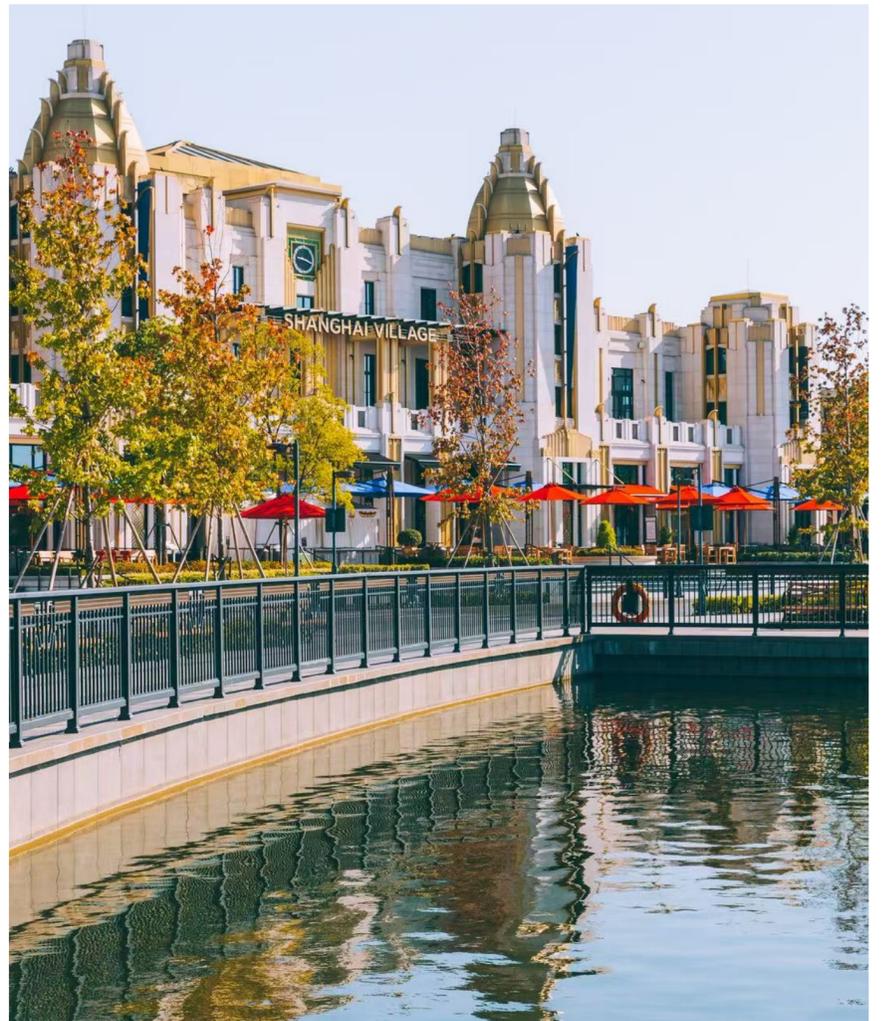
Shanghai Disney Land

Shanghai Disneyland is a great choice for thrill-seekers and fans of unique attractions like TRON Lightcycle Power Run and Pirates of the Caribbean: Battle for the Sunken Treasure. It delivers a distinctive Disney experience infused with Chinese cultural elements.

Suggest to purchase tickets in advance on Shanghai Disney mini App.

310 Huangzhao Road, Chuansha New Town,
Pudong New District
上海市浦东新区川沙新镇黄赵路310号

Typical hours: 8:30 AM to 9:30 PM



Shanghai Village

As a member of The Bicester Collection, Shanghai Village is an ideal one-stop lifestyle destination for shopping, dining, and travel. Featuring over 200 boutiques and restaurants with exceptional year-round value and signature hospitality, guests are invited for an unparalleled experience.

**No. 88 Shendi East Road, Pudong New Area,
Shanghai adjacent to Shanghai Disney Resort**
浦东新区申迪东路88号

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm
Friday - Sunday 9:30am - 9:30pm



*For VIP assistance,
including VIP
entrance, hands
free shopping, tax
refund assistance,
scan the QR code.*

FOOD, BARS & CLUBS

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

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.



You can search for basic information and guest rating via "DianPing" app.

RESTAURANTS

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

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



Mr. Willis

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

3rd floor



Mi Thai

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

2nd Floor



La Strada

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

Ground Floor, right



Baker & Spice

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

Ground Floor, left

RESTAURANTS



Something Dining Bar

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, Xuhui District
武康路 98 号 2 楼



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



Le Bec Bund

Exciting news, Villa Le Bec is opening up a brand new location featuring a 4 story F&B emporium at Rockbund. Coming soon...

No.215, Jiangxi Zhong Road, Huangpu District
外滩街道江西中路215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, Xuhui District
静安区胶州路319弄30号102号



Madame Ching

Madam Ching is the new kid on this popular Yanping Lu block. Chef Dali reinvents popular cantonese dim sum with a modern take and unique pairings.

98 Yanping Road, Jingan District
静安区曹家渡街道延平路98号



High Yaki

Free mini dessert for birthday specials

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, Xuhui District
徐汇区衡山路8号锦和越界5号楼113单元

RESTAURANTS



Ginger

Ginger Shanghai is a vibrant, modern restaurant with a creative menu blending contemporary flavors with Asian influences. With warm, stylish atmosphere and meticulous attention to detail, it's perfect for casual dining and special occasions, with a terrace overlooking the park.

91 Xingguo Lu, near Hunan Lu, Changning District
兴国路91号, 近湖南路



OHA Eatery

A single, intimate U-shaped counter ensures this fusion south-west Chinese cuisine is delivered with care and dedication. Optional degustation style menu.

23 Anfu Road by Changshu Road, Xuhui District
安福路23号, 近常熟路



Nono's

Plenty of social buzz, yet remains cozy—low lighting, closely set tables, and a crowd that's always ahead of the curve on new F&B openings. It's an Italian-fusion spot worth booking early on WeChat, as reservations are already filling up.

2/F, 47 Yongfu Lu, near Wuyuan Lu, Xuhui District
永福路47号201室, 近五原路

RESTAURANTS



Pass Residence

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.

1st FL, 318 Julu Road, near Maoming Nan Lu, Huangpu District
黄浦区巨鹿路318号



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, Xuhui District
东平路 11 号-102

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Enjoy some of these Chinese regional and ethnic cuisines located in some interesting places.

Don't forget to check them out on "DianPing" to find out more information.



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, Huangpu District
黄浦区北京东路194号美沙大楼一楼



Maolaguo 毛辣果·酸

Guizhou inspired sour and spicy catfish hotpot with a nice location offers a serene outdoor deck if the weather is peachy.

2/F, No. 100-2, Fuxing West Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区复兴西路100-2号二楼



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, Xuhui District
徐汇区天平路41号

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Enjoy some of these Chinese regional and ethnic cuisines located in some interesting places.

Don't forget to check them out on "DianPing" to find out more information.



In and Out 一坐一忘

Our favorite Yunnan in a stunning new location with professional service, authentic Dai tribe flavour, local wines, but no burgers!

22-102, 72 Xingguo Road, Xuhui District
兴国路72号22幢102室



Siji Mingfu 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, City Investment Holding Bldg, North Block,
130 Wusong Road, Hongkou District
虹口区吴淞路130号城投控股大厦辅楼彩虹北三层



Yuan Yao Tao 园有桃

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

No. 167 Xinle Road, Xuhui District
徐家汇新路167号

BREAKFAST



If you spot a street food vendor making **JianBing** in the morning, don't hesitate to grab one. These delicious and cheap pancake wraps with egg, lettuce, pickles and other flavors are ubiquitous morning only snack can be found in almost every local neighborhood.



RAC Allee

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

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



Egg Café

Vegetarian-friendly spot known for great breakfast options and all-day comfort food. Great coffee, chill and cozy vibe. Add an egg to any order, it's in the name! It opens from 8:00am to 6:30pm, earlier than most Shanghai cafés.

No.12 Xiangyang North Road, Jing'an District
静安区襄阳北路12号



O'Mills

O'Mills is the original café and bakery location, offering a cozy, inviting atmosphere. Known for fresh sandwiches, wholesome salads, and a selection of drinks, it's a perfect spot for a relaxed meal or coffee break.

110 Yongjia Lu, near Jiashan Lu, Xuhui District
永嘉路110号, 近嘉善路

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), Xuhui District
静安区铜仁路329号 (MANNER旁)



Okaeri

**Must enter from Jiashan Road or Shanxi Road*

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, 259 Jiashan Road, Xuhui District
嘉善路259弄嘉善老市B103



Cheers Burger

A locally founded burger joint with a raw industrial storefront.

185 Changshu Lu, near Yanqing Lu, Xuhui District
徐汇区常熟路185号

XIAO LONG BAO

Many people come to Shanghai specifically to eat the famous soup dumplings, locally called *Xiao Long Bao* (小笼包). These little dumplings are steamed and filled with a tasty mix of flavor and soup.

Many of the best Xiao Long Bao spots are holes-in-the-wall style places often with a queue at peak meal times.

How to eat:

Pick up the dumpling and place it on your spoon.

Position it so the loose bit of soft wrapper hangs off the top edge of the spoon and bite a little off. Then with your newly opened dumpling suck out the soup before it spills, but be careful they can be hot!

Finish the rest off in one bite.

Its tradition to serve these with vinegar and sliced ginger strips.



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, Huangpu District
兴业路123弄新天地购物中心2楼



Jia Jia 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, Huangpu District
丽园路 62 号



Lai Lai Xiaolong 莱莱小笼

The crab xiao long bao or soup dumplings here are so creamy you'll want to queue up again for. second run.

506 Tianjin Road, Huangpu District
黄浦区天津路506号

LOCAL FOOD TREAT



Bird Hut 藁丰道

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 District
徐汇区湖南路街道襄阳南路174号



Roam 糊游

Open Wednesday to Saturday 10 till late

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 (3rd floor dancing floor).

Mini club vibe, interesting DJ line-up. Local and international.

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

BARS

ShaoXing Lu is considered one of the nicest streets in Shanghai, if not the shortest. Only spanning one block, the tree lined street used to be the heart of Shanghai's music and literature publishing houses.

Perhaps one of the most picturesque roads in the city, it has recently become a hive of little bars, coffee shops and other points of interest.



Bitter

Industrial finished sheesha bar sound system serving out curated cocktails.

19 Shaoxing Lu
绍兴路19号



Bao Wu

No standing room here to ensure the comfort of all customers in a relaxed warm lounge vibe. Light nibbles to accompany a well designed drinks list. Suggest to book a slot on Friday's and Saturdays or be prepared to queue.

19 Shaoxing Lu
绍兴路19号



Sodam 十石

A bespoke space with a finely tuned cocktail list designed around rice-based drinks.

25 Shaoxing Lu
绍兴路25号

BARS

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



Botanic Lab 1.0

Book table: +86 21 5466 2069

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, Huangpu District
南昌路134号



Root Down

Book table: +86 21 64315374

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, Huangpu District
南昌路145乙



Penicillin

No reservations

An offshoot of its HK parent and one of Asia's Top 25 bars, the cocktails are custom brewed, fermented and infused with a closed-loop circular philosophy of reusing ingredient by-products to reduce their carbon footprint. Brilliant drinks and great service. Check out the lab on the 2nd floor.

64 Nanchang Road, Huangpu District
南昌路62号

BARS

Asia's hottest bars are increasingly opening up Shanghai outposts. Here's a few...



Bar Leone Shanghai

No reservations

Wood, warmth and a touch of irreverence—think 80s-90s Italian sports bar meets modern mixology: Filthy Martinis with their own brine, fig-leaf Negronis, and smoked olives so good they call them “World’s best”. At the center of it all, A U-shaped bar bridges cocktails and stories.

Sinan mansion, No.527 Fuxing Zhong Road, Huangpu District
黄浦区复兴中路527号思南公馆



Speak Low

Book table +86 21 6416 0133

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, Huangpu District
黄浦区复兴中路579号



Dead Poet

Behind a non-descript facade, Dead Poet waxes lyrical with amazing cocktails, mouth tingling bar snacks and sultry sino-industrial vibe.

158 Jinxian Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区进贤路158号

BARS

Scratch beneath the veneer of Shanghai's night crawlers with some of these cool kids hot spots.



Barules Cocktail Club

Book table +132 4836 1080

Hidden underground with a sleek, intimate vibe — great cocktails for cool kids.

304-2 Tongren Road, close to Nanyang Road, Jing'an District
静安区铜仁路304-2号 (近南阳路口)

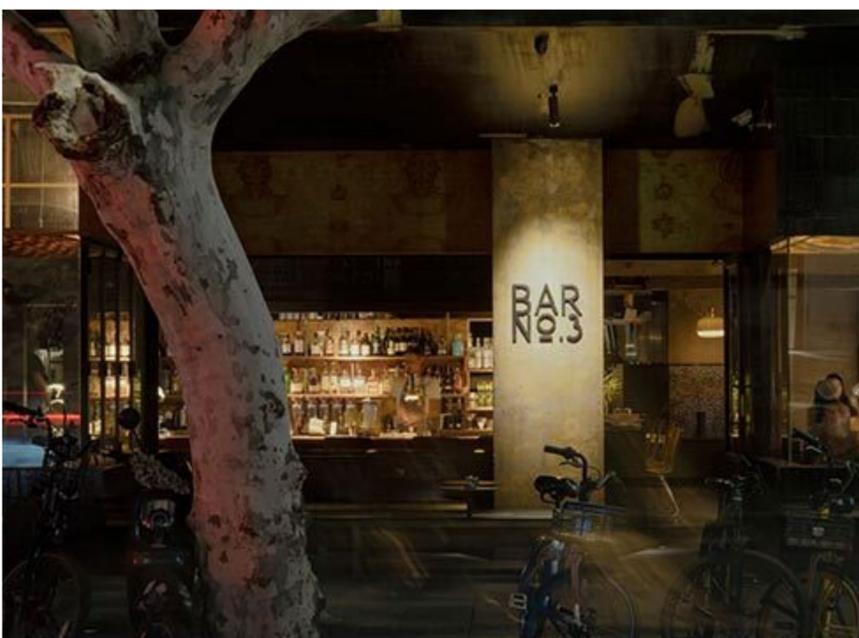


CJC

Book table +132 4831 7985

Stylish bar with a super nice ambience, serving experimental twists and classic cocktails alike.

1353 Beijing West Road, Jing'an District
静安区北京西路1353号



Bar No.3

Slip into a dark corner and lose yourself to the silky cocktails and even silkier conversations happening on the next banquette. For more visible encounters, curbside seats capture the passing trade!

277 Xingguo Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区兴国路277号

BARS

With the complexity and depth of creativity in Shanghai's bar culture, the mixologists almost all have well earned their MBA's (Master of Bar Artisans!!)



Lab Whisky&Cocktail

Book table +86 21 6255 1195

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, near Jiaozhou Road, Jin'an District
静安区武定路1093号

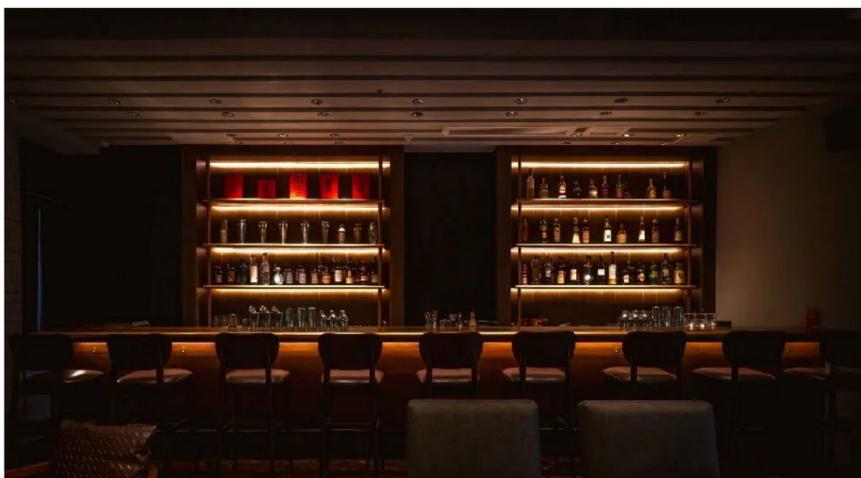


COA

No need for reservation

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, Huangpu District
黄浦区复兴中路580号



Sober Company

Book table +86 21 5309 8261

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 (in INS Fuxing Park), Huangpu District
黄浦区雁荡路109号, 1楼



Juno

Need to book table

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.

No.1 Hengshan Road, Xuhui District
徐汇区衡山路1号

CLUBS

INS 乐园 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.

Hush (2F)

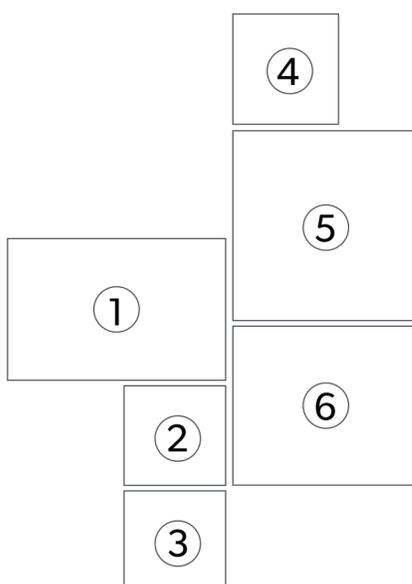
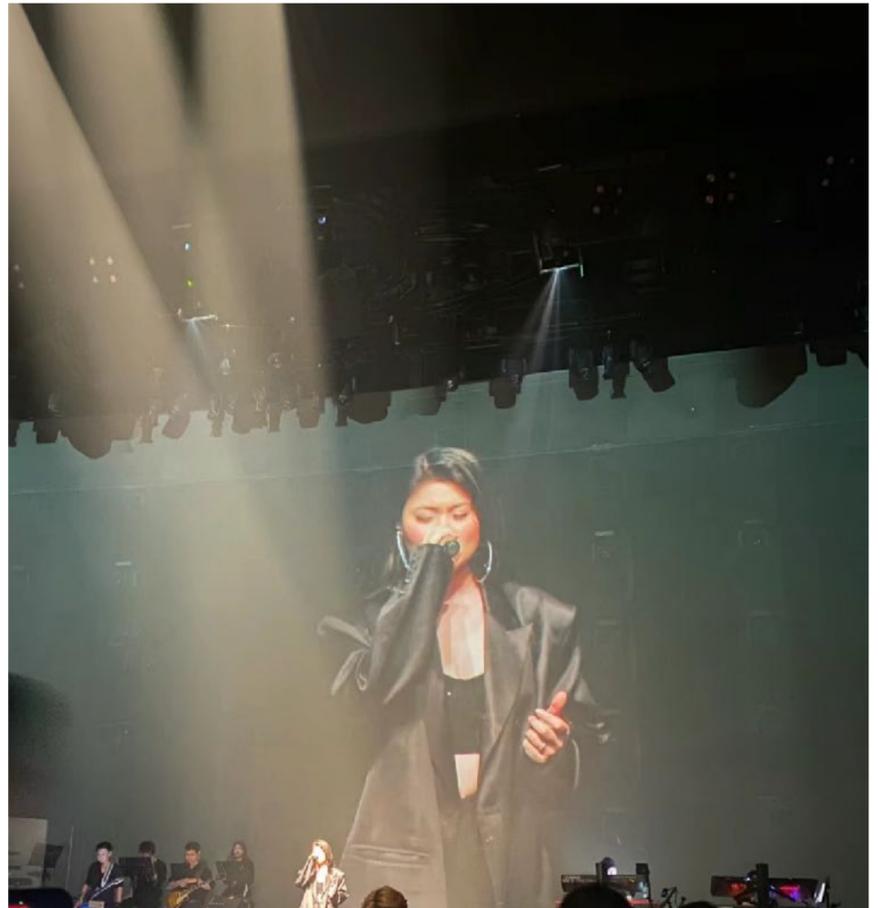
KEZEE Live House (3F)

Culture club/ Dirty House (4F)

Green room (5F)

Lafin (6F)

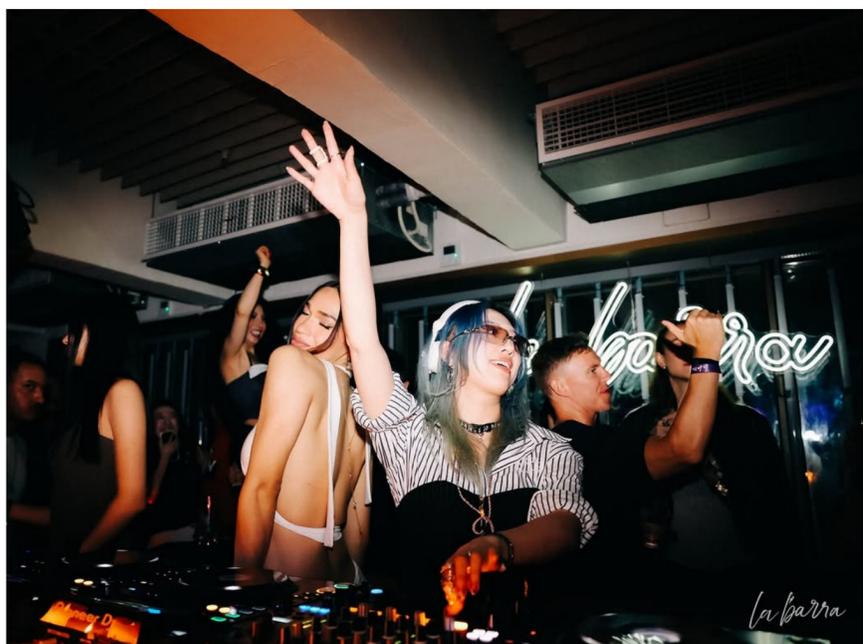
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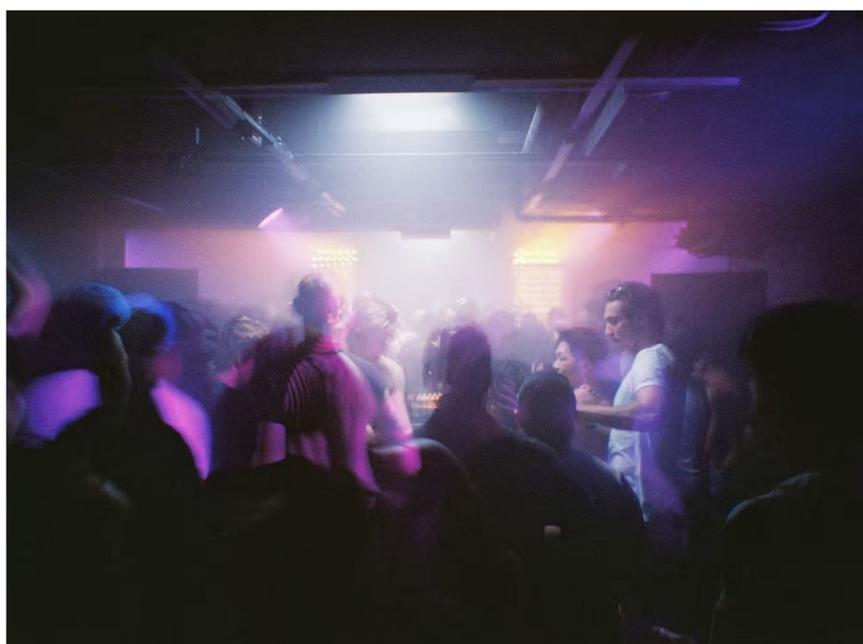
Other bars that we love.



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, Jing'an District
静安区胶州路273弄, 近新闻路



Heim

Wechat: heimshanghai (for DJ line-up)

Heim [haim], which means "home" and "sanatorium" in English, is an underground electronic music nightclub in Shanghai, but also a relaxing place and community that bring together all music lovers and kindred spirits.

B1, No. 154, Nanyang Road, Jing'an District
市静安区南阳路154号B1



POTENT

Holidays, FRI & SAT 10pm till late

POTENT is a club from Shanghai, aiming to break the concept of "above" and "underground" clubs and bring underground music into the air. We integrate diversity into the core and build an open, welcoming and safe tent for the friends who come. No matter how this new rave habitat is defined, its birth means a vision of eternal shelter for a diverse community.

L3, TX Huaihai, 523 Huaihai Zhong Rd, Xuhui District
徐汇区淮海中路523号TX淮海3楼

HAPPY EXPLORING!

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.

But, who we are?

WHO WE ARE

CENTRAL STUDIOS is a boutique, high-end creative production studio based in China, specialising in 360° content creation that seamlessly integrates brand storytelling across platforms and categories.

With extensive experience collaborating with leading global and local brands, we excel at crafting visually compelling, market-relevant experiences, from striking imagery to immersive narrative content.

Our work reflects a refined ability to partner closely with clients, developing cohesive, multi-dimensional content strategies that elevate brand presence and deliver meaningful engagement in today's fast-evolving retail landscape.

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