



Shànghǎi

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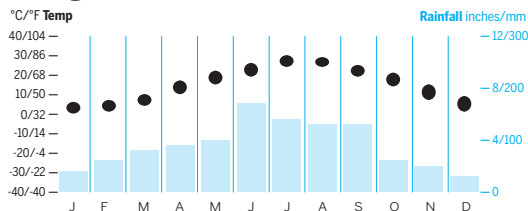
Why Go?

You can't see the Great Wall from space, but you'd have a job missing Shànghǎi (上海). One of the country's most massive and vibrant cities, Shànghǎi is heading places that the rest of the Middle Kingdom can only fantasise about. Somehow typifying modern China while being unlike anywhere else in the land, Shànghǎi is real China, but perhaps just not the real China you had in mind.

This is a city of action, not ideas. You won't spot many Buddhist monks contemplating the dharma, or wild-haired poets handing out flyers, but skyscrapers will form before your eyes. Shànghǎi is best seen as an epilogue to your China experience: submit to its debutante charms after you've had your fill of dusty imperial palaces and bumpy 10-hour bus rides. From nonstop shopping to skyscraper-hopping to bullet-fast Maglev trains and glamorous cocktails – this is the future that China has long been waiting for.

When to Go

Shànghǎi



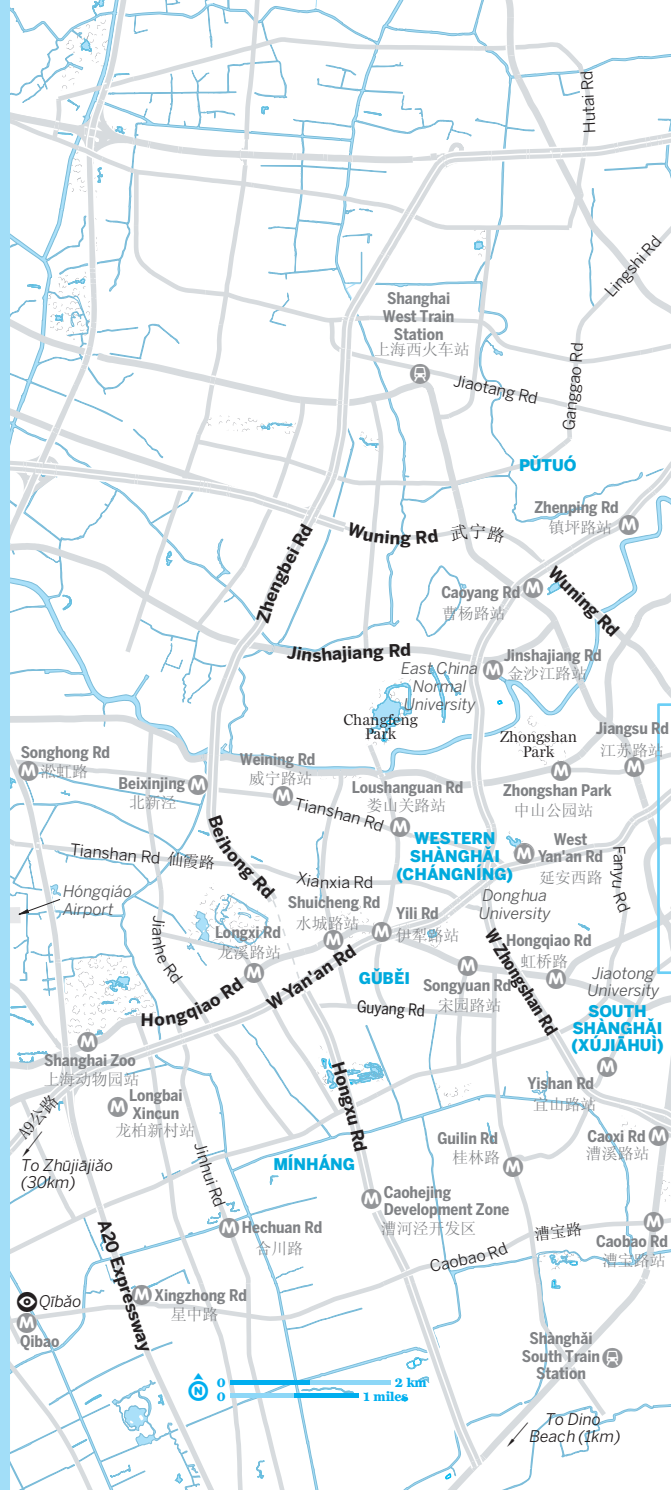
February Visit Yùyuán Gardens for the Lantern Festival, two weeks after Chinese New Year.

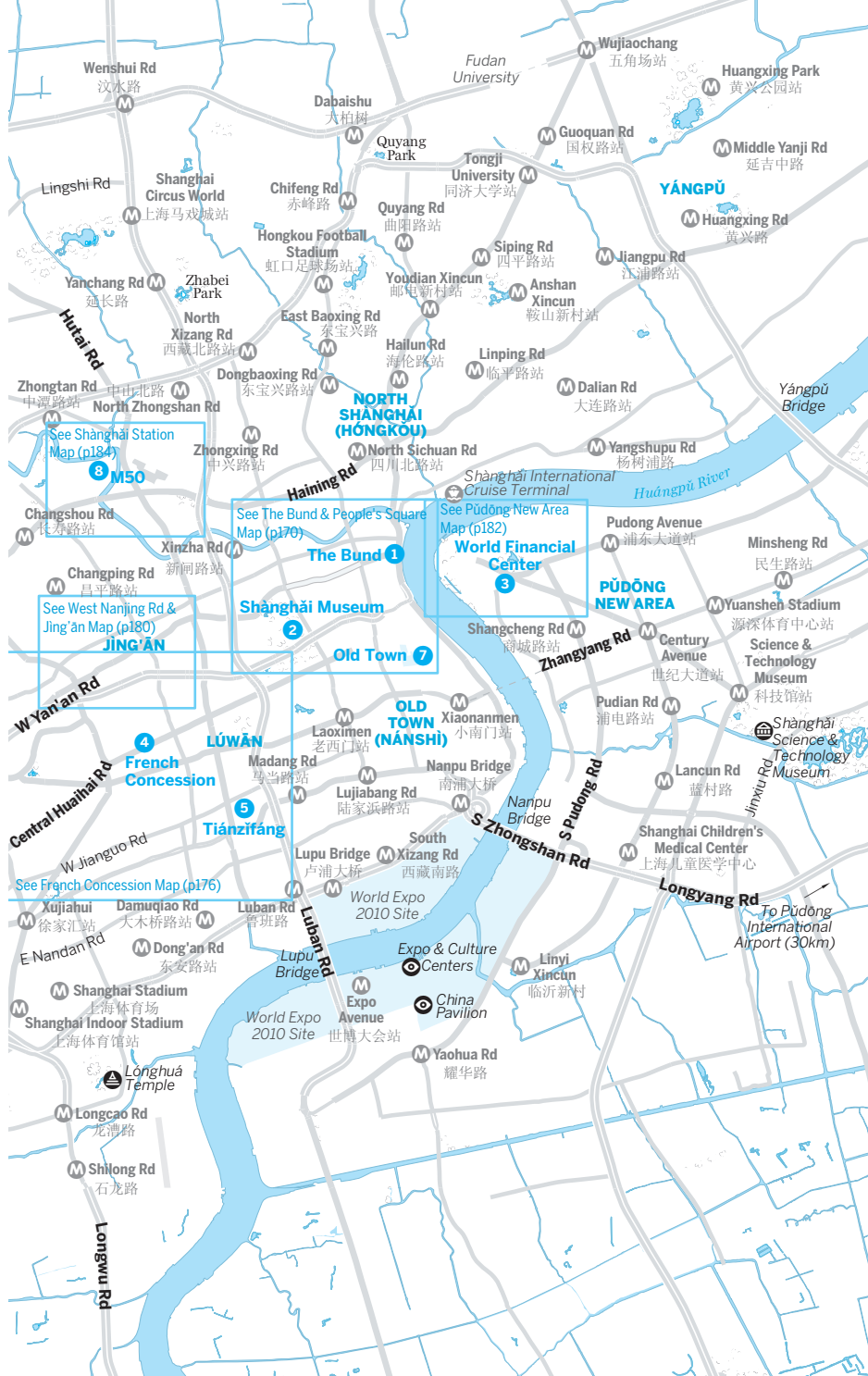
April & May March is chilly and 1 May is chaos, but otherwise spring is ideal.

October The optimal season: neither too hot nor too rainy.

Shànghǎi Highlights

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- 2 Contemplate the masterpieces of traditional Chinese art in the **Shànghǎi Museum** (p166)
- 3 Admire the curvature of the earth from atop the **World Financial Center** (p175)
- 4 Treat your taste buds: from fusion cuisine to Sichuanese peppercorns, **French Concession restaurants** (p191) have you covered
- 5 Delve into the old alleyways and quirky boutiques at **Tiánzifāng** (p173)
- 6 Put on your best shoes and step out into the **Shànghǎi night** (p195)
- 7 Bargain-hunt for faux antiques and tailor-made clothes in the **Old Town** (p198)
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Wenshui Rd
汶水路

Fudan University
五角场站

Huangxing Park
黄兴公园站

Lingshi Rd

Shanghai Circus World
上海马戏城站

Chifeng Rd
赤峰路

Hongkou Football Stadium
虹口足球场站

Quyiang Park
曲阳路站

Siping Rd
四平路站

Jiangpu Rd
江浦路站

YANGPŪ

Huangxing Rd
黄兴路

Middle Yanji Rd
延吉中路

Yanchang Rd
延长路

Zhabei Park
西藏北路站

East Baoxing Rd
东宝兴路站

Dongbaoxing Rd
东宝兴路站

NORTH SHANGHAI (HONGKOU)

Youdian Xincun
邮电新村站

Anshan Xincun
鞍山新村站

Hailun Rd
海伦路站

Linping Rd
临平路站

Dalian Rd
大连路站

Yangpu Bridge

Zhongtan Rd
中潭路站

North Zhongshan Rd

See Shanghai Station Map (p184)

M50

Zhongxing Rd
中兴路站

Haining Rd

North Sichuan Rd
四川北路站

Shanghai International Cruise Terminal

Yangshupu Rd
杨树浦路

Pudong Avenue
浦东大道站

Minsheng Rd
民生路站

Changshou Rd
长寿路站

Xinzha Rd
新同路站

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The Bund 1

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World Financial Center 3

PŪDŌNG NEW AREA

Yuanshen Stadium
源深体育中心站

Science & Technology Museum
科技馆站

Changping Rd
昌平路站

See West Nanjing Rd & Jing'an Map (p180)

JING'AN

Shanghai Museum 2

Old Town 7

Shangcheng Rd
商城路站

Zhangyang Rd
张杨路站

Pudian Rd
浦电路站

Shanghai Science & Technology Museum
科技馆站

W Yan'an Rd

4 French Concession

LŪWĀN

OLD TOWN (NĀNSHĪ)

Laoximen
老西门站

Xiaonanmen
小南门站

Century Avenue
世纪大道站

Lancun Rd
蓝村路站

Central Huaihai Rd

5 Tiánzifāng

Madang Rd
马当路站

Nanpu Bridge
南浦大桥

Shanghai Children's Medical Center
上海儿童医学中心

Jimutu Rd

See French Concession Map (p176)

Xujiahui
徐家汇站

Damuqiao Rd
大木桥路站

Luban Rd
鲁班路站

Lupu Bridge
卢浦大桥

World Expo 2010 Site

Expo & Culture Centers

S Pudong Rd

Longyang Rd
To Pudong International Airport (30km)

E Nandan Rd

Dong'an Rd
东安路站

Lupu Bridge

World Expo 2010 Site

Expo Avenue
世博大会站

China Pavilion

Linyi Xincun
临沂新村

Shanghai Stadium
上海体育场

Shanghai Indoor Stadium
上海体育馆站

Longhua Temple

World Expo 2010 Site

Expo Avenue

Yaohua Rd
耀华路

Longcao Rd
龙漕路

Shilong Rd
石龙路

Longwu Rd

History

As the gateway to the Yangzi River (Cháng Jiāng), Shànghǎi (the name means ‘by the sea’) has long been an ideal trading port. However, although it supported as many as 50,000 residents by the late 17th century, it wasn’t until after the British opened their concession here in 1842 that modern Shànghǎi – in some ways the most influential city in 20th-century China – really came into being.

The British presence in Shànghǎi was soon followed by the French and Americans, and by 1853 Shànghǎi had overtaken all other Chinese ports. Built on the trade of opium, silk and tea, the city also lured the world’s great houses of finance, which erected grand palaces of plenty. Shànghǎi also became a byword for exploitation and vice; its countless opium dens, gambling joints and brothels managed by gangs were at the heart of Shànghǎi life. Guarding it all were the American, French and Italian marines, British Tommies and Japanese bluejackets.

After Chiang Kaishek’s coup against the communists in 1927, the Kuomintang cooperated with the foreign police and the Shànghǎi gangs, and with Chinese and foreign factory owners, to suppress labour unrest. Exploited in workhouse conditions, crippled by hunger and poverty, sold into slavery, excluded from the high life and the parks created by the foreigners, the poor of Shànghǎi had a voracious appetite for radical opinion. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) was formed here in 1921 and, after numerous setbacks, ‘liberated’ the city in 1949.

The communists eradicated the slums, rehabilitated the city’s hundreds of thou-

sands of opium addicts, and eliminated child and slave labour. These were staggering achievements; but when the decadence went, so did the splendour. Shànghǎi became a colourless factory town and political hotbed, and was the power base of the infamous Gang of Four during the Cultural Revolution.

Shànghǎi’s long malaise came to an abrupt end in 1990, with the announcement of plans to develop Pūdōng, on the eastern side of the Huángpǔ River. Lǜjiāzui, the area facing the Bund on the Pūdōng side of the Huángpǔ, is a dazzlingly modern high-rise counterpoint to the austere, old-world structures on the Bund.

Shànghǎi’s burgeoning economy, its leadership and its intrinsic self-confidence have put it miles ahead of other cities in China. But perhaps alarmed by Shànghǎi’s economic supremacy, Běijīng has made attempts to curb the city’s influence. In March 2007, Xi Jinping was chosen as the new Shànghǎi Communist Party secretary after Chen Liangyu was dismissed from his post on corruption charges the previous year. The choice of Shaanxī (Shǎnxī)-born Xi Jinping is seen by many as a victory for President Hu Jintao in replacing members of the Shànghǎi clique of ex-president Jiang Zemin with officials loyal to his tenure.

Despite the fanfare and its modernity, Shànghǎi is only nominally an international city; it cannot compare with the effortless cosmopolitanism of cities such as Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). A recurring sense – deriving from China’s constant ambivalence regarding the outside world – pervades that the city’s internationalism is both awkward and affected, while a marked absence of creative energy can make this fast-changing city seem oddly parochial and inward-looking.

Language

Spoken by over 13 million people, the Shanghai dialect (Shànghǎihuà in Mandarin) belongs to the Wú dialect, named after the kingdom of Wú in present-day Jiāngsū province. To Mandarin or Cantonese speakers, Shanghai sounds odd, perhaps because it is a more archaic branch of Chinese. Furthermore, the tonal system of Shanghai drastically differs from Mandarin and Cantonese, and outsiders also detect a marked Japanese sound to the Shànghǎi dialect. Due to the increasing prevalence of Mandarin and the absence

PRICE INDICATORS

The following price indicators are used in this chapter:

Sleeping

\$	less than Y400
\$\$	Y400 to Y1300
\$\$\$	more than Y1300

Eating

\$	less than Y60
\$\$	Y60 to Y160
\$\$\$	more than Y160

of a standard form of Shanghainese, the dialect is constantly changing and fewer and fewer young people are able to speak it properly, if at all.

👁️ Sights

Shànghǎi municipality covers a huge area, but the city proper is more modest. Broadly, central Shànghǎi is divided into two areas: Pūxī (west of the Huángpǔ River) and Pūdōng (east of the Huángpǔ River). The historical attractions belong to Pūxī, where Shànghǎi's personality is also found: the Bund (officially called East Zhongshan No 1 Rd) and the former foreign concessions, the principal shopping districts, and Shànghǎi's trendiest clusters of bars, restaurants and nightclubs. Pūdōng is a more recent invention and is the location of the financial district and the famous Shànghǎi skyline. Remember that Shànghǎi is developing at a breakneck pace and there is consequently an even higher rate of change here than in most other major world cities.

The last entrance to many Shànghǎi museums is one hour before closing.

THE BUND

外滩

The area around the Bund is the tourist centre of Shànghǎi and is the city's most famous mile.

The Bund

ARCHITECTURE

Symbolic of colonial Shànghǎi, the Bund (Wàitān; Map p170) was the city's Wall St, a place of feverish trading and fortunes made and lost. Coming to Shànghǎi and missing the Bund is like visiting Běijīng and bypassing the Forbidden City or the Great Wall. Originally a towpath for dragging barges of rice, the Bund (an Anglo-Indian term for the embankment of a muddy waterform) was gradually transformed into a grandiose sweep of the most powerful banks and trading houses in Shànghǎi. The majority of art deco and neoclassical buildings here were built in the early 20th century and presented an imposing – if strikingly un-Chinese – view for those arriving in the busy port.

Today it has emerged as a designer retail and restaurant zone, and the city's most exclusive boutiques, restaurants and hotels see the Bund as the only place to be. The optimum activity here is to simply stroll, contrasting the bones of the past with the futuristic geometry of Pūdōng's skyline. Evening visits are rewarded by electric views of Pūdōng and the illuminated gran-

deur of the Bund. Other options include taking a boat tour on the Huángpǔ River (see p182) or relaxing at some fabulous bars and restaurants. Huángpǔ Park, at the north end of the promenade, features the modest **Bund History Museum** (外滩历史纪念馆; Wàitān Lìshǐ Jìniànguǎn), which has been closed for the past few years for renovations. See the walking tour for a rundown of the area's most famous buildings.

East Nanjing Road

ARCHITECTURE

Once known as Nanking Rd, East Nanjing Rd (南京东路; Map p170) was where the first department stores in China were opened in the 1920s, and where the modern era – with its new products and the promise of a radically different lifestyle – was ushered in. A glowing forest of neon at night, it's no longer the cream of Shànghǎi shopping, but it's still one of the most famous and crowded streets in China. Shànghǎi's reputation as the country's most fashionable city was forged in part here, through the new styles and trends introduced in department stores such as the Sun Sun (1926), today the **Shànghǎi No 1 (First) Food Store** (上海市第一食品商店; Shànghǎi Diyī Shípín Shāngdiàn; Map p170; 720 East Nanjing Rd; 人民广场), and the Sun Company (1936), now the **No 1 Department Store** (上海第一百货商店; Shànghǎi Diyī Bǎihuò Shāngdiàn; Map p170; 800 East Nanjing Rd; 人民广场).

Guard against English-speaking Chinese women (or students) shanghaiing you towards extortionate 'tea ceremonies'.

Rockbund Art Museum

ART MUSEUM

(上海外滩美术馆; Shànghǎi Wàitān Měishùguǎn; Map p170; www.rockbundartmuseum.org; 20 Huqiu Rd; 虎丘路20号; adult Y15; ☺10am-6pm Tue-Sun; 人民广场) Housed in the former Royal Asiatic Society building (1932) and the adjacent former National Industrial Bank, this private museum behind the Bund focuses on contemporary art, with rotating exhibits year-round. Opened in 2010 as part of the Back Bund renovation project, the Rockbund is off to a promising start as one of the city's top modern-art venues.

FREE Shànghǎi Post Museum

MUSEUM

(上海邮政博物馆; Shànghǎi Yóuzhèng Bówùguǎn; Map p170; 250 North Suzhou Rd; 北苏州路250号; ☺9am-5pm Wed, Thu, Sat & Sun; 人民广场) It may sound like a yawner, but this is actually a pretty good museum, where you can learn about postal history in imperial China, tap your foot to China's

SHÀNGHǎI IN...

One Day

Rise with the sun for early morning riverside scenes on **the Bund** as the vast city stirs from its slumber. Then stroll down East Nanjing Rd to **People's Square** and either the **Shànghǎi Museum** or the **Urban Planning Exhibition Hall**. After a dumpling lunch on Huanghe Rd food street, hop on the metro at People's Sq to shuttle east to Pūdōng. Explore the fun and interactive **Shànghǎi History Museum** or contemplate the Bund from the breezy Riverside Promenade, then take a high-speed lift to the world's highest observation deck, in the **World Financial Center**, to put Shànghǎi in perspective. Stomach rumbling? Time for dinner in the French Concession, followed by a nightcap on the Bund if you want to go full circle.

Two Days

Pre-empt the crowds with an early start at the Old Town's **Yùyuán Gardens** before poking around for souvenirs on Old St and wandering the alleyways. Make your next stop **Xintiāndi** for lunch and a visit to the **Shíkùmén Open House Museum**. Taxi it to **Tiánzǐfáng** for the afternoon, before another French Concession dinner. Caught a second wind? Catch the acrobats, hit the clubs or unwind with a traditional Chinese massage.

official postal hymn, *Song of the Mail Swan Geese*, and view rare pre- and post-Liberation stamps (1888–1978). It's located in a magnificent 1924 post office, with panoramic views from the rooftop garden.

Bund Sightseeing Tunnel

KITSCH

(外滩观光隧道; Wàitān Guāngguāng Suidào; Map p170; The Bund; one way/return Y45/55; ☀8am–10.30pm; 🚇East Nanjing Rd) The weirdest way to get to Pūdōng, where train modules convey speechless passengers through a tunnel of garish lights between the Bund and the opposite shore. The entrance is behind the Tourist Information & Service Centre.

FREE Shànghǎi Gallery of Art

ART GALLERY

(上海沪申画廊; Shànghǎi Hùshēn Huàláng; Map p170; 3rd fl, Three on the Bund; 中山东1路3号3楼; ☀11am–9pm; 🚇East Nanjing Rd) Pop into Shànghǎi's handiest art gallery for glimpses of highbrow and conceptual Chinese art.

PEOPLE'S SQUARE

人民广场

Once the site of the Shànghǎi Racecourse, People's Sq is the modern city's nerve centre. Overshadowed by the dramatic form of **Tomorrow Square** (明天广场; Míngtiān Guǎngchǎng; Map p170), the open space is peppered with museums, performing arts venues and leafy People's Park. Beneath it all, the city's frenetic energy reaches full crescendo amid the tunnels of Shànghǎi's busiest subway interchange.

TOP CHOICE Shànghǎi Museum

ART MUSEUM

(上海博物馆; Shànghǎi Bówùguǎn; Map p170; www.shanghaimuseum.net; 201 Renmin Ave; 人民大道201号; admission free; ☀9am–5pm; 🚇People's Sq) This must-see Museum guides you through the craft of millennia while simultaneously escorting you through the pages of Chinese history. Expect to spend half, if not most of, a day here (note that entrance is from East Yan'an Rd).

Designed to resemble the shape of an ancient Chinese *dǐng* vessel, the building is home to one of the most impressive collections in China. Take your pick from the archaic green patinas of the **Ancient Chinese Bronzes Gallery** through to the silent solemnity of the **Ancient Chinese Sculpture Gallery**; from the exquisite beauty of the ceramics in the **Zande Lou Gallery** to the measured and timeless flourishes captured in the **Chinese Calligraphy Gallery**. Chinese painting, seals, jade, Ming and Qing furniture, coins and ethnic costumes are also on offer in this museum, intelligently displayed in well-lit galleries. Seats are provided outside galleries on each floor for when lethargy strikes.

Photography is allowed in some galleries. The audio guide (available in eight languages) is well worth the Y40 (deposit Y400 or your passport). The excellent **museum shop** sells postcards, a rich array of books, and faithful replicas of the museum's ceramics and other pieces. There are a few

overpriced shops and teahouses inside the museum, as well as a snack bar, a cloakroom and an ATM.

Shànghǎi Urban Planning Exhibition Hall

ARCHITECTURE MUSEUM

(上海城市规划展示馆; Shànghǎi Chéngshì Guīhuà Zhǎnshìguǎn; Map p170; www.supec.org; 100 Renmin Ave; 人民大道100号; adult Y30; ☀9am-5pm Mon-Thu, to 6pm Fri-Sun; 🚶People's Sq) Some cities romanticise their past, others promise good times in the present, but only in China are you expected to visit places that haven't even been built yet. The 3rd floor features Shànghǎi's idealised future (c 2020), with an incredible model layout of the megalopolis-to-come plus a dizzying Virtual World 3-D wrap-around tour complete with celebratory fireworks. Balancing it all out are photos and maps of historic Shànghǎi. Entrance is from Xizang Rd.

Shànghǎi Museum of Contemporary Art (Moca Shànghǎi)

ART MUSEUM

(上海当代艺术馆; Shànghǎi Dāngdài Yìshùguǎn; Map p170; www.mocashanghai.org; People's Park; 人民公园; adult Y20; ☀10am-9.30pm; 🚶People's Sq) This nonprofit contemporary art centre has an all-glass construction to maximise Shànghǎi's often dismal sunlight and a tip-top location in People's Park. Temporary exhibits here range from the work of local artist Zhou Tiehai and urban dystopia instalments to Japanese ecodesign and multimedia instalments.

Great World

ENTERTAINMENT

(大世界; Dà Shìjiè; Map p170; Middle Xizang Rd; 西藏中路; 🚶Dashijie) Shànghǎi's famous house of ill repute in the 1930s, Great World has been closed for renovations for a decade. It's unclear when it will reopen.

Shànghǎi Art Museum

ART MUSEUM

(上海美术馆; Shànghǎi Měishùguǎn; Map p170; www.sh-artmuseum.org.cn; 325 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路325号; adult Y20; ☀9am-5pm, last entry 4pm; 🚶People's Sq) The exhibits of modern Chinese art (often 20th century) are hit-and-miss, but the building (the former Shànghǎi Racecourse Club) and its period details are simply gorgeous. English captions are sporadic.

Madame Tussaud's

WAX MUSEUM

(上海杜莎夫人蜡像馆; Shànghǎi Dùshā Fūrén Làxiàngguǎn; Map p170; New World Department Store, 2-68 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路2-68号; adult/child Y135/80; 🚶People's Sq) This waxworks museum is largely aimed at

locals, but could work for families when a summer downpour inundates town.

OLD TOWN

南市

Known to locals as Nán Shì (Southern City), the Old Town is the most traditionally Chinese part of Shànghǎi. Its circular layout still reflects the footprint of its 16th-century walls, erected to keep marauding Japanese pirates at bay. Sitting on a piece of coveted real estate, and with many residents considering the buildings old and run down, it's not surprising that much of the neighbourhood has been bulldozed over the past decade to make room for developers to build upwards.

Yùyuán Gardens & Bazaar

GARDENS, BAZAAR

(豫园·豫园商城; Yùyuán & Yùyuán Shāngchéng; Map p170) With their shaded alcoves, glittering pools churning with carp, pavilions, pines sprouting wistfully from rockeries, and roving packs of Japanese tourists, these **gardens** (豫园; Yùyuán; Map p170; admission Y30; ☀8.30am-5.30pm, last entry 5pm; 🚶Yuyuan Garden) are one of Shànghǎi's premier sights – but are overpoweringly crowded at weekends.

The Pan family, rich Ming-dynasty officials, founded the gardens, which took 18 years (1559–77) to be nurtured into existence before bombardment during the Opium War in 1842. The gardens took another trashing during French reprisals for attacks on their nearby concession by Taip-ing rebels. Restored, they are a fine example of Ming garden design. The spring and summer blossoms bring a fragrant and floral aspect to the gardens, especially in the heavy petals of its *Magnolia grandiflora*, Shànghǎi's flower. Other trees include the Luohan pine, bristling with thick needles, and willows, ginkgos and cherry trees.

Next to the garden entrance is the **Húxíntíng Teahouse** (湖心亭; Húxíntíng; Map p170; ☀8.30am-9.30pm), once part of the gardens and now one of the most famous teahouses in China.

The adjacent **bazaar** may be tacky, but it's good for a browse if you can handle the push and pull of the crowds and vendors. The nearby Taoist **Temple of the Town God** (城隍庙; Chéngguáng Miào; Map p170; Yùyuán Bazaar; admission Y10; ☀8.30am-4.30pm) is also worth visiting. Just outside the bazaar is **Old Street** (老街; Lǎo Jiē), known more prosaically as Middle Fangbang Rd, a busy street lined with curio shops and teahouses.

START BROADWAY
MANSIONS
FINISH METEOROLOGICAL
SIGNAL TOWER
DISTANCE 1.3KM
DURATION ONE HOUR

Walking Tour The Bund

This comprehensive, easy-to-manage walk guides you along the Bund, Shanghai's most memorable mile. The walk can be done either by day or by night; during the evening the buildings are closed but the Bund is spectacularly illuminated and the nocturnal views to Pūdong are delicious. Walk along either the west side of East Zhongshan No 1 Rd (the Bund) or along the elevated promenade on the other side of the road overlooking the river.

At the northern end of the Bund, on the north bank of Sūzhōu Creek (also known as Wūsōng River), rises the brick pile of

1 Broadway Mansions, built in 1934 as an exclusive apartment block. The Foreign Correspondents' Club occupied the 9th floor in the 1930s and used its fine views to report the Japanese bombing of the city in 1937. The building became the headquarters of the Japanese army during WWII.

Just across Huangpu Rd from the

2 Russian consulate is the distinguished

3 Astor House Hotel. Opened in 1846 as the Richards' Hotel, this was Shanghai's first hotel. The ballroom here hosted the Shanghai stock exchange from 1990 to 1998.

Head south over **4 Wàibāidù Bridge** (also called Garden Bridge), which dates from 1907; before 1856 all crossings had to be made by ferry. The first bridge here was the wooden Wills' Bridge, where a charge was levied on users.

Turn west (right) to walk along Sūzhōu Creek until you reach the area known as the Back Bund. The first building you'll see here is the **5 Union Church**, which dates to 1885. Behind the church, you can catch a glimpse of **6 the former British Consulate** and gardens. The British Consulate was the first foreign building to go up in Shanghai, in the 1840s, though the current structures date to 1873.

Across the road from the former British Consulate is a row of beautiful old buildings, beginning with the Gothamesque **7 China**

Baptist Publication Building. Built in 1930 and home to a Christian printing press, this is one of many art deco structures built by Ladislav Hudec, a Hungarian who was one of Shanghai's most famous architects. As you'll notice, the buildings behind the Bund were more diverse in nature than the powerful banks and trading houses on the waterfront itself.

Turn left on East Beijing Rd and head back towards the Bund waterfront. At No 27 on the Bund is the former headquarters of early opium traders **8 Jardine Matheson**, which became one of Shanghai's great *hongs* (trading houses). At No 23 is the imposing

9 Bank of China building, which director HH Kung commissioned in 1936, with specific instructions that it should be higher than the adjacent Cathay Hotel. An unusual melange of styles, the top was eventually changed to a blue Chinese roof, and it wound up being one metre shorter than its neighbour. Note the funky art deco lions sitting in front.

The landmark **10 Peace Hotel** opened in 1929 as the most luxurious hotel in the Far East, when it was known as the Cathay. After three years of renovations, it had just reopened in all its original art deco glory as this book went to press. If you haven't already been to the **11 Promenade**, this is a good spot to cross over for views of the Pūdong skyline.

Originally the Chartered Bank of Australia, India and China, **12 Bund 18** is a high-profile commercial conversion. In the evening, pop up to Bar Rouge on the 7th floor for sumptuous views.

Next door at No 17 is the former home of the **13 North China Daily News**. Known as the 'Old Lady of the Bund', the *News* ran from 1864 to 1951 as the main English-language newspaper in China and the mouthpiece of the foreign-run municipality commission. See if you can spot the typo in the paper's motto, etched in stone above the central windows.

Three buildings down, at No 13, the **14 Customs House** was completed in 1927. The building is topped by a clock face (once the largest in East Asia) and 'Big Ching', a bell that was modelled on Big Ben and replaced during the Cultural Revolution by loudspeakers that issued revolutionary slogans and songs.

Next door to the Customs House at No 12 is the grandest building on the Bund, the former **15 Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank**. The bank was established in Hong Kong in 1864 and Shanghai in 1865 to finance trade, and soon became one of the richest banks in Shanghai, arranging the indemnity paid after the Boxer Uprising (1900). When the current building was constructed in 1923 it was the second-largest bank in the world and reportedly 'the finest building east of Suez'. Enter and marvel at the beautiful mosaic ceiling (no photographs allowed), featuring the 12 zodiac signs and the world's eight great banking centres.

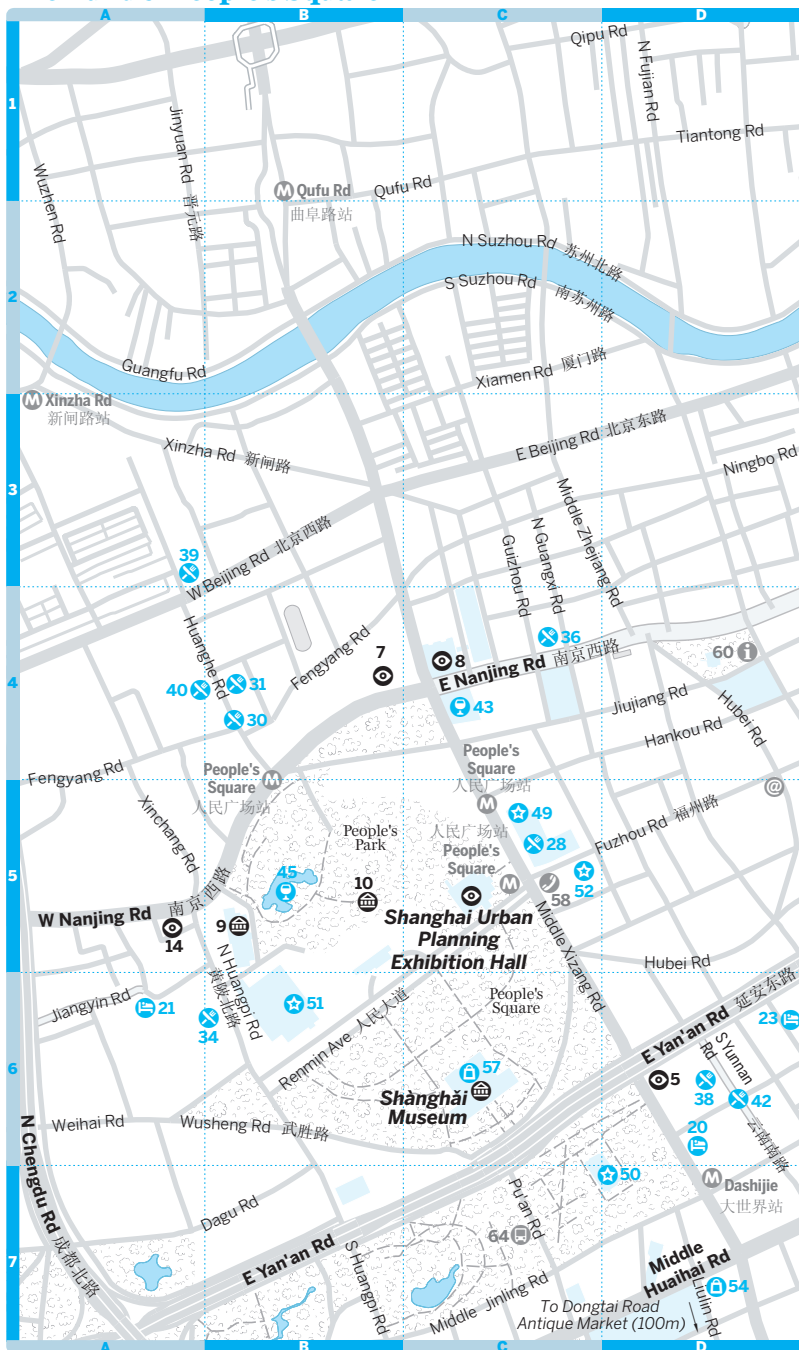
The next few buildings are now upmarket entertainment complexes and retail outlets. The most famous stands at No 3, the impressive restaurant and retail development **16 Three on the Bund**.

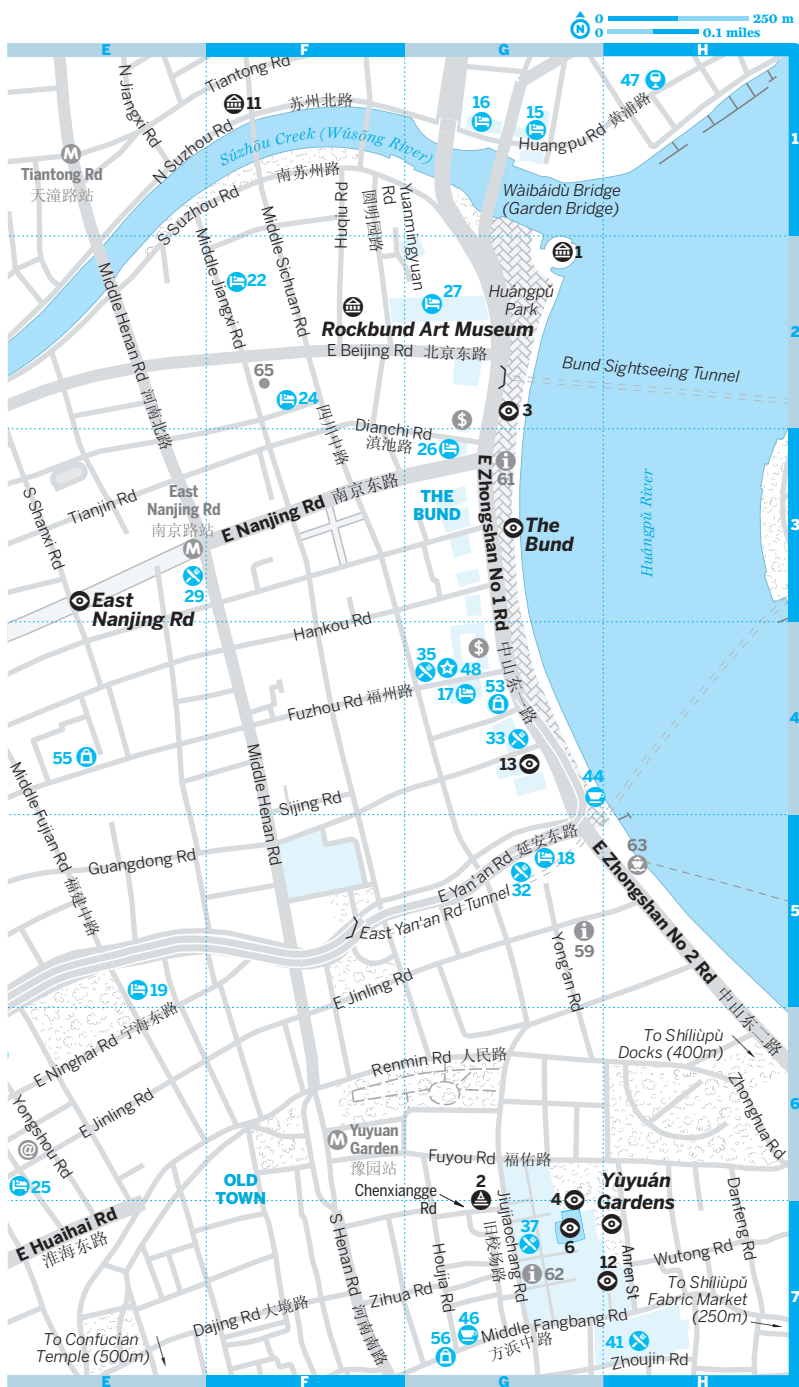
The 1911 **17 Shanghai Club**, the city's best-known bastion of British snobbery, stood at No 2 on the Bund. The plutocratic club had 20 rooms for residents, but its most famous accoutrement was the bar, which, at 110ft (about 33.6m), was said to be the world's longest. Businessmen would sit here according to rank (no Chinese or women were allowed in the club), with the *taipans* (company bosses) closest to the view of the Bund, sipping chilled champagne and comparing fortunes. It is now the Waldorf Astoria Hotel which, incidentally, had just opened a new Long Bar as this book went to press.

Just across the street is the 49m-tall **18 Meteorological Signal Tower**, originally built in 1908 opposite the French consulate and, in 1993, moved 22m north as part of the revamping of the Bund. Today there is a small collection of old prints of the Bund and an upstairs cafe (Atanu) with fine views from its terrace.

East Yan'an Rd, once a canal and later filled in to become Ave Edward VII, the dividing line between the International Settlement and the French Concession, marks the end of the walk.







The Bund & People's Square

📍 Top Sights

East Nanjing Rd	E3
Rockbund Art Museum	F2
Shanghai Museum	C6
Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall	C5
The Bund	G3
Yuyuan Gardens	H7

📍 Sights

1 Bund History Museum	G2
2 Chénxiānggé Nunnery	G6
3 Entrance to Bund Sightseeing Tunnel	G2
4 Entrance to Yuyuan Gardens & Bazaar	G6
5 Great World	D6
6 Húxíng Teahouse	G7
7 Madame Tussaud's	B4
8 No 1 Department Store	C4
9 Shanghai Art Museum	B5
Shanghai Gallery of Art	(see 13)
10 Shanghai Museum of Contemporary Art	B5
Shanghai No 1 (First) Food Store (see 36)	
11 Shanghai Post Museum	F1
12 Temple of the Town God	H7
13 Three on the Bund	G4
14 Tomorrow Square	A5

🛏 Sleeping

15 Astor House Hotel	G1
16 Broadway Mansions	G1
17 Captain Hostel	G4
18 Captain Hostel (Yan'an Rd Branch)	G5
19 Jinjiang Inn	E5
JW Marriott Tomorrow Square ... (see 14)	
20 Marvel Hotel	D6
21 Mingtown Etour Youth Hostel	A6
22 Mingtown Hiker Youth Hostel	F2
23 Mingtown People's Square Youth Hostel	D6
24 Motel 268	F2
25 Motel 268	E6
26 Peace Hotel	G3
27 Peninsula Hotel	G2

🍴 Eating

28 Food Republic	C5
29 Hóngyí Plaza	E3
30 Huanghe Rd Food Street	B4
Jean Georges	(see 13)
31 Jiājia Soup Dumpings	B4

32 Lost Heaven	G5
33 M on the Bund	G4
34 Nina's Sichuan House	B6
35 Shanghai Grandmother	G4
36 Shanghai No 1 (First) Food Store	C4
37 Sōngyuèlóu	G7
38 Wú Fāng Zhāi	D6
39 Xiǎo Nán Guó	A3
40 Yang's Fry Dumpings	A4
41 Yù Fashion Garden	H7
42 Yunnan Rd Food Street	D6

🍷 Drinking

43 789 Nanjing Lu Bar	C4
44 Atanu	G4
45 Barbarossa	B5
Captain's Bar	(see 17)
Glamour Bar	(see 33)
New Heights	(see 13)
46 Old Shanghai Teahouse	G7
47 Vue	H1

🎬 Entertainment

48 House of Blues & Jazz	G4
49 Peace Cinema	C5
50 Shanghai Concert Hall	D7
51 Shanghai Grand Theatre	B6
52 Yifù Theatre	C5

🛍 Shopping

53 Annabel Lee	G4
54 Cybermart	D7
55 Foreign Languages Bookstore	E4
56 Old Street	G7
57 Shanghai Museum Shop	C6
Sūzhōu Cobblers	(see 17)

Information

58 China Mobile	C5
59 Huángpǔ Tourist Centre	G5
60 Tourist Information & Service Centre	D4
61 Tourist Information & Service Centre	G3
62 Tourist Information & Service Centre	G7

Transport

63 Jinling Rd Ferry	H5
64 Pu'an Rd Bus Station	C7
65 Train Ticket Office	F2

Chénxiānggé Nunnery

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

(沉香阁; Chénxiāng Gé; Map p170; 29 Chenxiangge Rd; 沉香阁路29号; admission ¥10; ☉7am-4pm; 🚶Yuyuan Garden) Sheltering a community of around 40 dark-brown-clothed nuns, this gorgeous yellow-walled temple is a tranquil portal to a devout existence far from the city's frantic temporal realm. Climb the **Guanyin Tower** (观音楼; Guānyīn Lóu; admission ¥2) at the rear hall to view an exquisite statue of Guanyin, the Buddhist goddess of compassion.

Confucian Temple

CONFUCIAN TEMPLE

(文庙; Wén Miào; 215 Wenmiao Rd; 文庙路215号; admission ¥10; ☉9am-5pm; 🚶Laoximen) This well-tended temple to the dictum-coining sage-cum-social theorist is a cultivated acreage of maples, pines, magnolias and birdsong. Originally dating from 1294, the temple was moved to its current site in 1855. There's a secondhand book market here on Sunday mornings.

FRENCH CONCESSION

法租界

Once home to the bulk of Shànghāi's adventurers, revolutionaries, gangsters, prostitutes and writers, the French Concession is the most graceful part of the city. Today a residential, retail and restaurant district with atmospheric tree-lined streets, the French Concession is a name you won't find appearing on any Chinese maps, but it ranges elegantly through the districts of Lúwān and Xīhú, also taking in slices of Chángníng and Jìng'ān. The cream of Shànghāi's old residential buildings and art deco apartment blocks, hotels and edifices are preserved here, while commercial Huaihai Rd teems with shoppers. The district naturally tends towards gentrification, but it's also a trendy and happening enclave, excellent for random exploration in a slow progression or by full immersion in Tiánzifāng, a hip quadrant of lane housing overflowing with shops and cafes, which has overtaken Xīntiāndì as one of the latest retail and entertainment hot spots.

Tiánzifāng

ART GALLERIES, SHOPS

(田子坊; Map p176; Lane 210, Taikang Rd; 泰康路210弄; 🚶Dapuqiao) Xīntiāndì and Tiánzifāng are based on a similar idea – an entertainment complex housed within a warren of traditional *lòngtāng* (alleyways) – but when it comes to genuine charm and vibrancy, Tiánzifāng is the one that delivers. Also known as Taikang Lu (泰康路) or Taikang Rd, this community of design studios, wi-fi

cafes and boutiques is the perfect antidote to Shànghāi's oversized malls and intimidating skyscrapers. With some families still residing in neighbouring buildings, a community mood survives.

There are three main north-south lanes (Nos 210, 248, 274) criss-crossed by irregular east-west alleyways, which makes exploration slightly disorienting and fun. On the main lane is the excellent **Deke Erh Art Centre** (尔冬强艺术中心; Ēr Dōngqiáng Yìshù Zhōngxīn; Map p176; No 2, Lane 210), owned by a local photographer and author. Another gallery is **Unique Hill** (奇岗草堂; Qígǎng Cǎotáng; Map p176; No 10, Lane 210), with a collection of old Shànghāi photos and posters.

Of course, the real activity here is shopping, and the recent explosion of creative start-ups makes for some interesting finds, from ethnic embroidery and hand-wrapped pu-erh teas to retro communist dinnerware. Elsewhere, a growing band of cool cafes, such as Kommune (p194), can sort out meals and drinks and take the weight off your feet. Don't bother looking for Chinese food here; there isn't any.

Xīntiāndì

SHOPS

(新天地; Map p176; www.xintiandi.com; cnr Taicang & Madang Rds; 太仓路与马当路路口; 🚶South Huangpi Rd, Xintiandi) Xīntiāndì hasn't even been around for a decade yet and already it's a Shànghāi icon. An upmarket retail and dining complex consisting of largely rebuilt *shikùmén* houses (low-rise tenement buildings built in the early 1900s), this was the first development in the city to prove that historic architecture does, in fact, have economic value. Well-heeled shoppers and alfresco diners keep the place busy until late, while two museums add a dash of culture to the mix.

The north block is where most of the action is. The small **Shikùmén Open House Museum** (屋里厢石库门民居陈列馆; Wǔlǐxiāng Shikùmén Mínjū Chénlìguǎn; Map p176; admission ¥20; ☉10.30am-10.30pm Sun-Thu, 11am-11pm Fri & Sat) depicts traditional life in a 10-room Shànghāi *shikùmén*. Beyond this, it's best for strolling the prettified alleyways and enjoying a summer's evening over drinks or a meal.

FREE Site of the 1st National Congress of the CCP

COMMUNISM MUSEUM

(中共一大会址纪念馆; Zhōnggòng Yìdà Huìzhǐ; Map p176; 76 Xingye Rd; 兴业路76号; ☉9am-5pm; 🚶South Huangpi Rd, Xintiandi) The CCP was founded in July 1921 in this French

SEDUCTION & THE CITY

Shànghǎi owes its reputation as the most fashionable city in China to the calendar poster, whose print runs once numbered in the tens of millions and whose distribution reached from China's interior to Southeast Asia. The basic idea behind the poster – associating a product with an attractive woman to encourage subconscious desire and consumption – today sounds like Marketing 101, but in the early 20th century it was revolutionary. Calendar posters not only introduced new products to Chinese everywhere, their portrayal of Shànghǎi women – wearing makeup and stylish clothing, smoking cigarettes and surrounded by foreign goods – set the standard for modern fashion that many Chinese women would dream of for decades. Today, reproduction posters are sold throughout the Old Town for as little as ¥10, though finding a bona fide original is quite a challenge. For an in-depth look at calendar posters and Shànghǎi's role in shaping modern China, see Wen-hsin Yeh's *Shanghai Splendor*.

Concession *shíkùmén* building in one fell swoop, converting an unassuming block into one of Chinese communism's holiest shrines. Now a museum, its dizzying Marxist spin and communist narcissism is irritating, but you can nonetheless visit the room where the Party began.

Propaganda Poster Art Centre ART GALLERY (宣传画年画艺术中心; Xuānchuánhuà Niánhuà Yìshù Zhōngxīn; Map p176; www.shanghaipropagandaart.com; Room B-0C, President Mansion, 868 Huashan Rd; 华山路868号B-0C室; admission ¥20; ☉10am-5pm; 📍Shanghai Library, Jiangsu Rd) If phalanxes of red tractors, bumper harvests, muscled peasants and lantern-jawed proletariat get you going, this small gallery in the bowels of a residential block will truly fire you up. Go weak-kneed at the cartoon-world of anti-US defiance, and size up a collection of 3000 original posters from the 1950s, '60s and '70s – the golden age of Maoist poster production. The centre divides into a showroom and a shop featuring posters and postcards for sale. Once you

find the main entrance, a guard will point the way.

Sun Yatsen's Former Residence

HISTORIC RESIDENCE

(孙中山故居; Sūn Zhōngshān Gùjū; Map p176; 7 Xiangshan Rd; 香山路7号; admission ¥20; ☉9am-4.30pm; 📍South Shaanxi Rd, Xintiandi) China is stuffed to the gills with Sun Yatsen memorabilia, and this former residence, on what was previously rue Molière, is where the founder of modern China (posthumously dubbed Guófù, Father of the Nation) lived for six years. After Sun's death, his wife, Song Qingling (1893–1981) remained here until 1937, watched by plain-clothes Kuomintang and French police. The two-storey house is decorated with period furnishings, despite looting by the Japanese.

Wukang Road Tourist Information Center

ARCHITECTURE

(武康路旅游咨询中心; Wǔkāng Lù Lǚyóu Zīxún Zhōngxīn; Map p176; www.qjtrip.com/wukangroad; 393 Wukang Rd; 武康路393号; ☉9am-5pm; 📍Shanghai Library) On one of the French Concession's best-preserved streets, this centre displays scale-model concession buildings, and maps for self-guided walking tours of Wukang Rd.

WEST NANJING ROAD & JĪNG'ĀN

南京西路、静安

Lined with sharp top-end shopping malls, clusters of foreign offices and a dense crop of embassies and consulates, West Nanjing Rd is where Shànghǎi's streets are paved with gold, or at least Prada and Gucci.

But head north of West Nanjing Rd and you're plunged into a grittier and more absorbing section of Jing'ān, which extends until reaching the Shànghǎi Railway Station. Like Hóngkǒu (north of the Bund), this area is primed for development.

Jade Buddha Temple

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

(玉佛寺; Yùfó Sì; Map p180; 170 Anyuan Rd; 安远路170号; adult ¥20; ☉8am-4.30pm; 📍Changshou Rd) One of Shànghǎi's few active Buddhist monasteries, this temple was built between 1911 and 1918. The centrepiece is the 1.9m-high pale green **Jade Buddha** (Yùfó), seated upstairs in his own hall. It is said that Hui Gen (Wei Ken), a Pütuóshān monk, travelled to Myanmar (Burma) via Tibet, lugged five jade Buddhas back to China and then sought alms to build a temple for them. The beautiful effigy of Sakyamuni, clearly Southeast Asian in style,

gazes ethereally from a cabinet. Visitors are not able to approach the statue, but can admire it from a distance. An additional charge of ¥10 is levied to see the statue (no photographs).

An equally elegant **reclining Buddha** is downstairs, opposite a much more substantial copy in stone. A large **vegetarian restaurant** (素食餐厅; sùcài cāntīng; Map p184; 999 Jiangning Rd) is attached to the temple around the corner.

In February the temple is very busy during the Lunar New Year, when some 20,000 Chinese Buddhists throng to pray for prosperity.

FREE

M50

ART GALLERIES

(创意产业集聚区; M50 M Wūshí Chuàngyì) Chányè Jìjūqū; Map p180; 5 Moganshan Rd; 莫干山路50号; ☉10am-6pm Tue-Sun; 上海火车站) Běijīng may dominate the art scene in China, but Shànghǎi has its own thriving gallery subculture, centred on this complex of industrial buildings down dusty Moganshan Rd in the north of town. Although the artists who originally established the enclave are long gone, it is well worth putting aside a half-day to poke around the many galleries here.

Like all of Shànghǎi's galleries, cutting-edge work is often surrounded by mediocrity, so prepare to sift if you're in a buying frame of mind. The best of the bunch include old-timer **ShanghART** (香格里拉画廊; Xiàngǎnà Huàláng; www.shanghartgallery.com; Bldg 16 & 18), the collaborative and provocative **island6** (www.island6.org; 2nd fl, Bldg 6), and photography from **OFoto** (www.ofotogallery.com; 2nd fl, Bldg 13) and **m97** (www.m97gallery.com; 2nd fl, 97 Moganshan Rd), the latter of which is across the street. When your legs finally give way, flop down at **Bāndù Cabin** (Map p184). Evening entertainment includes **Image Tunnel** (Map p184; 2nd fl, Bldg 19; admission ¥30), which shows independent Chinese films on Saturdays (7pm).

Jing'an Temple

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

(静安寺; Jìng'ān Sì; Map p179; 1686-88 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1686-1688号; admission ¥30; ☉7.30am-5pm; 上海静安寺) A skyscraper only needs a few years to go up in Shànghǎi, but the rebuilding of Jìng'ān Temple (largely destroyed in 1851) seems an eternal work in progress. The recent add-ons are eye-catching and make for some great photos when contrasted with the surrounding supertowers, but the main temple hall re-

mains under construction. The temple manages to somehow sum up Shànghǎi: 5% traditional, 95% rebuild.

Shànghǎi Natural History Museum

SCIENCE MUSEUM

(上海自然博物馆; Shànghǎi Zìrán Bówùguǎn; Diaosu Park; 雕塑公园; 上海自然历史博物馆) The city's new natural history museum is expected to open in 2012.

PŪDŌNG NEW AREA

浦东新区

The colossal concrete-and-steel Pūdōng New Area (Pūdōng Xīnqū), which was, until recently, 350 sq km of boggy farmland, stretches off to the East China Sea from the skyscraper-fragmented skyline of Lùjiāzui, one of Shànghǎi's most photographed panoramas.

Its main attractions include some fine museums, the simply stratospheric Shànghǎi World Financial Center and Jīnmào Tower, delicious views across to the Bund, and some of Shànghǎi's best hotels. It is not, however, very pedestrian friendly; the most interesting area for visitors is around the Lujiazui metro station.

Shànghǎi World Financial Center

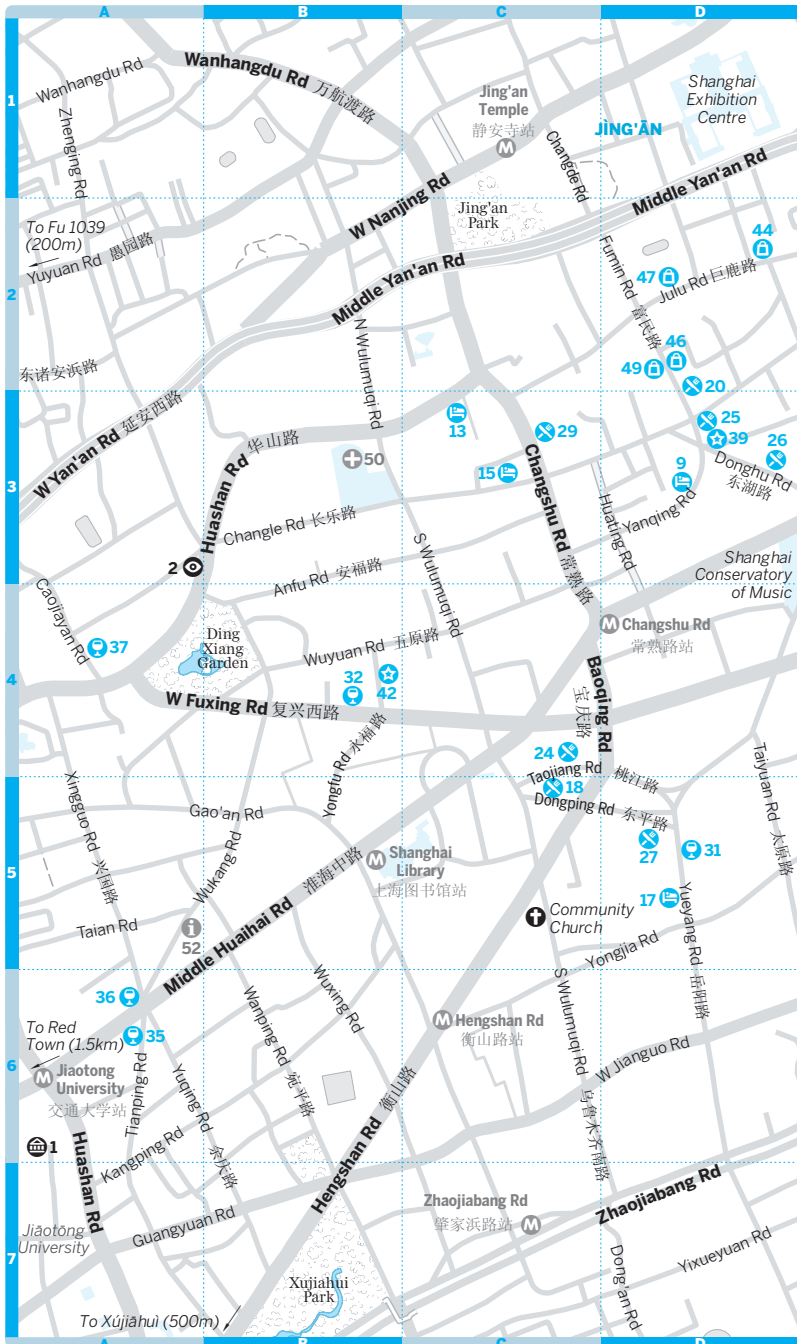
SKYSCRAPER

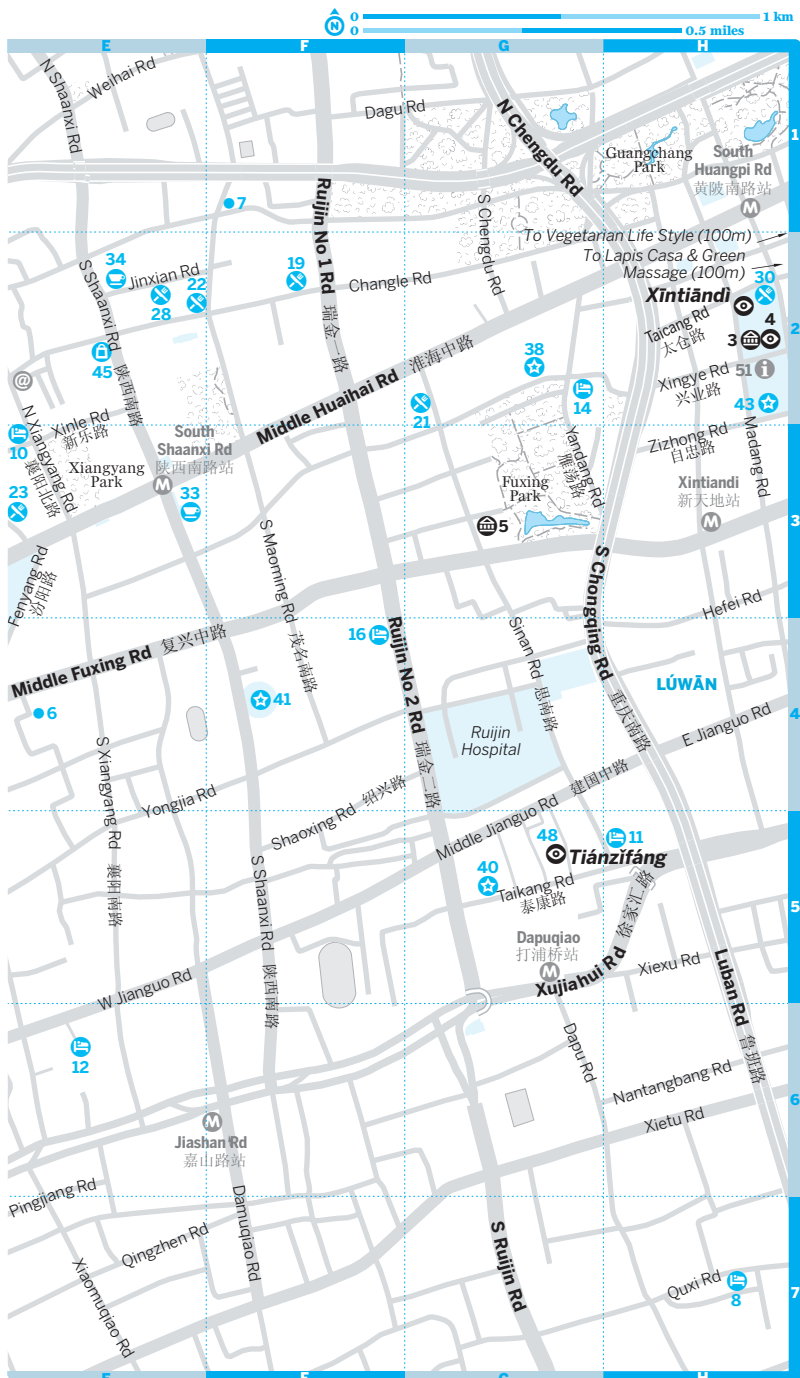
(SWFC; 上海环球金融中心; Shànghǎi Huánqiú Jīnróng Zhōngxīn; Map p182; www.swfc-observatory.com; 100 Century Ave; 世纪大道100号; observation deck 94th/97th/100th fl, adult ¥100/110/150; ☉8am-midnight; 上海卢家嘴) The neck-craning 492m-high Shànghǎi World Financial Center was never able to grab the ever-elusive title of world's tallest building, but it is nonetheless a stunning addition to the Pūdōng skyline. With the world's highest observation deck (there are three decks in total, on the 94th, 97th and 100th floors) and the world's 2nd-highest hotel above ground level (at research time), even the

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French Concession

📍 Top Sights

Tiánzǐfáng.....	G5
Xintiāndi	H2

📍 Sights

1 CY Tung Maritime Museum.....	A6
Deke Erh Art Centre	(see 48)
2 Propaganda Poster Art Centre.....	A3
3 Shíkùmén Open House Museum.....	H2
4 Site of the 1st National Congress of the CCP	H2
5 Sun Yatsen's Former Residence.....	G3
Unique Hill	(see 48)

Activities, Courses & Tours

6 The Kitchen at.....	E4
7 Longwu Kung Fu Centre	F1

🛏 Sleeping

8 Blue Mountain Youth Hostel.....	H7
9 Magnolia Bed & Breakfast	D3
10 Mansion Hotel.....	E3
11 Motel 268	H5
12 Nine.....	E6
13 Old House Inn	C3
14 Púdí Boutique Hotel	G2
15 Quintet.....	C3
16 Ruijīn Guesthouse	F4
17 Yuèyáng Hotel.....	D5

🍴 Eating

18 Azul	C5
19 Bankura.....	F2
20 Bǎoluó Jiǔlóu	D2
21 Chá's.....	G2
Crystal Jade	(see 43)
Din Tai Fung	(see 43)
22 Dishuidòng	E2
23 El Willy	E3
24 Haiku.....	C4

25 Noodle Bull	D3
26 Sichuan Citizen	D3
27 Simply Thai.....	D5
28 Southern Barbarian	E2
29 Xibó Grill.....	C3
30 Xīnjīshì.....	H2

🍷 Drinking

31 Abbey Road	D5
32 Boxing Cat Brewery	B4
33 Cafe 85°C.....	E3
34 Citizen Cafe	E2
35 Eddy's Bar.....	A6
Kommune	(see 48)
36 Shànghǎi Studio.....	A6
37 Time Passage	A4

🎬 Entertainment

Dragonfly	(see 23)
38 Dragonfly	G2
39 Dragonfly	D3
40 Melting Pot.....	G5
41 Shànghǎi Cultural Plaza	F4
42 Shelter.....	B4
43 UME International Cineplex.....	H2

🛍 Shopping

44 Brocade Country.....	D2
45 Garden Books.....	E2
46 Madame Mao's Dowry.....	D2
47 Spin	D2
48 Tiánzǐfáng	G5
49 Yú.....	D2

Information

50 Huàshān Hospital.....	B3
51 Shanghai Information Centre for International Visitors	H2
52 Wukang Rd Tourist Information Center	A5

dazzling Jīnmào Tower is now in the shade. Take the ear-popping lift up to the top or visit the restaurant/bar **100 Century Avenue** (Map p182; 91st fl, access via the Park Hyatt; coffee/weekday lunch Y55/180; ☎11am-10.30pm; 📍) to truly put your head in the clouds.

Jīnmào Tower

SKYSCRAPER

(金茂大厦; Jīnmào Dàshà; Map p182; 88 Century Ave; 世纪大道88号; adult Y88; ☎8.30am-9.30pm; 📍Lujiāzui) The crystalline Jīnmào Tower is Pūdōng's most arresting modern spire and the city's second-tallest building

(420.5m). There's an observation deck on the 88th floor, but consider sinking a drink in the **Cloud 9 Bar** (see boxed text, p193) on the 87th floor and time your visit for dusk for both day and night views.

Shànghǎi History Museum

HISTORY MUSEUM

(上海城市历史发展陈列馆; Shànghǎi Chéngshì Lìshǐ Fāzhǎn Chénnlièguǎn; Map p182; Oriental Pearl Tower basement; adult Y35, audio tour Y30; ☎8am-9.30pm; 📍Lujiāzui) This modern museum, in the basement of the Oriental Pearl Tower, has fun multimedia presentations

and imaginative displays that recreate the history of Shànghǎi, with an emphasis on the pre-1949 era. Find out how the city prospered on the back of the cotton trade and junk transportation, when it was known as 'Little Sūzhōu'. Life-size models of traditional shops are inhabited by realistic wax figures, and there's a wealth of historical detail, including a boundary stone from the International Settlement, and one of the pair of bronze lions that originally guarded the entrance to the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank on the Bund.

World Expo Site

ARCHITECTURE

(世博会区; Shibó Huì Qū; ㊚ South Yaohua Rd, lines 7 & 8) Most of the pavilions at the site of the 2010 World Expo were designed as temporary structures and were dismantled shortly after the event's completion. However, at least five structures on the Pūdōng side will remain standing and continue to host exhibits and events, including the iconic **China Pavilion** (中国国家馆; Zhōngguó Guójiā Guǎn), the **Expo Center** (世博中心; Shibó Zhōngxīn) and the **Cultural Center** (世博文化中心; Shibó Wénhuà Zhōngxīn).

Some 4000 Expo highlights will be on display at the Expo Museum (世博博物馆; Shibó Bówùguǎn), which is slated to open on the Pūxī side (across the river from Pūdōng) in 2012.

Oriental Pearl Tower

SKYSCRAPER

(东方明珠电视塔; Dōngfāng Míngzhū Diànshì Tǎ; Map p182; 1 Century Ave; 世纪大道1号; tickets Y100-150; ☀8am-10pm; ㊚Lujiazui) Best viewed when it's illuminated at night, this poured-concrete shocker of a tripod TV tower has become symbolic of the Shànghǎi renaissance. The Shànghǎi History Museum in the basement is well worth exploring, and not just because it's the one part of Pūdōng where you can't see the tower itself.

Science & Technology Museum

SCIENCE MUSEUM

(上海科技馆; Shànghǎi Kējìguǎn; www.sstm.org.cn; 2000 Century Ave; 世纪大道2000号; adult Y60; ☀9am-5.15pm Tue-Sun; ㊚Science & Technology Museum) Some exhibits are past their prime here, but it's still a fun outing for kids. There are also four theatres (two IMAX, one 4-D and one outer space) that show themed 15- to 40-minute **films** (tickets Y20 to Y40) throughout the day.

Riverside Promenade

PROMENADE

(滨江大道; Bīnjiāng Dàdào; Map p182; ☀6.30am-11pm; ㊚Lujiazui) The best stroll in

THE ONLY WAY IS UP

The 'No Climbing' signs at the foot of the Jinmào Tower recall the French 'Spiderman' Alain Robert's 90-minute scaling of the tower in May 2007. Dressed as his arachnid hero, the climber was immediately arrested upon descent, having failed to gain authorisation (he had made two previous applications, both refused). Glance up the side of the building and you're spoiled for choice for handholds (Robert apparently said he could climb it with one arm). A shoe salesman from Ānhuī province has also climbed the tower, on impulse in 2001.

Pūdōng, the promenade alongside Riverside Ave offers splendid views to the Bund across the water and choicely positioned riverfront cafes.

Shànghǎi Ocean Aquarium

AQUARIUM

(上海海洋水族馆; Shànghǎi Hǎiyáng Shuǐzúguǎn; Map p182; www.sh-aquarium.com; 1388 Lujiazui Ring Rd; 陆家嘴环路158号; adult Y135; ☀9am-6pm; ㊚Lujiazui) Education meets entertainment in this slick and intelligently designed aquarium.

NORTH SHÀNGHǎI (HÓNGKǒU) 虹口

The gritty northeast districts of Hóngkǒu and Zháběi are little visited but offer some interesting backstreets and a handful of minor sights. Originally the American Settlement before the Japanese took over, Hóngkǒu also welcomed thousands of Jewish refugees fleeing persecution.

Ohel Moïshe Synagogue

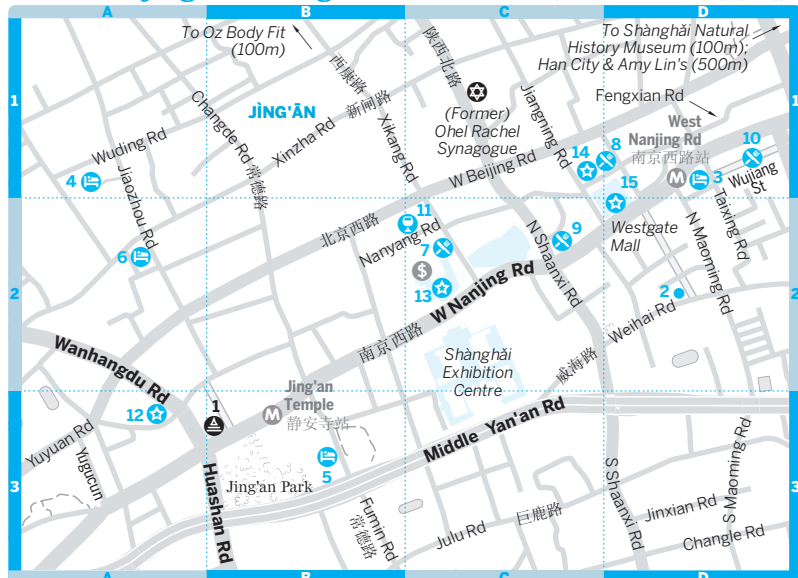
HISTORY MUSEUM

(摩西会堂; Móxī Huìtáng; 62 Changyang Rd; 长阳路62号; admission Y50; ☀9am-4.30pm; ㊚Dalian Rd) This synagogue was built by the Russian Ashkenazi Jewish community in 1927 and lies in the heart of the 1940s Jewish ghetto. Today it houses the Shànghǎi Jewish Refugees Museum, which is an excellent introduction to the lives of the approximately 20,000 Central European refugees who fled to Shànghǎi to escape the Nazis. You can also visit the synagogue.

Duolun Road Cultural Street

ARCHITECTURE

This restored **street** (多伦文化名人街; Duólún Wénhuà Míngrén Jiē; ㊚Dongbaoxing Rd) of fine old houses was once home to several



of China's most famous writers (as well as Kuomintang generals). Today it has a few excellent antique shops (No 181 is the best), some historic architecture (the brick Hóng-dé Temple at No 59 is a Christian church) and a few cafes – the **Old Film Cafe** (No 123; ☺10am-midnight), next to the bell tower at the bend in the road, shows old Chinese films. The **Shanghai Duolun Museum of Modern Art** (上海多伦现代美术馆; Shànghǎi Duōlún Xiàndài Měishùguǎn; No 27; admission Y10; ☺10am-6pm Tue-Sun) occasionally gets decent exhibits of contemporary Chinese art, but quality varies. The street ends in the north at the Moorish-looking **Kong Residence** (No 250), built in 1924, with its Middle Eastern tiles and windows.

SOUTH SHANGHAI (XÚJIÀHUÌ) 徐家汇 Originally a Jesuit settlement dating back to the 17th century, Xújiàhuì was known to 1930s expat residents as Zicawei or Sica-wei. These days it's more of a monument to capitalism than Catholicism, however, and the main intersection is encircled by shopping malls, including the massive Grand Gateway.

Lónghua Temple

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

(龙华寺; Lónghua Sì; 2853 Longhua Rd; 龙华路 2853号; admission Y10; ☺7am-4.30pm; 卣Long-

cao Rd) Southwest of central Shànghǎi, this is the oldest and largest temple in the city; it's said to date from the 10th century. Opposite the temple stands a seven-storey pagoda, originally built in AD 977 and much restored. From the Longcao Rd metro station, head east along North Longshui Rd for about 1km.

FREE CY Tung Maritime Museum

HISTORY MUSEUM

(董浩航运博物馆; Dǒng Hàoyún Hángyùn Bówùguǎn; Map p176; 1954 Huashan Rd, Jiāotōng University campus; 华山路1954号交通大学内; ☺1.30-5.30pm Tue-Sun; 卣Jiaotong University) This small but fascinating museum features exhibits on the legendary explorer Zheng He and the often overlooked world of Chinese maritime history.

Bibliotheca Zi-Ka-Wei

LIBRARY

(徐家汇藏书楼; Xújiàhuì Cāngshūlóu; ☺6487 4095, ext 208; 80 North Caoxi Rd; 漕溪北路 80号; ☺library tour 2pm Sat; 卣Xujiahui) This former Jesuit library has a free 15-minute tour of the main library and its collection of antiquarian tomes on Saturdays. Reservations are essential.

St Ignatius Cathedral

CATHEDRAL

(天主教堂; Tiānzhǔ Jiàotáng; 158 Puxi Rd; 蒲西路158号; ☺1-4.30pm Sat & Sun; 卣Xujiahui)

West Nanjing Rd & Jìng'ān

📍 Sights

- 1 Jìng'ān Temple..... B3

Activities, Courses & Tours

- 2 Chinese Cooking Workshop..... D2

🛏 Sleeping

- 3 Jia Shànghǎi..... D1
 4 Le Tour Traveler's Rest Youth
 Hostel..... A1
 5 Púli..... B3
 6 Urbn..... A2

🍴 Eating

- Element Fresh..... (see 13)
 7 Lynn..... C2

- 8 Vegetarian Life Style..... D1
 9 Wagas..... C2
 10 Wujiang Rd Food Street..... D1

🍷 Drinking

- 11 Big Bamboo..... C2

🎬 Entertainment

- 12 Paramount Ballroom..... A3
 13 Shànghǎi Centre..... C2
 14 Shànghǎi Cultural Information
 & Booking Centre..... C1
 15 Studio City..... D2

Shopping

- Chaterhouse Booktrader..... (see 13)

This dignified twin-spired cathedral (1904) is a major Xújiāhuì landmark. Across the road stands the former St Ignatius Convent, now a restaurant.

WEST SHÀNGHǎI

West Shànghǎi includes a large area made up of the districts of Mínháng (闵行) and Chángníng (长宁), which envelops the smaller residential community of Gǔběi (古北). It is mainly of interest for long-term expats and those on business. That said, there are a few sites in the area, as well as Hóngqiáo Airport.

Qībǎo

HISTORIC VILLAGE

(七宝; Mínháng district; admission Y30; 🚶 Qibao, line 9) When you tire of Shànghǎi's incessant quest for modernity, this tiny town is only a hop, skip and metro ride away. An ancient settlement that prospered during the Ming and Qìng dynasties, it is littered with traditional historic architecture, threaded by small, busy alleyways and cut by a picturesque canal. If you can somehow blot out the crowds, Qībǎo brings you the flavours of old China along with huge doses of entertainment.

There are nine official sights included in the through ticket, though you can also skip the ticket and just pay Y5 per sight as you go. The best of the bunch include the **Cotton Textile Mill**, the **Shadow Puppet Museum** (performances from 1pm to 3pm Wednesday and Sunday), **Zhou's Miniature Carving House** and the **Old Wine Shop** (still an active distillery and a good lunch spot). Half-hour **boat rides**

(per person Y10; ☀8.30am-5pm) along the canal slowly ferry passengers from Number One Bridge to Dōngtángtān (东塘滩) and back. Also worth ferreting out is the **Catholic Church** (天主教堂; 50 Nanjie), adjacent to a convent off Qibao Nanjie, south of the canal.

Wander along Bei Dajie north of the canal for souvenirs; Nan Dajie south of the canal is full of snacks and small eateries such as No 14, which sells sweet *tāngyuán* dumplings, and No 19, which is a rarely seen traditional teahouse.

Mínshēng Art Museum & Red Town

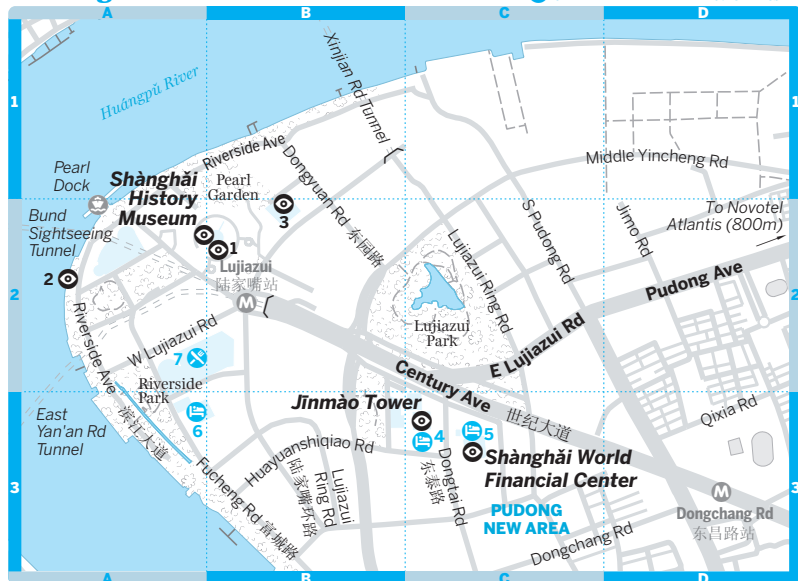
ART MUSEUM

(民生现代美术馆、红坊; Mínhēng Xiàndài Měishùguǎn, Hóng Fāng; Bldg F, 570 West Huaihai Rd; 淮海西路570号F座; admission Y20; ☀10am-9pm Tue-Sun; 🚶 Hongqiao Rd, lines 3, 4 & 10) Part of Shànghǎi's bid to give the local arts scene some street cred has been the continual addition of new museums over the past decade. The Mínhēng, which opened in 2010, got off to a good start with an acclaimed retrospective of modern Chinese art. It also has a prime location in the sculpture-dotted creative complex of Red Town (formerly the No 10 Steel Factory).

🎓 Courses

Learn how to balance your yin and yang with the following courses.

Chinese Cooking Workshop COOKING
 (Map p179; ☎5404 3181; www.chinesecookingworkshop.com; Room 307, No 696, Weihai Rd; 威海路696号307室; 🚶 West Nanjing Rd)



The Kitchen at...

COOKING

(Map p176; ☎6433 2700; www.thekitchenat.com; Bldg 101, No 75, Lane 1295, Middle Fuxing Rd; 复兴中路1295弄75号101; 地铁Changshu Rd)

Lóngwǔ Kungfu Center

MARTIAL ARTS

(龙武功夫馆; Lóngwǔ Gōngfū Guǎn; Map p176; ☎6287 1528; www.longwukungfu.com; 1 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路1号; 地铁South Shaanxi Rd)

Oz Body Fit

MARTIAL ARTS

(☎6288 5278; www.ozbodyfit.com; 528 Kangding Rd; 康定路528号; 地铁Jing'an Temple)

👉 Tours

From boats to bikes to buses, various organised tours offer a great introduction to Shànghǎi.

Sūzhōu Creek Boat Tours

BOAT

(苏州河游览船; Sūzhōuhé yóulǎnchuán; Changhua Rd Dock; 昌化路码头; Map p180; tickets day/night Y50/70; 地铁Zhongtan Rd, taxi) Forty-five-minute boat tours running in between the M50 art galleries and Chángfēng Park (长风公园; Chángfēng Gōngyuán) to the west. As this is a brand-new service, research it ahead of time in case of changes.

Big Bus Tours

BUS

(www.bigbustours.com; tickets US\$44) Shànghǎi's first hop-on, hop-off bus

Pǔdōng New Area

📍 Top Sights

Jinmào Tower	C3
Shànghǎi History Museum	A2
Shànghǎi World Financial Center	C3

📍 Sights

1 Oriental Pearl Tower	B2
2 Riverside Promenade	A2
3 Shànghǎi Ocean Aquarium	B2

🏠 Sleeping

4 Grand Hyatt	C3
5 Park Hyatt	C3
6 Pǔdōng Shangri-La	A3

🍴 Eating

100 Century Avenue	(see 5)
7 Superbrand Mall	A2

🍷 Drinking

Cloud 9	(see 4)
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service (22 stops). Tickets are valid for 24 hours and include a boat tour.

BOHDI

CYCLING

(☎5266 9013; www.bohdi.com.cn; tours Y150) Night-time cycling tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Huángpǔ River Cruise (The Bund) BOAT
(黄浦江游览船; Huángpǔjiāng yóulǎnchuán; 501 East Zhongshan No 2 Rd; 中山东二路501号; tickets ¥100; ☎10.30am-10.15pm) The classic Shànghǎi tour. Fifty-minute cruises run from the Shǐliùpù Docks (aka 'The 16 Pu'; 十六铺; Shǐliùpù) south of the Bund.

Huángpǔ River Cruise (Pǔdōng) BOAT
(黄浦江游览船; Huángpǔjiāng yóulǎnchuán; Pearl Dock; 明珠码头; tickets ¥50-70; ☎10am-8pm; 🚏Lujiazui) Forty-minute cruises departing hourly in Pǔdōng.

Shanghai Sideways MOTORCYCLE
(www.shanghaisideways.com) Unusual motorcycle-sidecar tours of the city.

Shànghǎi Sightseeing Buses BUS
(上海旅游集散中心; Shànghǎi Lǚyóu Jìsàn Zhōngxīn; www.chinassbc.com; 🚏Shanghai Stadium) Daily tours from Shànghǎi Stadium to nearby canal towns (eg Tóngli, Nánxún). Convenient but less fun than visiting on your own.

SISU CYCLING
(☎5059 6071; www.sisucycling.com; tour ¥150) Night-time cycling tours on Wednesdays.



Festivals & Events

Lantern Festival TRADITIONAL
A colourful time to visit Yùyuán Gardens. People make *yuánxiāo* or *tāngyuán* (glutinous rice dumplings with sweet fillings) and some carry paper lanterns on the streets. The Lantern Festival (元宵节; *yuánxiāo jié*) falls on the 15th day of the first lunar month (6 February 2012, 24 February 2013).

Shànghǎi International Literary Festival LITERARY

Held in March or April, this highly popular festival (上海国际文学艺术节; Shànghǎi Guójì Wénxué Yìshù Jié) for bibliophiles is staged in the Glamour Bar (Map p170), with international and local authors in attendance.

Lónghuá Temple Fair TRADITIONAL
This fair (龙华寺庙会; Lónghuá Sì Miào-huì) at Lónghuá Temple, held for several weeks during the 3rd lunar month (late March, April or early May), is eastern China's largest and oldest folk gathering, with all kinds of snacks, stalls, jugglers and stilt walkers.

Formula 1 SPORT
(www.formula1.com; 2000 Yining Rd, Jiāding; 🚏Shanghai International Circuit, Line 11) The

slick new Shànghǎi International Circuit hosts several high-profile motor-racing competitions, including the hotly contested Formula 1 in April.

Dragon Boat Festival TRADITIONAL
Celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month (23 June 2012, 12 June 2013), this festival (端午节; Duānwǔ Jié) sees dragon boats raced along Sūzhōu Creek and, more importantly for most, *zòngzi* (glutinous rice dumplings steamed in bamboo leaves) go on sale everywhere.

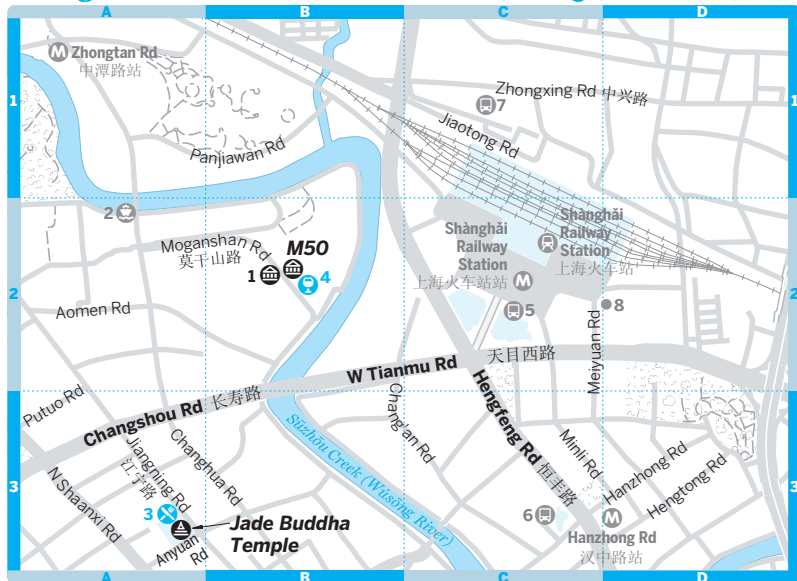
Shànghǎi International Film Festival FILM
(上海国际电影节; Shànghǎi Guójì Diànyǐng Jié; www.siff.com) With screenings at several cinemas around town, this movie-going festival brings a range of international and locally produced films to town in June. For international flicks, make sure it's the original version you're going to see (原版; *yuánbǎn*), and not dubbed into Chinese.

China Shànghǎi International Arts Festival ART
(中国上海国际艺术节; Zhōngguó Shànghǎi Guójì Yìshù Jié; www.artsbird.com) A month-long program of cultural events held in October and November, including the Shànghǎi Art Fair, international music, dance, opera, acrobatics and the **Shànghǎi Biennale** (www.shanghaibiennale.org; 2012).

Sleeping

Shànghǎi's sleeping options are excellent at both ends of the spectrum, though quality in the midrange market is definitely in short supply – it's best to do your homework and secure a room well ahead of time. Don't forget to enquire about rates at the top-end hotels, as the discounts in these places often make them considerably more affordable. In general, hotels fall into five main categories: slick new skyscraper hotels, historic hotels in old villas or apartment blocks, boutique hotels, Chinese chain hotels, and hostels. There are additionally a handful of new B&Bs, though these are relatively scarce.

The most central neighbourhoods are the Bund and People's Sq. If you'd rather be based in a more residential area, you'll want to look at options in the French Concession, Jìng'ān or Hóngkǒu, all of which have some unique choices. Pǔdōng is interesting if a night in one of the world's highest hotels sounds appealing, but keep in mind that it



is a business district and thus not too exciting from a cultural perspective. Nevertheless, if you're near the Lujiazui metro stop, it is easy to get to.

Rack rates are listed here, but, as you'll notice when you book online, discounts are standard in many establishments outside holiday periods. Four- and five-star hotels add a 10% or 15% service charge, which is sometimes negotiable. Most hotels listed here have air-conditioning and broadband internet access.

For hotel bookings, the online agencies **CTrip** (☎400 619 9999; <http://english.ctrip.com>) and **Elong** (☎400 617 1717; www.elong.net) are good choices.

THE BUND & PEOPLE'S SQUARE

TOP CHOICE **Astor House Hotel** HISTORIC HOTEL \$\$
 (浦江饭店; Pǔjiāng Fàndiàn; Map p170;
 ☎6324 6388; www.astorhousehotel.com; 15 Huangpu Rd; 黄浦路15号; d Y1280, discounts 40%; 📍) Etched with history, this venerable old-timer is a dream come true for travellers requiring a perch near the Bund, a yesteryear nobility and a pedigree that reaches back to the early days of concession-era Shànghǎi. Rooms are colossal (you could fit a bed in the capacious bathrooms) and no other hotel has its major selling

Shànghǎi Station

📍 Top Sights

- Jade Buddha TempleA3
- M50.....B2

📍 Sights

- island6..... (see 4)
- 1 m97.....B2
- OFoto..... (see 4)
- ShanghART..... (see 4)

Activities, Courses & Tours

- 2 Sūzhōu Creek Boat Tours.....A2

🍴 Eating

- 3 Jade Buddha Temple
Vegetarian Restaurant.....A3

🍷 Drinking

- 4 Bāndù CabinB2

Entertainment

- Image Tunnel..... (see 4)

Transport

- 5 Bus to Pūdōng AirportC2
- 6 Hengfeng Road Bus StationC3
- 7 Shànghǎi Long-Distance
Bus Station.....C1
- 8 Train Ticket Office.....D2

points: doormen wearing kilts, original polished wooden floorboards and the overall impression of British public school meets Victorian asylum.

Mingtown Etour Youth Hostel HOSTEL \$

(上海新易途国际青年旅舍; Shànghǎi Xīnyítú Guójí Qīngnián Lúshè; Map p170; ☎6327 7766; 55 Jiangyin Rd; 江阴路55号; 6-bed dm Y65, d Y220-340; 🍷🍷🍷; 🏠People's Sq) The Etour has a choice location just behind People's Sq, and pleasant rooms (many with reproduction antique furniture) to boot. But it's the tranquil courtyard with fish pond and split-level bar-restaurant that really sells this one. The superb communal area comes with computers (free for one hour), a projector-screen DVD player, free pool table and plenty of outdoor seating.

Peace Hotel HISTORIC HOTEL \$\$\$

(和平饭店; Héping Fàndiàn; Map p170; ☎6321 6888; www.fairmont.com; 20 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路20号; d Y2500-3100, discounts 20%; 🍷🍷🍷🍷; 🏠East Nanjing Rd) After three-plus years of renovations, the city's definitive art deco building, the Peace Hotel, reopened in 2010 under the direction of the Fairmont group. The main challenge in modernising the building was balancing out the architectural integrity of such a historic place with the need to upgrade a building that was not originally designed to be a hotel. Connoisseurs of old Shànghǎi will be pleased to know that the famous antediluvian jazz band is back in action.

Marvel Hotel HOTEL \$\$

(商悦青年会大酒店; Shāngyuè Qīngniánhuì Dàjiùdiàn; Map p170; ☎3305 9999; www.marvelhotels.com.cn; 123 South Xizang Rd; 西藏南路123号; d Y1080-1580; 🍷🍷🍷; 🏠Dashijie) Occupying the former YMCA building (1931) just south of People's Sq, the Marvel is one of the city's standout midrange hotels. The successful mix of history, central location and modern comfort (broadband access via the TV, soundproofed windows, comfy down pillows) makes it one of Shànghǎi's best-value hotels.

Mingtown Hiker Youth Hostel HOSTEL \$

(上海旅行者青年旅舍; Shànghǎi Lǚxíngzhě Qīngnián Lúshè; Map p170; ☎6329 7889; 450 Middle Jiangxi Rd; 江西中路450号; 6-bed dm Y55-60, d Y150-280; 🍷🍷🍷; 🏠East Nanjing Rd) A short hike from the Bund, this is another well-located hostel. Rooms include tidy four- and six-bed dorms (some with shower, cheapest without windows) and a handful

of good-value luxury doubles, decorated in a Chinese style. There's a bar with pool table, free movies, and internet access (first hour free for guests).

JW Marriott Tomorrow Square LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(明天广场JW万怡酒店; Míngtiān Guǎngchǎng JW Wányí Jiǔdiàn; Map p170; ☎5359 4969; www.marriotthotels.com/shajw; 399 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路399号; d Y2600-3550, discounts 20%; 🍷🍷🍷🍷; 🏠People's Sq) Victor Sassoon probably would have traded in his old digs in a heartbeat if he could have stayed in the chairman's suite here. Housed across the upper 24 floors of one of Shànghǎi's most dramatic towers, the JW Marriott boasts marvellously appointed rooms with spectacular vistas (the view over People's Sq from the 38th-floor lobby cafe is something in itself) and showers with hydraulic massage functions to soak away the stress. Internet access in rooms is an extra Y120.

Peninsula Hotel LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(上海半岛酒店; Shànghǎi Bāndǎo Jiǔdiàn; Map p170; ☎2327 2888; www.pensinsula.com; 32 East Zhongshan No 1 Rd; 中山东一路32号; d Y3200-5400, discounts 40%; 🍷🍷🍷🍷; 🏠East Nanjing Rd) This new luxury hotel on the Bund combines art deco motifs with Shànghǎi modernity, but it's the little touches that distinguish it from the numerous other five-star places in the neighbourhood: a TV in the tub, valet box and fabulous views across the river or out onto the gardens of the former British consulate.

Motel 268 CHAIN HOTEL \$

(莫泰连锁旅馆; Mòtài Liánsuǒ Lǔguǎn; Map p170; ☎5179 3333; www.motel168.com; 50 Ningbo Rd; 宁波路50号; dY268-318; 🍷🍷; 🏠East Nanjing Rd) The ever-dependable Motel 268 comes through with modern doubles near the Bund, with huge beds, wood-trimmed chrome-and-glass bathrooms. Check the website for other locations around Shànghǎi, including the one near People's Sq (Map p170; ☎5153 3333; 531 East Jinling Rd; 金陵东路531号; dY268-318; 🍷🍷; 🏠Dashijie).

Jinjiang Inn CHAIN HOTEL \$

(锦江之星旅馆; Jīnjiāng Zhīxīng Lǔguǎn; Map p170; ☎6326 0505; www.jj-inn.com; 33 South Fujian Rd; 福建南路33号; d Y229-289; 🍷; 🏠Dashijie) The central branch of this hotel chain, which looks like it struck a deal with Ikea, has bright, airy rooms (some doubles, but mostly twins). Rooms facing inwards are

smaller, cheaper and quieter; the higher-floor rooms are generally best.

Captain Hostel

(船长青年酒店; Chuánzhǎng Qīngnián Jiǔdiàn; Map p170; ☎6323 5053; www.captainhostel.com.cn; 37 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路37号; dm/d Y70/400; ⓂⓂⓂ) Hands down the least-friendly youth hostel in Shànghǎi, this state-run place still reels in punters by the boatload with its fantastic location off the Bund and spot-on rooftop bar. There's a newer branch on **Yan'an Rd** (Map p170; ☎3331 0000; 7 East Yan'an Rd; 延安东路7号; dm Y100, d Y500-600; ⓂⓂⓂ) two blocks south.

Broadway Mansions

(上海大厦; Shànghǎi Dàshà; Map p170; ☎6324 6260; www.broadwaymansions.com; 20 North Suzhou Rd; 苏州北路20号; d Y2200, river-view d Y2500, discounts 40%; ⓂⓂ) Originally built as a luxury apartment block in the 1930s before being taken over by first the Japanese and then the US military, this classic art deco brick pile north of the Bund has elegantly refurbished rooms. Aim for river-view rooms on higher floors to get fantastic panoramas.

Mingtown People's Square Youth Hostel

(人民广场青年旅舍; Rénmín Guǎngchǎng Qīngnián Lǚshè; Map p170; ☎6320 1114; 35 Yongshou Rd; 永寿路35号; 6-bed dm Y60, d Y220-300; ⓂⓂⓂ) Although a bit less convenient than the other Mingtown hostels, the facilities are nonetheless excellent.

FRENCH CONCESSION

Old House Inn

(老时光酒店; Lǎoshíguāng Jiǔdiàn; Map p176; ☎6248 6118; www.oldhouse.cn; 16, Lane 351, Huashan Rd; 华山路351弄16号; s incl breakfast Y580, d Y880-1250; ⓂⓂⓂ) This 1930s red-brick building has been restored to create an exclusive, yet affordable place to stay. All 12 rooms are decorated with care and attention and come with wooden floors, traditional Chinese furniture, stylish artwork and a few antiques.

Mansion Hotel

(首席公馆酒店; Shǒuxī Gōngguǎn Jiǔdiàn; Map p176; ☎5403 9888; www.mansionhotelchina.com; 82 Xinle Rd; 新乐路82号; d Y1980-2770, discounts 10%; ⓂⓂⓂ) Combining historic charm and modern luxury like no other hotel in Shànghǎi, this truly exceptional place was originally the resi-

dence of Sun Tingsun, a business partner of two of Shànghǎi's most powerful gangsters. Stepping through the front door is like stepping back in time to the city's glorious, notorious past: rooms are antique-filled and exquisitely luxurious.

Quintet

(Map p176; ☎6249 9088; www.quintet-shanghai.com; 808 Changle Rd; 长乐路808号; d Y800-1200; ⓂⓂⓂ) This chic B&B has six beautiful double rooms in a 1930s town house not short on character. Some of the rooms are on the small side, but each is decorated with style, incorporating modern luxuries such as big-screen satellite TV, wi-fi and laptop-sized safes with more classic touches like wood-stripped floorboards and deep porcelain bathtubs. Staff members sometimes get a BBQ going on the roof terrace, but there's an excellent restaurant on the ground floor. There's no sign - buzz on the gate marked 808 to be let in.

Púdí Boutique Hotel

(璞邸精品酒店; Púdí Jīngpǐn Jiǔdiàn; Map p176; ☎5158 5888; www.boutiquehotel.cc; 99 Yangang Rd; 雁荡路99号; d from Y1577, discounts 20%; ⓂⓂⓂ) This exquisite 52-room boutique hotel gets excellent reviews for its trendy, ultramodern rooms, professional staff and elite but accessible atmosphere. The interior is superstylish and alluringly dark hued; rooms are beautifully attired and spacious.

Magnolia Bed & Breakfast

(Map p176; www.magnoliabnbshanghai.com; 36 Yanqing Rd; 延庆路36号; r Y650-1200; ⓂⓂⓂ) Opened by the duo that started the cooking school The Kitchen at..., this cosy little B&B is located in a 1930s French Concession home. It's Shànghǎi all the way, with an art deco starting point followed by a stylish quest for modernity in both comfort and design. There are only five rooms, so make sure you book well in advance.

Blue Mountain Youth Hostel

(藍山国际青年旅舍; Lánshān Guójī Qīngnián Lǚshè; Map p176; ☎6304 3938; www.bmhostel.com; Bldg 1, 2nd fl, 1072 Quxi Rd; 瞿溪路1072号1甲2楼; 8-bed dm Y50-60, d without/with bathroom Y140/200; ⓂⓂⓂ) A good hostel that's not exactly in the thick of things, but it is next to a metro station so transport is at least convenient. Rooms are simple but clean and there are women-only,

SHANGHAI FOR CHILDREN

Shanghai isn't exactly at the top of most kids' holiday wish-list, but the new Disney theme park in Pūdong (estimated completion date is 2014) will no doubt improve its future standing. In the meantime, if you're passing through the city with children, the following sights should keep the entire family entertained.

In Pūdong:

- » Shanghai World Financial Center or Jīnmào Tower
- » Shanghai History Museum
- » Shanghai Ocean Aquarium
- » Science & Technology Museum
- » A ride on the Maglev train

In central Shanghai:

- » River cruise
- » Acrobatics show
- » Madame Tussaud's
- » Shanghai Natural History Museum

Note that in general, 1.4m (4ft 7in) is the cut-off height for children's tickets. Children under 0.8m (2ft 7in) normally get in for free.

If sightseeing mutiny strikes, you can also check out these amusement parks:

- » **Happy Valley** (欢乐谷; Huānlè Gǔ; <http://sh.happyvalley.com.cn>, in Chinese; adult/child 1.2-1.4m ¥200/100; Linyin Ave, Sheshan, Songjiang County; 松江区佘山林荫大道; ☀9am-6pm; 🚇Sheshan, line 9) Popular national amusement park an hour from Shanghai by metro.
- » **Dino Beach** (热带风暴; Rèdài Fēngbào; www.dinobeach.com.cn; 78 Xinzhen Rd; 新镇路 78号; admission ¥100-200; ☀10am-11pm Tue-Sun, 2-11pm Mon Jun-Sep; 🚇Xinzhuan line 1, then bus Nos 763 or 173) Way down in south Shanghai, this water park has a beach, a wave pool and water slides.

men-only and mixed dorms. The communal facilities are excellent, including a bar-restaurant area with free pool table, internet and films, plus a kitchen and washing machines.

Ruijin Guesthouse

HISTORIC HOTEL \$\$

(瑞金宾馆; Ruijin Bīnguǎn; Map p176; ☎6472 5222; www.ruijinhotelsh.com; 118 Ruijin No 2 Rd; 瑞金二路118号; d ¥1200-2000; 🏠) There are four buildings in this lovely garden estate, housing a range of rooms, but the one you want is Bldg No 1, a 1919 red-brick mansion and the former residence of Benjamin Morris, one-time owner of *North China Daily News*.

Yuèyáng Hotel

HOTEL \$

(悦阳商务酒店; Yuèyáng Shāngwù Jiǔdiàn; Map p176; ☎6466 6767; 58 Yueyang Rd; 岳阳路58号; d & tw ¥218-398; 🏠; 🚇Hengshan Rd) One of the best budget options in the French

Concession that's both central and within easy walking distance of a metro station, Yuèyáng has decent rooms, though you'll want to look at a few first.

Nine

BOUTIQUE HOTEL \$\$

(Map p176; ☎6471 9950; 355 West Jianguo Rd; 建国西路355号; r ¥800-1500; 🏠; 🚇Jiashan Rd) Book waaaaay in advance for Shanghai's most exclusive boutique hotel. Six rooms, no website and impossible to find unless you're one of the guests.

Lapis Casa

BOUTIQUE HOTEL \$\$\$

(☎5382 1600; lapiscasahotel@yahoo.com; 68 Taicang Rd; 台仓路68号; d ¥1500, discounts 40%; 🏠🏠; 🚇South Huangpi Rd) Although it doesn't really say 'Shanghai', this spacious boutique hotel stuffed with antiques is still an excellent choice.

Motel 268

CHAIN HOTEL \$

(莫泰连锁旅店; Mòtài Liánsuǒ Lúdiàn; Map p176; ☎5170 3333; www.motel168.com; 113 Sinan Rd; 思南路113号; r from Y198; 🚶Dapuqiao) This dependable chain on leafy Sinan Rd is ideally located for those wanting to explore the maze of charming alleyways known as *Tiánzifáng*. English is limited.

WEST NANJING ROAD & JING'AN**TOP CHOICE Le Tour Traveler's Rest Youth Hostel**

HOSTEL \$

(乐途静安国际青年旅舍; Lètú Jìng'ān Guójī Qīngnián Lúshè; Map p180; ☎6267 1912; www.le tourshanghai.com; 36, Alley 319, Jiaozhou Rd; 胶州路319弄36号; dm Y60, d Y220-300; 🚶@🚶; 🚶Jing'an Temple) Housed in a former towel factory, this fabulous youth hostel leaves most others out to dry. Sitting quietly in a *lǐlòng* (alleyway), this great place has bundles of space, and the old-Shanghai textures continue once inside, with red-brick interior walls and reproduced stone gateways above doorways. It's bright, spacious and airy with attractive, gaily painted rooms and amiable staff. Internet, laundry, kitchen, free umbrella loan, ping pong and a pool table.

Urbn

BOUTIQUE HOTEL \$\$\$

(Map p180; ☎5153 4600; www.urbnhotels.com; 183 Jiaozhou Rd; 胶州路183号; d & tw Y2000-2500, discounts 30%; 🚶@🚶; 🚶Changping Rd) China's first carbon-neutral hotel not only uses recyclable materials and low-energy products where possible, it also calculates its complete carbon footprint – including staff commutes and delivery journeys – then offsets it by donating money to environmentally friendly projects. The 26 open-plan rooms are beautifully designed with low furniture and sunken living areas exuding space.

Jia Shanghai

BOUTIQUE HOTEL \$\$\$

(Map p180; ☎6217 9000; www.jia Shanghai.com; 931 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路931号; studio Y1955-3860, discounts 25%; 🚶@🚶) It's easy to miss the understated and anonymous front door of this chic boutique hotel (entrance down Taixing Rd), announced with an unassumingly minute plaque. Offbeat, fun and modish, the lobby ornaments (funky birdcages, amusingly designed clocks) and dapper staff prepare you for the colourful and supertrendy kitchenette-equipped studio rooms (bathrooms glinting with gold mosaics) in this 1920s building. Shanghai badly needs this kind of place, which delivers style, comfort and flair.

Púli

LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(璞丽酒店; Púli Jiǔdiàn; Map p180; ☎3203 9999; www.thepuli.com; 1 Changde Rd; 常德路1号; d from Y3380, discounts 38%; 🚶@🚶; 🚶Jing'an Temple) A future-forward Shanghai edifice, with open-space rooms divided by hanging screens, and an understated beige-and-mahogany colour scheme accentuated by the beauty of a few well-placed orchids. Twenty-five storeys high, the Púli makes another strong case for stylish skyscrapers.

PŪDŌNG NEW AREA**TOP CHOICE Park Hyatt**

LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(柏悦酒店; Bóyuè Jiǔdiàn; Map p182; ☎6888 1234; www.parkhyattshanghai.com; 100 Century Ave; 世纪大道100号; d from Y3600, discounts 20%; 🚶@🚶; 🚶Lujiazui) Spanning the 79th to 93rd floors of the towering Shanghai World Financial Center, this jaw-dropper is the world's highest hotel above ground level and could easily lay claim to being the coolest hotel in China, never mind Shanghai. High-walled corridors with brown-fabric and grey-stone textures lead to luxurious rooms with quirky features such as a mist-free bathroom mirror containing a small TV screen, a rainforest shower in the bathroom ceiling, a plug socket in the safe for your laptop, and a toilet seat that opens automatically as you approach it. The Park Hyatt is accessed from the south side of the tower.

Grand Hyatt

LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(金茂凯悦大酒店; Jīnmào Kǎiyuè Dàjiǔdiàn; Map p182; ☎5049 1234; www.shanghai.grand.hyatt.com; 88 Century Ave; 世纪大道88号; d from Y2500; 🚶@🚶) One of Shanghai's best-known hotels, the Grand Hyatt commences on the 54th floor of the standout Jīnmào Tower before shooting up another 33 stylish storeys; put a serious crick in your neck checking out the atrium. Rooms are packed with gadgets (TV internet access, three-jet showers and sensor reading lamps), but keeping the glass basins spotless must keep the cleaning staff cursing.

Pūdōng Shangri-La

LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(浦东香格里拉大酒店; Pūdōng Xiānggéllā Dàjiǔdiàn; Map p182; ☎6882 8888; www.shangri-la.com; 33 Fucheng Rd; 富城路33号; d from Y2650; 🚶@🚶; 🚶Lujiazui) With its muted Chinese motifs and spectacular views of the Bund, the 28-floor Shangri-La is an elegant luxury choice in the heart of Lùjiāzui, backed up by a towering V-topped annexe.

PEACE HOTEL

The Peace Hotel (p185), originally known as the Cathay Hotel, is a ghostly reminder of the immense wealth of Victor Sassoon. From a Baghdad Jewish family, Sassoon made millions out of the opium trade and then ploughed it back into Shànghǎi real estate and horses.

Sassoon's quote of the day was: 'There is only one race greater than the Jews, and that's the Derby'. His office-cum-hotel was completed in 1930 and was known as Sassoon House, incorporating the Cathay Hotel from the 4th to 7th floors. From the top floors Sassoon commanded his real estate – he is estimated to have owned 1900 buildings in Shànghǎi.

Like the Taj in Bombay, the Raffles in Singapore and the Peninsula in Hong Kong, the Cathay was *the* place to stay in Shànghǎi. The guest list included Charlie Chaplin, George Bernard Shaw and Noël Coward, who wrote *Private Lives* here in four days in 1930 when he had the flu. Sassoon himself resided in a suite on the top floor, with its unsurpassed 360-degree views, just below the green pyramidal tower. He also maintained Sassoon Villa, a Tudor-style villa out near Hóngqiáo Airport.

After the communists took over the city, the troops were billeted in places such as the Cathay and Picardie (now the Hengshan Picardie Hotel), where they spent hours experimenting with the elevators, used bidets as face-showers and washed rice in the toilets – which was all very well until someone pulled the chain.

In 1953 foreign owners tried to give the Cathay to the Chinese Communist Party in return for exit visas. The government refused at first, but finally accepted after the payment of 'back taxes'. It was renamed the Peace Hotel in 1956.

Novotel Atlantis

(海神诺富特大酒店; Hǎishén Nuòfùtè Dàjiǔdiàn; ☎5036 6666; www.novotel.com; 728 Pudong Ave; 浦东大道728号; d Y1035-1495, discounts 10%; 🚗🚗🚗; 📍Pudong Ave) One of the few midrange hotels in Shànghǎi with a pool, this is an excellent choice for families.

HOTEL \$\$

路394号; 12-bed dm Y50, d from Y100; 🚗🚗🚗; 📍Linping Rd) Housed in a fabulous three-storey 1924 *shūkùmén* house, with original wooden floorboards and staircases, and a gorgeous stone gateway over the back door, this hostel is another great choice. There's free use of a kitchen, free internet, wi-fi on the ground floor, bicycles to rent (Y30) and very friendly staff. Just outside is a nice residential area with a bustling street market.

NORTH SHÀNGHǎI (HÓNGKǒU)

Koala Garden House (Duólún Branch)

(考拉旅舍上海多伦路店; Kǎolā Lúshè Shànghǎi Duólún Lù Diàn; ☎5671 1038; www.koala-house.com; 240 Duolun Rd; 多伦路240号; dm Y70, d from Y196; 🚗🚗🚗; 📍Dongbaoxing Rd) More of a B&B than a youth hostel, this is one of the most charming budget sleeps in the city. Even the lobby – which doubles up as a chic wi-fi cafe – is a joy to be in, with its high ceilings and brightly painted walls. But it's the rooms, all slightly different, that really stand out. Although on the small side, all are thoughtfully decorated (flower-patterned wallpaper) and come with wall-mounted flat-screen TV and funky little bathroom.

B&B \$

Eating

In true Shànghǎi style, today's restaurant scene is a reflection of the city's craving for foreign trends and tastes, whether it comes in the form of Hunanese chilli peppers or French foie gras. Most visitors will be interested in the Chinese end of the spectrum, of course, for that's where the best cooking is, as well as the most variety.

While a dinner overlooking the Huángpǔ River or safe in the Xīntiāndì bubble makes for a nice treat, real foodies know that the best restaurants in China are often where you least expect to find them. Part of the fun of eating out in Shànghǎi is stumbling across those tiny places in malls, metro stations or down backstreets that offer an inimitable dining experience. Nor should you be put off by eating in chain restaurants;

InnJoy International Youth Hostel

(九屋国际青年旅舍; Jiǔwū Guójí Qīngnián Lúshè; ☎6535 1562; 394 Zhoushan Rd; 舟山

HOSTEL \$

FOOD STREETS

Shànghǎi's food streets are great spots for gourmants to search for something new. It's not really street food like elsewhere in Asia, but rather a collection of tiny restaurants, each specialising in a different Chinese cuisine.

With a prime central location near People's Park, **Huanghe Road** (黄河路美食街; Huánghé Lù Měishí Jiē; Map p170; ㊦ People's Sq) covers all the bases from cheap lunches to late-night post-theatre snacks. You'll find excellent Shanghainese further north at **Xiǎo Nán Guó** (小南国; No 214), but it's best for dumplings – get 'em fried at **Yang's Fry Dumplings** (小杨生煎馆; No 97) or served up in bamboo steamers across the road at **Jiājiā Soup Dumplings** (佳家汤包; No 90).

South Yunnan Road (云南路美食街; Yúnnán Lù Měishí Jiē; ㊦ Dashijie) has some interesting speciality restaurants and is just the spot for an authentic meal after museum-hopping at People's Sq. Look out for Shaanxi cuisine at No 15 and five-fragrance dim sum at **Wǔ Fāng Zhāi** (五芳斋; Map p170; No 28). You can also find cold salted chicken (咸鸡; xiányī) – it's better than it sounds – and Uighur kebabs here.

many of Shànghǎi's better eateries have branches scattered across town.

Shànghǎi cuisine itself is generally sweeter than other Chinese cuisines, and is heavy on fish and seafood. Classic dishes and snacks to look for include smoked fish (熏鱼; xūnyú), braised pork belly (红烧肉; hóngshāo ròu), fried dumplings (生煎; shēngjiān) and Shànghǎi's steamed dumpling, the xiǎolóngbāo (小笼包), copied everywhere else in China but only true to form here. Make sure to reserve at fancier places.

THE BUND & PEOPLE'S SQUARE

A lot's cooking near the Bund: from elegant gourmet palaces to delicious local restaurants hidden in malls, all are staking out a spot along the sumptuous skyline.

Lost Heaven

YUNNANESE \$\$\$

(花马天堂; Huāmǎ Tiāntáng; Map p170; www.lostheaven.com.cn; ☎6330 0967; 17 East Yan'an Rd; 延安东路17号; dishes Y30-90; ㊦; ㊦ East Nanjing Rd) Lost Heaven might not have the views that keep its rivals in business, but why go to the same old Western restaurants when you can get sophisticated Bai, Dai and Miao folk cuisine from China's mighty southwest? Specialities are flowers (banana and pomegranate), wild mushrooms, chilies, Burmese curries, Bai chicken and superb pu-erh teas, all served up in gorgeous Yúnnán-meets-Shànghǎi surrounds.

TOP CHOICE Hóngyī Plaza

CHINESE \$\$

(宏伊国际广场; Hóngyī Guójì Guǎngchǎng; Map p170; 299 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路299号; meals from Y30; ㊦; ㊦ East Nanjing Rd) Not all malls are created equal: the Hóngyī

effortlessly slices and dices the competition with its star-studded restaurant line-up, and the whole shebang is a mere stone's throw from the waterfront. Top picks here are **South Memory** (6th floor), which specialises in spicy Hunanese drypots (a kind of personal miniwok); **Dolar Hotpot** (5th floor), whose delicious sauce bar makes it popular even outside of winter; **Charme** (4th floor), a Taiwanese restaurant with try-it-to-believe-it shaved-ice desserts; **Wagas** (ground floor), Shànghǎi's own wi-fi cafe chain; and **Ajisen** (basement), king of Japanese ramen.

Shànghǎi Grandmother

SHANGHAI \$

(上海姥姥; Shànghǎi Lǎolao; Map p170; 70 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路70号; dishes from Y20; ㊦; ㊦ East Nanjing Rd) This packed home-style Shanghainese eatery is within easy striking distance of the Bund and handy for a casual lunch or dinner. You can't go wrong with the classics, like Grandma's braised pork and fried tomato and egg.

Food Republic

FOOD COURT \$

(大食代; Dàshídài; Map p170; www.dashidai.com; 6th fl, Raffles City, 268 Middle Xizang Rd; 西藏中路268号; meals from Y35; ㊦ People's Sq) King of the food courts, Food Republic offers Asian cuisines in abundance for busy diners, with handy branches around town – this one overlooks the nonstop action on People's Sq. Prepay, grab a card (Y10 deposit) and head to the stall of your choice for on-the-spot service.

Nina's Sichuan House

SICHUAN \$

(蜀菜行家; Shǔcài Hángjiā; Map p170; 227 North Huangpi Rd, inside Central Plaza; 黄陂北路227号; dishes Y18-88; ㊦; ㊦ People's Sq) The best

Sichuanese restaurant in the neighbourhood, Nina's is as authentic as they come, with lines out the door and few foreigners in on the secret.

Jean Georges FUSION \$\$\$
(法国餐厅; Fāguó Cāntīng; Map p170; ☎6321 7733; www.jean-georges.com; 4th fl, Three on the Bund, 3 East Zhongshan No 1 Rd; 中山东一路3号4楼; mains from Y148, 3-course lunches Y188; 📍East Nanjing Rd) Divine palate-pleasers such as pickled peach, goat's cheese and crystallised wasabi salad, and crunchy tiger prawns.

M on the Bund CONTINENTAL \$\$\$
(米氏西餐厅; Mǐshì Xīcāntīng; Map p170; ☎6350 9988; www.m-onthebund.com; 7th fl, 20 Guangdong Rd; 广东路20号7楼; mains from Y198, 2-course lunches Y186; 📍East Nanjing Rd) With table linen flapping in the breeze alongside exclusive rooftop views to Pūdōng, the grand dame of the Bund still elicits applause from Shànghǎi's gastronomes.

OLD TOWN

Yù Fashion Garden CHINESE \$\$
(豫城时尚; Yùchéng Shíshàng; Map p170; Middle Fangbang Rd; 方浜中路; meals from Y58; 📍Yuyuan Bazaar) True, eating in a mall isn't quite the same as braving the crowds at the Yūyuán Bazaar – and if you're up for it, by all means give it a try – but if you'd prefer to dine in more-relaxed surrounds, there are a few good choices here, notably **Din Tai Fung** (2nd floor), whose tender dumplings knock the stuffing out of the overrated ones at the bazaar.

Sōngyuèlǒu VEGETARIAN, CHINESE \$
(松月楼; Map p170; 99 Jiujiaochang Rd; dishes Y25-48; ☎7am-10pm; 📍East Yuyuan Bazaar) This humble spot is Shànghǎi's oldest veggie restaurant, with the usual mix of tofu masquerading as meat. English menu on the 2nd floor.

FRENCH CONCESSION

TOP CHOICE **Bǎoluó Jiǔlǒu** SHANGHAISE \$\$
(保罗酒楼; Map p176; ☎6279 2827; 271 Fumin Rd; 富民路271号; dishes Y18-68; ☎11am-3am; 📍Changshu Rd, Jing'an Temple) Gather up a boisterous bunch of friends for a fun-filled meal at this typically chaotic and cavernous Shànghǎi institution, which has lines out the door late into the night. Try the excellent lion's head meatballs, lotus-leaf roasted duck or the *bǎoluó kǎomàn* (保罗烤鳗; baked eel).

Crystal Jade DIM SUM \$\$
(翡翠酒家; Fěicuì Jiǔjiā; Map p176; ☎6385 8752; Xintiandi, South Block, 2nd fl, Bldg 6; 兴业路123弄新天地南里6号2楼; noodles & dim sum Y20-40; 📍South Huangpi Rd, Xintiandi) What distinguishes Crystal Jade from other dim sum restaurants is the dough: dumpling wrappers are perfectly tender; steamed buns come out light and airy, and the fresh noodles have been pulled to perfection. Go for lunch, when both Cantonese and Shanghainese dim sum are served. Located in the mall.

Sichuān Citizen SICHUANSE \$
(龙门陈茶居; Lóngmén Chénchá Wū; Map p176; ☎5404 1235; 30 Donghu Rd; 东湖路30号; dishes Y18-58; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) Citizen has opted for the 'rustic chic' look, the wood panelling and whirring ceiling fans conjuring up visions of an old-style Chéngdū teahouse that's been made over for an *Elle* photoshoot. But the food is the real stuff, prepared by a busy Sichuān kitchen crew to ensure no Shanghainese sweetness creeps into the peppercorn onslaught.

Dīshuǐdòng HUNANESE \$\$
(滴水洞; Map p176; ☎6253 2689; 2nd fl, 56 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路56号2层; dishes Y18-58; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) Shànghǎi's oldest Hunanese restaurant is surprisingly down-home, but the menu is sure-fire, albeit mild for one of China's spiciest culinary traditions. The spicy bean curd and *zīrán* (cumin) ribs hit the mark; flesh out the meal with Mao's stewed pork.

Southern Barbarian YUNNANESE \$\$
(南蛮子; Nánmánzi; Map p176; ☎5157 5510; E7, 2nd fl, 169 Jinxian Rd; 进贤路169号2楼E7; dishes Y18-45; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) Despite the alarming name, there's nothing remotely barbaric about the food here. Instead you get superb MSG-free Yúnnán cuisine: barbecued snapper, beef-and-mint casserole, chicken wings and the famous Yúnnán goat cheese. Enter through the mall.

Din Tai Fung DUMPLINGS \$\$
(鼎泰丰; Dǐng Tàifēng; Map p176; ☎6385 8378; Xintiandi, South Block, 2nd fl, Bldg 6; 兴业路123弄新天地南里6号楼2楼; 10 dumplings from Y56; 📍South Huangpi Rd, Xintiandi) Come here for different dumpling styles from across China. Critics harp that it charges high prices (true), but the throngs inside make a convincing riposte: the food here really is that good. Located in the mall.

El Willy

SPANISH \$\$\$

(Map p176; ☎5404 5757; www.elwilly.com.cn; 20 Donghu Rd; 东湖路20号; tapas Y65-165, rice for 2 Y188-218; @; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) The unstoppable energy of colourful-sock-wearing Barcelona chef Willy fuels this restored 1920s villa, which ups its charms with creative tapas and succulent rice dishes. The set lunch (Y78) is a steal.

Simply Thai

THAI \$\$\$

(天泰餐厅; Tiántài Cāntīng; Map p176; ☎6445 9551; www.simplythai-sh.com; 5c Dongping Rd; 东平路5号C座; mains Y45-65; @; 📍Changshu Rd) Everyone raves about this place for its delicious, MSG-free curries and salads, and crisp decor. There's nice outdoor seating, a choice of 55 different wines and lunch specials are good value. Another branch is in Xintiāndi.

Xīnjíshì

SHANGHAISE \$\$\$

(新吉士; Map p176; ☎6336 4746; Xintiāndi, North Block, Bldg 9; 新天地北里9号楼; dishes from Y28; @; 📍South Huangpi Rd, Xintiāndi) Sweet Shanghainese home cooking in swish surrounds: specialities include crab dumplings, stuffed red dates and the classic Grandma's braised pork. Several branches.

Noodle Bull

NOODLES \$

(狼牛面; Hēnniú Miàn; Map p176; 3b, 291 Fumin Rd; 富民路291号1F3b室; noodles Y25-30; @; 📍Changshu Rd, South Shaanxi Rd) Far cooler than your average street-corner noodle stand (minimalist concrete chic and funky bowls), Noodle Bull's secret ingredient is the super-slurpable MSG-free broth. Entrance is from Changle Rd.

Chá's

DIM SUM \$

(查餐厅; Chá Cāntīng; Map p176; 30 Sinan Rd; 思南路30号; dishes Y18-50; @; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) Absolutely packed no-frills dim sum diner (sweet-and-sour pork, baked salt chicken, noodles). Plan on a minimum 15-minute wait.

Bankura

JAPANESE \$\$\$

(万藏; Wànzàng; Map p176; ☎6215 0373; 344 Changle Rd; 长乐路344号; noodles Y30-55; @; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) Underground Japanese noodle bar, with delectable extras such as grilled fish, curried shrimp and fried shiitake mushrooms.

Haiku

JAPANESE \$\$\$

(隐泉之语; Yīnquán Zhī Yǔ; Map p176; ☎6445 0021; 28b Taojiang Rd; 桃江路28号乙; maki rolls Y60-98; @; 📍Changshu Rd) Wacky maki rolls from the Ninja (shrimp, crab and

killer spicy sauce) and the Philly (cream cheese and salmon) to the Pimp My Roll (everything).

Xībó Grill

CENTRAL ASIAN \$\$\$

(锡伯餐厅; Xībó Cāntīng; Map p176; ☎5403 8330; 3rd fl, 83 Changshu Rd; 常熟路83号3楼; dishes Y15-68; @; 📍Changshu Rd) If you're in need of a mutton fix, try out the rooftop terrace of this stylish Xīnjiāng joint.

Azul

FUSION \$\$\$

(Map p176; ☎6433 1172; 18 Dongping Rd; 东平路18号; tapas from Y78, mains from Y148; @; 📍Changshu Rd) This Latin place is a favourite for its fresh New World cuisine and hip decor, but it's the smoothie-driven weekend brunches that elicit the most praise.

WEST NANJING ROAD & JĪNG'ĀN**TOP CHOICE Fu 1039**

SHANGHAISE \$\$\$

(福一零三九; Fú Yāo Líng Sān Jiǔ; ☎6288 1179; 1039 Yuyuan Rd; 愚园路1039号; dishes Y40-288; ☎11am-2.30pm & 5-11pm; @; 📍Jiangsu Rd) Set in a three-storey 1913 villa, Fu is upmarket Shanghainese all the way, with an unusual old-fashioned charm in a city hell-bent on modern design. Not easy to find, it rewards the persistent with succulent standards such as the smoked fish starter and stewed pork in soy sauce. The entrance, down an alley and on the left, is unmarked. To get here, follow Yuyuan Rd west from the metro station for about 200m (after crossing Jiangsu Rd) and then turn south (left) down an alley. The unmarked entrance will be the first on your left.

Lynn

SHANGHAISE \$\$\$

(琳怡; Lín Yí; Map p180; ☎6247 0101; 99-1 Xikang Rd; 西康路99-1号; dishes Y35-90; @; 📍West Nanjing Rd) Another one of the growing number of restaurants pushing the boundaries between Shanghainese and Cantonese cuisine, Lynn offers consistently good, cleverly presented dishes at reasonable prices in plush but unfussy surroundings. The lunch dim sum menu offers a range of delicate dumplings, while for dinner there are more adventurous standouts including sautéed chicken with sesame pockets and deep-fried spare ribs with honey and garlic.

Vegetarian Life Style

CHINESE \$\$\$

(枣子树; Zǎozǐ Shù; Map p180; ☎6215 7566; 258 Fengxian Rd; 奉贤路258号; dishes Y20-48; @; 📍West Nanjing Rd) For light and healthy organic vegetarian Chinese food, with zero meat and precious little oil, this

SHANG HIGH

Much like Babel, Shànghǎi yearns to reach the heavens, and not in a spiritual sense. With so many towers scattered around town, a high-altitude view of the metropolis is inevitable, so why not choose a spot where you can relax with a drink? Bund bars have fantastic views, of course, but if you want to get really high, you'll need to hit the hotel bars. Don't yawn yet – they're cheaper (coffee from ¥55, cocktails from ¥70) and often more congenial than the crowded viewing platforms. Smog can obscure daytime views, so time your visit for dusk.

» **Cloud 9** (九重天酒廊; Jiǔchóngtiān Jiǔláng; Map p181; 87th fl, Jinmào Tower, 88 Century Ave; 世纪大道88号金茂大厦87; ☎5pm-1am Mon-Fri, 11am-2am Sat & Sun; 🚗Lujiuzui) Atop the Grand Hyatt, this is no longer the highest bar in the city, but it's still the coolest in the stratosphere.

» **Vue** (非常时髦; Fēicháng Shímáo; Map p170; 32nd & 33rd fl, Hyatt on the Bund, 199 Huangpu Rd; 外滩茂悦大酒店黄浦路199号32-33楼; ☎6pm-1am; 🚗Tiantong Rd) Fabulous views down the Bund and an outdoor jacuzzi to accompany bottles of bubbly and Vue martinis (vodka and mango purée).

» **789 Nanjing Lu Bar** (789南京路酒吧; Qībǎi Bāshíjiǔ Nánjīng Lù Jiǔbǎ; Map p170; 64th-66th fl, Le Royal Meridien, 789 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路789号64-66楼; ☎3pm-1am; 🚗People's Sq) Chocolate martinis and 360-degree views are the specialties at the apex of this People's Sq skyscraper.

welcoming place has excellent fare. The health-conscious, ecofriendly mentality extends all the way to the toothpicks, made of cornflour. There's another **branch** (☎6384 8000; 77 Songshan Rd; 嵩山路77号; 🚗South Huangpi Rd) in the French Concession.

Element Fresh CAFE \$\$
(新元素餐厅; Xīnyuánsù; Map p180; ☎6279 8682; www.elementfresh.com; Shànghǎi Centre, 1376 West Nanjing Rd; sandwiches Y38-88, dinners from Y128; ☎7am-11pm; 📶📺📺; 🚗West Nanjing Rd) The focus at this bright Shànghǎi institution is on healthy sandwiches, fresh salads and imaginative smoothies for the young laptop crowd. Eight branches around town, including at the Superbrand Mall in Pǔdōng (Map p181).

Wagas CAFE \$
(沃歌斯; Wògēsī; Map p180; www.wagas.com.cn; B11a, Citic Square, 1168 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1168号下一层11a室; meals from Y48; ☎7am-9.30pm; 📶📺; 🚗West Nanjing Rd) Breakfasts are 50% off before 10am, pasta is Y33 after 6pm, you can hang out here for hours with your laptop and no one will shoo you away – need we say more? Locations abound.

Wujiang Road Food Street FOOD STREET \$
(Map p180; Wujiang Rd; 吴江路; meals from Y30; 🚗West Nanjing Rd) The original Wujiang food street is long gone, replaced by a modern version, with chain cafes, noodle bars and various other cheap options.

PǔDŌNG NEW AREA

Superbrand Mall FOOD COURT \$\$
(正大广场; Zhèngdà Guǎngchǎng; Map p182; 168 West Lujiuzui Rd; 陆家嘴西路168号; ☎10am-10pm; 🚗Lujiuzui) This gargantuan shopping mall has the best selection of eats in Pǔdōng, with everything from cheap Thai and healthy sandwiches to the swish Sichuanese-Cantonese combo on the 10th floor (South Beauty).

 Drinking

Shànghǎi is awash with watering holes, their fortunes cresting and falling with the vagaries of the latest vogue. Perhaps because of Shànghǎi's notoriously boggy foundations, bars regularly sink without a trace, while others suddenly pop up like corks from nowhere. Today the city has an inventive and wide-ranging concoction of different bar types, from gritty student dives through solid Irish pubs and sports bars to jazzy cocktail bars, seductive wine lounges and elegant, fashion-conscious establishments operating from grandiose concession-era buildings. Drinks are pricier here than in the rest of China, retailing from around Y40 (beer) or Y60 (cocktails) at most places, so happy-hour visits (typically 5pm to 8pm) can be crucial. Bars usually open late afternoon (but many open earlier), calling it a night at around 2am.

The Bund**Glamour Bar**

COCKTAIL BAR

(魅力酒吧; Mèilì Jǐǔbǎ; Map p170; www.m-theglamourbar.com; 6th fl, 20 Guangdong Rd; 广东路20号6楼; ☎5pm-late; 📍East Nanjing Rd) Michelle Garnaut's stylish bar is set in a splendidly restored space just beneath M on the Bund. In addition to mixing great drinks, it hosts film screenings, an annual literary festival, music performances and China-related book launches.

Captain's Bar

BAR

(船长青年酒吧; Chuánzhǎng Qīngnián Jǐǔbǎ; Map p170; 6th fl, 37 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路37号6楼; ☎11am-2am; 📍East Nanjing Rd) There's the odd drunken sailor and the crummy lift needs a rethink, but this is a fine Bund-side terrace-equipped bar atop the Captain Hostel. Come for cheap drinks and phosphorescent nocturnal Pūdōng views, with pizza and without wall-to-wall preening sophisticates.

Barbarossa

BAR

(芭芭露莎会所; Bābālùshā Hùisuǒ; Map p170; People's Park, 231 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路231号人民公园内; ☎11am-2am; 📍People's Sq) Bringing a whiff of Middle Eastern promise to the Pearl of the Orient, this Moroccan-styled bar-restaurant sits pondside in People's Park like something from a mirage. It's more than a mere novelty: there's excellent music, outside seating and evening views.

New Heights

BAR

(新视角; Xīn Shìjiǎo; Map p170; 7th fl, Three on the Bund, 3 East Zhongshan No 1 Rd; 中山东一路3号7楼; ☎11am-1.30am; 📍East Nanjing Rd) The terrace of this casual Three on the Bund bar pretty much has *the* definitive angle on Lǚjiāzǐ's neon nightfall overture. Try the cocktails, skip the food.

Atanu

BAR/CAFE

(阿塔努咖啡酒吧; Ātǎnù Kāfēi Jǐǔbǎ; Map p170; 1 Zhongshan East No 2 Rd; 中山东二路1号; ☎10am-2am; 📍East Nanjing Rd) Located on the top two floors of the former signal tower, this is an ideal pit stop for those strolling the Bund.

Old Town**Old Shànghǎi Teahouse**

TEAHOUSE

(老上海茶馆; Lǎo Shànghǎi Cháguǎn; Map p170; 385 Middle Fangbang Rd; 方浜中路385号; ☎9am-9pm; 📍Yuyuan Garden) Heading up here is like barging into someone's attic, where ancient gramophones, records,

typewriters, fire extinguishers and even an ancient Frigidaire refrigerator share space with the aroma of Chinese tea and tempting snacks.

French Concession**Citizen Cafe**

CAFE

(天台餐厅; Tiāntái Cāntīng; Map p176; 222 Jinxian Rd; 进贤路222号; ☎11am-12.30am; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) Citizen's burgundy-and-cream colours, antique ceiling fans and well-worn parquet offer calming respite from the Shànghǎi crush. Cappuccinos, cocktails and club sandwiches.

Cafe 85°C

CAFE

(85度咖啡店; Bāshíwǔ Dù Kāfēidiàn; Map p176; 117 South Shaanxi Rd; 陕西南路117号; ☎24hr; 📍South Shaanxi Rd) The cheapest caffeine fix (and breakfast) in town, with quality coffee, tea and never-before-seen Taiwanese pastries. Dozens of branches in town.

Kommune

CAFE

(公社酒吧; Gōngshè Jǐǔbǎ; Map p176; 7, Lane 210, Taikang Rd; 泰康路210弄7号田子坊; ☎8am-midnight; 📍Dapuqiao) The original Tiānzǐfāng cafe, Kommune is a consistently packed hang-out with outdoor courtyard seating, drinks, big breakfasts, and sandwiches on the menu.

Boxing Cat Brewery

BAR

(拳击猫啤酒屋; Quánjīmāo Pījiǔwū; Map p176; www.boxingcatbrewery.com; 82 West Fuxing Rd; 复兴西路82号; ☎5pm-2am Mon-Fri, 11am-2am Sat & Sun; 📍Shanghai Library/Changshu Rd) Deservedly popular three-floor microbrewery with Southern-style grub.

Time Passage

BAR

(昨天今天明天; Zuótiān Jīntiān Míngtiān; Map p176; 183 Lane 1038, Caojiayan Rd; 曹家堰路1038弄183号; ☎5.30pm-2am; 📍Jiangsu Rd) If you like cheap beer, an undemanding, lived-in ambience and John and Yoko posters, this businessman-free bar has been charting its passage since 1994.

Abbey Road

BAR

(艾比之路; Àibǐ Zhī Lù; Map p176; 45 Yueyang Rd; 岳阳路45号; ☎4pm-late Mon-Fri, 8.30am-late Sat & Sun; 📍Changshu Rd) The cheap beer-classic rock combination works its stuff again, attracting plenty of regulars to this French Concession favourite.

Jing'an**Big Bamboo**

SPORTS BAR

(Map p179; 132 Nanyang Rd; 南阳路132号; ☎11am-2am; 📍Jing'an Temple) Huge, extro-

verted sports bar ranging over two floors with beefy American menu (set lunches 11am to 3pm), mammoth sports screen backed up by a constellation of TV sets, Guinness, pool, darts, DJ and live-music nights.

Bàndù Cabin

CAFE

(半度雨棚; Bàndù Yǔpéng; Map p180; ☎6276 8267; Bldg 11, 50 Moganshan Rd; 莫干山路50号11号楼; ☉10am-6.30pm; 📶; 🚏Shanghai Railway Station) Welcoming low-key Moganshan Rd Art Centre enclave with pine tables, low-cost menu (noodles, sandwiches, coffee) and traditional Chinese musical events on Saturday evenings at 8pm (phone ahead).

★ Entertainment

There's something for most moods in Shànghǎi: opera, rock, hip hop, techno, salsa and early-morning waltzes in People's Sq. None of it comes cheap, however (except for the waltzing, which is free). Expect a night on the town in Shànghǎi to be comparable to a night out in Hong Kong or Taipei.

Venues open and close all the time. Check out Shànghǎi's entertainment websites and magazines for guidance.

Traditional Performances

Chinese acrobatic troupes are among the best in the world, and Shànghǎi is a good place for performances.

Yifū Theatre

CHINESE OPERA

(逸夫舞台; Yifū Wútái; Map p170; ☎6322 5294; www.tianchan.com; 701 Fuzhou Rd; tickets Y30-280; 🚏People's Sq) A block east of People's Sq, this is the main opera theatre in town, staging a variety of regional operatic styles, including Běijīng opera, Kunqu opera and Yue opera, with a Běijīng opera highlights show several times a week. A shop in the foyer sells CDs.

Paramount Ballroom

BALLROOM DANCING

(百乐门; Bǎilèmén; Map p179; ☎6322 5294; 218 Yuyuan Rd, Jing'an; 豫园路218号; afternoon-tea dances Y80, evening ballroom dancing Y250; ☉1-4.30pm & 8.20pm-1.30am; 🚏Jing'an Temple) This old art deco theatre was the biggest nightclub in the 1930s, and today has se-date afternoon-tea dances to the sounds of old-school jazz and tango, as well as ballroom dancing in the evening. It makes for a nice nostalgia trip for those with a sense of humour (dance partners cost extra).



TICKETS

Tickets for all of Shànghǎi's performing-arts events can be purchased at the venues where the performances take place. Tickets are also available from **Smart Ticket** (www.smartshanghai.com/smartticket) and the **Shànghǎi Cultural Information & Booking Centre** (上海文化信息票务中心; Shànghǎi Wénhuà Xīnxi Pìàowù Zhōngxīn; Map p179; ☎6217 2426; www.culture.sh.cn; 272 Fengxian Rd; 奉贤路272号; ☉9am-7pm; 🚏West Nanjing Rd), which is directly behind the Westgate Mall on West Nanjing Rd. It often has tickets available when other places have sold out.

Shànghǎi Circus World

ACROBATICS

(上海马戏城; Shànghǎi Mǎxìchéng; ☎6652 7501; 2266 Gonghexin Rd; 闸北区共和新路2266号; admission Y180-580; 🚏Shanghai Circus World) Elegant modern acrobatics with multimedia elements and an impressive modern venue north of town. Nightly shows (currently known as ERA) at 7.30pm.

Shànghǎi Centre

ACROBATICS

(上海商城剧院; Shànghǎi Shāngchéng Jùyuàn; Map p179; ☎6279 8948; www.pujiangqing.com; 1376 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1376号; tickets Y100-280; 🚏Jing'an Temple) The Shànghǎi Acrobatic Troupe (Shànghǎi Zǎjī Tuán) has short but entertaining performances here most nights at 7.30pm.

Live Music

In addition to the places listed here, other bars, cafes and restaurants, such as the Glamour Bar and Bāndù Cabin (traditional Chinese music), stage musical performances. The Peace Hotel jazz band had just been resuscitated as this book went to press.

Yùyīntáng

ROCK

(育音堂; www.yuyintang.org; 1731 West Yan'an Rd, 延安西路1731号; cover Y40; ☉Thu-Sun 8pm-midnight; 🚏West Yan'an Rd) Small enough to feel intimate, but big enough for a sometimes pulsating atmosphere, Yùyīntáng has long been the place in the city to see live music. Rock is the staple diet, but anything goes, from hard punk to gypsy jazz. It's west of the city, on lines 3 and 4. The entrance is on Kaixuan Rd.

ACCUPRESSURE MASSAGE

Shànghǎi's midrange massage parlours are a must – for the price of a cocktail or three, you get your own set of PJs, some post-therapy tea and Chinese flute music to chill out with. Just don't expect the masseuses to be gentle. As they say: no pain, no gain. Reserve in advance.

Dragonfly (悠庭保健会所; Youting Bǎojiàn Huisuǒ; Map p176; www.dragonfly.net.cn; massages from ¥150; ☎10am-2am) Donghu Rd (☎5405 0008; 20 Donghu Rd; 东湖路20号; 南South Shaanxi Rd); Xinle Rd (☎5403 9982; 206 Xinle Rd; 新乐路206号; 南South Shaanxi Rd); Nanchang Rd (☎5386 0060; 84 Nanchang Rd; 南昌路84号; 南South Huangpi Rd) offers hour-long Chinese body massages, Japanese-style shiatsu and traditional foot massages in soothing surroundings. There are several French Concession branches around town.

Green Massage (青专业按摩; Qing Zhuānyè Ànmó; ☎5386 0222; 58 Taicang Rd; 太仓路58号; massages from ¥98; ☎10.30am-2am; 南South Huangpi Rd) has 45-minute *tūnà* and shiatsu massages with Chinese cupping and hour-long foot massages.

Melting Pot

ROCK, FOLK

(Map p176; No 288, Taikang Rd; 泰康路288号; ☎5.30pm-1am; 南Dapujiao) This friendly bar has an eclectic line-up of local musicians – some good, some bad – every night of the week. It's a good spot to hear some tunes after an afternoon or evening at the Taikang Rd Art Centre.

House of Blues & Jazz

JAZZ

(布鲁斯与爵士之屋; Bùlǔsī Yǔ Juéshì Zhī Wū; Map p170; ☎6323 2779; 60 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路60号; ☎4.30pm-2am; 南East Nanjing Rd) Jazz- and blues-lovers should make a beeline to this classy restaurant and bar where the in-house band (which changes every three months) whips up live music from 10pm to 1am.

MAO Livehouse

ROCK

(www.maolive-sh.org; Bldg 32, 570 West Huaihai Rd; 淮海西路570号32栋, 红坊内; 南Hongqiao Rd) One of Shànghǎi's best music venues, MAO is west of the city on lines 3, 4, and 10, in the Red Town complex. Check the website for schedules and ticket prices.

Nightclubs

Shànghǎi's swift transition from dead zone to party animal and its reputation as a city on the move forges an inventive clubbing attitude and a constant stream of clubbers. Clubs range from huge, swanky spaces dedicated to the preening Hong Kong and white-collar crowd to more relaxed, intimate spots and trendy bars that rustle up weekend DJs. There's a high turnover, so check listings websites and magazines for the latest on the club scene.

Shelter

CLUB

(Map p176; 5 Yongfu Rd; 永福路5号; ☎9pm-4am Wed-Sun; 南Shanghai Library) The darling of the underground crowd, Shelter is a converted bomb shelter where you can count on great music and cheap drinks. A good line-up of DJs and hip-hop artists pass through; cover for big shows is around ¥30.

Muse

CLUB

(www.museshanghai.cn; New Factories, 68 Yuyao Rd; 余姚路68号同乐坊; ☎8.30pm-4.30am; 南Changping Rd) One of the city's hottest clubs (house, hip hop) over the past few years, Muse has three locations. The main club is in north Jīng'ān, the other two (both smaller) are in the French Concession; check the website for details.

Chinatown

BURLESQUE

(☎6258 2078; www.chinatownshanghai.com; 471 Zhapu Rd, Hóngkǒu; 乍浦路471号; ☎8pm-2am Wed-Sat; 南North Sichuan Rd) The Chinatown Dolls take to the stage in an old Buddhist temple north of the Bund. The show itself is somewhat tame; the first-rate cocktails ain't. There's a minimum spend of ¥250 on weekend nights; reserve.

Gay & Lesbian Venues

Shànghǎi has a few places catering to gay patrons, but locales keep moving around, so check the listings.

Shànghǎi Studio

BAR

(嘉浓休闲; Jiānóng Xiūxián; Map p176; No 4, Lane 1950, Middle Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路1950弄4号; ☎9pm-2am; 南Jiaotong University) This hip newcomer to the Shànghǎi gay scene has transformed the cool depths of a for-

mer bomb shelter into a laid-back bar, art gallery and men's underwear shop.

Eddy's Bar

BAR

(嘉浓咖啡; Jiānóng Kāfēi; Map p176; 1877 Middle Huaihai Rd; ☎8pm-2am; ㊟Jiaotong University) A gay-friendly bar-café attracting a slightly more mature Chinese and international gay crowd with inexpensive drinks and neat decor.

Classical Music, Opera & Theatre

Oriental Art Center

CLASSICAL, OPERA

(东方艺术中心; Dōngfāng Yìshù Zhōngxīn; ☎6854 7796; www.shoac.com.cn; 425 Dingxiang Rd, Pūdōng; 浦东丁香路425号; tickets Y30-680; ㊟Science & Technology Museum) Home of the Shànghǎi Symphonic Orchestra, the Oriental Art Center was designed to resemble five petals of a butterfly orchid. There are three main halls that host classical, jazz, dance, and Chinese and Western opera performances.

Shànghǎi Cultural Plaza

CLASSICAL

(上海文化广场; Shànghǎi Wénhuà Guǎngchǎng; Map p176; www.shculturesquare.com, in Chinese; 36 Yongjia Rd; 永嘉路36号; ㊟South Shaanxi Rd) This new 2000-seat music and dance venue is the world's largest underground theatre, built on the site of the former dog-racing stadium (Canindrome). It should be open by the time you read this.

Shànghǎi Grand Theatre

CLASSICAL, OPERA, DANCE

(上海大剧院; Shànghǎi Dàjùyuàn; Map p170; ☎6386 8686; www.shgtheatre.com; 300 Renmin Ave; 人民大道300号; tickets Y50-2280; ㊟People's Sq) This state-of-the-art venue is in People's Sq and features both national and international opera, dance, music and theatre performances.

Shànghǎi Concert Hall

CLASSICAL

(上海音乐厅; Shànghǎi Yīnyuè Tīng; Map p170; ☎6386 2836; 523 East Yan'an Rd; 人民广场延安东路523号; tickets Y50-680; ㊟Dashijie) Equipped with fine acoustics, this 75-year-old building is the venue for regular performances by orchestras including the Shànghǎi Symphony Orchestra and the Shànghǎi Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra.

Cinemas

Only a limited (and generally late) selection of foreign-language films make it to cinemas; they are often dubbed into Chinese, so ensure your film is the English version (英文版; *yīngwénbǎn*). Tickets cost Y40 to Y60.

Peace Cinema

CINEMA

(和平影都; 巨幕影院; Héping Yǐngdū; Map p170; 290 Middle Xizang Rd; 西藏中路290号; tickets Y50; ㊟People's Sq) A useful location at People's Sq, with an IMAX cinema (Y80).

Studio City

CINEMA

(环艺电影城; Huányì Diànyǐngchéng; Map p179; 10th fl, Westgate Mall, 1038 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1038号10楼; ㊟West Nanjing Rd)

UME International Cineplex

CINEMA

(UME; 国际影城; Guójì Yǐngchéng; Map p176; www.ume.com.cn; Xintiāndì, South Block, No 6, 5th fl; 新天地南里6号楼5楼; ㊟South Huangpi Rd, Xintiāndì)

Shopping

It's no exaggeration to say that some people come to Shànghǎi specifically to shop. What the city lacks in terms of historic sights, it makes up for with its fashion-forward attitude and great bargains. From megamalls to independent boutiques and haute couture, Shànghǎi is once again at the forefront of Chinese fashion and design.

The Bund & People's Square

The Bund is all about luxury shopping.

Annabel Lee

FASHION

(安梨家居; Ānlí Jiājū; Map p170; www.annabel-lee.com; 1, Lane 8, East No 1 Zhongshan Rd; ☎10am-10pm; ㊟East Nanjing Rd) On the Bund, Annabel Lee sells a lovely range of playfully designed, soft-coloured accessories in silk, linen and cashmere, many of which feature delicate embroidery. There's another branch in Xintiāndì.

Shànghǎi No 1 (First) Food Store

SNACKS

(上海市第一食品商店; Shànghǎishì Dìyī Shípǐn Shāngdiàn; Map p170; 720 East Nanjing Rd; ☎9.30am-10pm; ㊟East Nanjing Rd) It's bedlam, but this is how the Shanghainese shop and it's a lot of fun. Trawl the ground floor for egg tarts, moon cakes, dried mushrooms, ginseng and dried seafood, or pop a straw into a thirst-quenching coconut.

Shànghǎi Museum Shop

ART

(上海博物馆商店; Shànghǎi Bówùguǎn Shāngdiàn; Map p170; 201 Renmin Ave; ☎9am-5pm; ㊟People's Sq) This shop sells excellent but expensive imitations of museum pieces, which are far superior to the mediocre clutter in tourist shops.

Sūzhōu Cobblers

SHOES

(上海起想艺术品; Shànghǎi Qǐxiǎng Yìshùpǐn; Map p170; www.suzhou-cobblers.com; Room 101,

WHERE CAN I FIND...

» Faux antiques and souvenirs?

Head to Old Street or the Dongtai Rd Antique Market in the Old Town.

» **Local fashion?** Tiánzifáng and the French Concession (Xinle Rd and Changle Rd).

» **Tailor-made clothing and fabric?** Shíliùpǔ Fabric Market in the Old Town.

» **Discount (OK, fake) clothing and accessories?** Han City Fashion and Accessories Plaza in Jing'ān or the A.P. Xinyang Fashion & Gifts Market in Pǔdōng.

» **Real pearls?** Amy Lin's Pearls in Jing'ān.

» **Handicrafts?** Brocade Country, Yú or Sūzhōu Cobblers.

» **Electronics? My laptop crashed in Sichuān!** Head to Cybermart in the French Concession or China's largest Apple store (next to the IFC Mall, 8 Century Ave) in Pǔdōng.

17 Fuzhou Rd; ☺10am-6pm; 🚇East Nanjing Rd) For hand-embroidered silk slippers and shoes, pop into this minute shop just off the Bund.

Cybermart

ELECTRONICS

(赛博数码广场; Sàibó Shùǎ Guǎngchǎng; Map p170; 1 Middle Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路1号; ☺10am-8pm; 🚇Dashijie) Cybermart is the most central and reliable location for all sorts of gadgetry, including laptops, digital cameras and memory sticks. You can bargain, but don't expect enormous discounts.

Foreign Languages Bookstore

BOOKS

(外文书店; Wàiwén Shūdiàn; Map p170; 390 Fuzhou Rd; ☺9.30am-6pm Sun-Thu, to 7pm Fri & Sat; 🚇East Nanjing Rd) Hit the 1st floor for guidebooks and China-related material, the 4th floor for imported nonfiction and novels.

Old Town

Yùyuán Bazaar in the Old Town is a magnificent sprawl of shops satisfying virtually every souvenir requirement. Shops along nearby Old Street (老街; aka Middle Fang-bang Rd; Map p170) are slightly better, selling everything from calligraphy, tea-

pots and memorabilia to woodcuts and reproduction 1930s posters. It's all fun, but haggle hard and tie in lunch by snacking.

Shíliùpǔ Fabric Market

FABRIC

(十六铺面料城; Shíliùpǔ Miánliào Chéng; 2 Zhonghua Rd; 中华路2号; ☺8.30am-6.30pm; 🚇Xi-aonanmen) Expats and travellers line up for made-to-measure clothing at this market, popular for its bolts of cheap silk, cashmere, wool, linen and cotton. Follow Middle Fangbang Rd from the Yùyuán Bazaar east towards the river and you'll reach it after about 10 minutes (500m).

Dongtai Road Antique Market

SOUVENIRS

(东台路古商品市场; Dōngtáilù Gǔshāngpǐn Shìchǎng; Dongtai Rd; 东台路; ☺8.30am-6pm) A short shuffle west of the Old Town towards Xīntiāndì, the Dongtai Rd Antique Market is a hefty sprawl of curios, knick-knacks and Mao-era nostalgia, though only a fraction of the items qualify as antique. Haggle hard.

French Concession

The French Concession is where it's at for shoppers; there are boutiques on almost every corner. For a one-stop trip head to Tiánzifáng. With more time, start near the South Shaanxi metro station and try South Maoming Rd for tailor-made *qípáo* (a tight-fitting Chinese-style dress that came into fashion in 1920s Shànghǎi), and Xinle Rd and Changle Rd (between Ruijin No 1 Rd and S Chengdu Rd) for more contemporary fashion. Middle Huaihai Rd is lined with malls and international chains. Afternoon and evening are the best hours for browsing; some smaller shops don't open their doors until noon, but most stay open until 10pm.

Tiánzifáng

FASHION, SOUVENIRS

(田子坊; Map p176; Taikang Rd; 泰康路; 🚇Dapuqiao) Burrow into the *lǐlòng* here for a rewarding haul of creative boutiques, selling everything from hip jewellery and yak-wool scarves to retro communist dinnerware. Stores get shuffled around about as regularly as mahjong tiles, but keep your eyes peeled for **Feel Shanghai** (Unit 110, No 3, Lane 210) offering tailored Chinese clothing, **InSH** (Unit 306, No 3, Lane 210) for contemporary local fashion, **Chouchou Chic** (No 47, Lane 248) with kid's clothes, as well as arty tea shop **Zhenchailin Tea** (No 13, Lane 210).

Xintiāndì

FASHION

(新天地; Cnr Taicang & Madang Rds; 太仓路与马当路路口; ☉11am-11pm; ㊟South Huangpi Rd, Xintiāndì) Browse the north block for upmarket boutiques, from the fluorescent chic of **Shanghai Tang** (Bldg 15) and clever design at **Simply Life** (Unit 101, 159 Madang Rd) to the eco-fabrics of **Shanghai Trio** (No 4, enter via Taicang Rd), iridescent glass sculptures at **Lúliúgōngfáng** (Bldg 11) and embroidered accessories at **Annabel Lee** (Bldg 3).

Yú

CERAMICS

(黄; Map p176; 164 Fumin Rd; 富民路164号; ☉11am-9pm; ㊟Changshu Rd) Man Zhang and her husband create the personable porcelain at this tiny shop, the latest link in the Shànghǎi-Jīngdézhen connection, which is an excellent place to browse for handmade and hand-painted teaware, bowls and vases.

Spin

CERAMICS

(旋; Xuán; Map p176; Bldg 3, 758 Julu Rd; 巨鹿路758号3号楼; ☉noon-10pm; ㊟Jing'an Temple) New-wave and snazzy Jīngdézhen ceramics, from cool celadon tones and oblong teacups to 'kung-fu' vases, presented in a sharp and crisp showroom.

Brocade Country

HANDICRAFTS

(锦绣坊; Jǐnxiù Fāng; Map p176; 616 Julu Rd; 巨鹿路616号; ☉10.30am-7pm; ㊟Changshu Rd) Exquisite collection of minority handicrafts from China's southwest, personally selected by the owner Liu Xiaolan, a Guizhōu native.

Madame Mao's Dowry

SOUVENIRS

(毛太设计; Máotài Shèjì; Map p176; ㊟5403 3551; 207 Fumin Rd; 富民路207号; ☉10am-7pm; ㊟Changshu Rd, Jing'an Temple) The Maoist era repackaged as a chic accessory; pick up a bust of the Chairman, a repro revolutionary tin mug, Cultural Revolution prints or an antique lacquered Ming cabinet.

Garden Books

BOOKS

(韬奋西文书局; Tāofèn Xīwén Shūjú; Map p176; 325 Changle Rd; 长乐路325号; ☉10am-10pm; ㊟South Shaanxi Rd) Ice-cream parlour or bookshop? You decide.

Jīng'àn**Amy Lin's Pearls**

PEARLS

(艾敏林氏珍珠; Àimǐn Línshì Zhēnzhū; Room 30, 3rd fl, 580 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路580号3楼30号; ☉10am-8pm; ㊟West Nanjing Rd) Shànghǎi's most reliable retailer of pearls of all colours and sizes, which come for a

fraction of the price that you'd pay back home.

Han City Fashion & Accessories Plaza

CLOTHES, SOUVENIRS

(韩城服饰礼品广场; Hánchéng Fúshì Lǐpǐn Guǎngchǎng; 580 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路580号; ☉9am-9pm; ㊟West Nanjing Rd) This unassuming-looking building is one of the best locations to pick up bargain T-shirts, jackets, shoes and so on, with hundreds of stalls spread across several floors. Bargain hard.

Chaterhouse Booktrader

BOOKS

(Map p180; Shanghai Centre, Unit 104, 1376 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1376号104室; ☉9am-9pm; ㊟Jing'an Temple) A great hit with literature-starved expats for its selection of books and mags.

Pǔdǒng**A.P. Xīnyáng Fashion & Gifts Market**

CLOTHES, SOUVENIRS

(亚大新阳服饰礼品市场; Yàdà Xīnyáng Fúshì Lǐpǐn Shìchǎng; ☉10am-8pm; ㊟Science & Technology Museum) Below ground in the Science & Technology Museum metro station is Shànghǎi's largest collection of discount shopping stalls, including a branch of the Old Town fabric market and a separate area devoted exclusively to pearls. Bargain hard.

Hóngkǒu**Qīpǔ Market**

CLOTHES

(七浦服装市场; Qīpǔ Fúzhuāng Shìchǎng; 168 & 183 Qipu Rd; 七浦路168 & 183号; ☉7am-5pm; ㊟Tiantong Rd) One big 'everything must go now' sale, this is the cheapest and most entertaining clothes-and-shoes market in the city. Haggle hard.

i Information

Free English and bilingual maps of Shànghǎi are available at the airports, Tourist Information & Service Centres, bookshops and many hotels. Metro maps (地铁线路图; dìtiě xiànlùtú) are usually available at all stations. Quality online maps are available through Google.

Internet Access

Internet cafes have become much more scarce in touristy areas – it's generally more convenient to get online at your hotel or at a wi-fi hotspot if you have a laptop. Otherwise, ask your hotel for the closest internet cafe (网吧; wǎngbā) and bring your passport.

Jiāyì Internet Cafe (佳毅网吧; Jiāyì Wǎngbā; East Jinling Rd, near Guangxi Rd; 金陵东路、靠近广西路; per hr Y4; ☉24hr)

Jídù Kōngjiān Internet Café (Jídù Kōngjiān Wǎngbǎ; cnr North Xiangyang & Changle Rds; 襄阳北路、长乐路交叉口; per hr Y3; ☺24hr)

Míngwǎng Internet Cafe (名旺网吧; Míngwǎng Wǎngbǎ; 515 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路515号; per hr Y3.50; ☺24hr) On the corner of Hubei Rd.

Media

Grab a free copy of the monthly *That's Shanghai* from an expat-centric restaurant or bar, followed swiftly by issues of *City Weekend* and *Time Out* for an instant plug into what's on in town, from art exhibitions and club nights to restaurant openings.

Foreign newspapers and magazines are available from the larger tourist hotels and some foreign-language bookshops. The local government publishes the *Shanghai Daily* (Y2).

Medical Services

Huàshān Hospital (华山医院; Huàshān Yīyuàn; Map p176; ☎5288 9998; www.sh-hwmc.com.cn; 12 Middle Wulumuqi Rd; 乌鲁木齐中路12号; 西 Changshu Rd) Hospital treatment and outpatient consultations are available at the 8th-floor foreigners' clinic (open 8am to 10pm daily), with 24-hour emergency treatment on the 15th floor in Building 6.

Parkway Health (以极佳医疗保健服务; Yījījiǎ Yīliáo Bǎojiàn Fúwù; ☎24hr hotline 6445 5999; www.parkwayhealth.cn) Seven locations around Shanghai, including at the **Shànghǎi Centre** (上海商城; Shànghǎi Shāngchéng; Suite 203, Shànghǎi Centre, 1376 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1376号203室; 西 West Nanjing Rd). Private medical care by expat doctors, dentists and specialists.

Shànghǎi United Family Hospital (上海和睦家医院; Shànghǎi Hé mù jiā Yīyuàn; ☎2216 3900, 24hr emergency 2216 3999; www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com; 1139 Xianxia Rd; 仙霞路1139号; 西 Beixinjing, line 2) Complete private hospital, staffed by doctors trained in the West. Located near Hóngqiáo Airport.

Watson's (屈臣氏; Qūchēnshì) French Concession (787 Middle Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路787号; 西 South Shaanxi Rd); West Nanjing Rd (Westgate Mall, 1038 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1038号; 西 West Nanjing Rd) This pharmacy has Western cosmetics, over-the-counter medicines and health products, with numerous outlets around the city.

Money

Almost every hotel has money-changing counters. Most tourist hotels, upmarket restaurants and banks accept major credit cards. ATMs are everywhere; most accept major cards.

Bank of China (中国银行; Zhōngguó Yínháng; The Bund; ☺9am-noon & 1.30-4.30pm Mon-Fri, 9am-noon Sat) Right next to the Peace Hotel. Tends to get crowded, but is better organised

than Chinese banks elsewhere around the country (it's worth a peek for its grand interior). Take a ticket and wait for your number. For credit-card advances, head to the furthest hall (counter No 2).

Citibank (花旗银行; Huàqí Yínháng; The Bund) Useful ATM open 24 hours.

Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank (汇丰银行; HSBC; Huífēng Yínháng) Shànghǎi Centre (West Nanjing Rd); The Bund (15 East Zhongshan No 1 Rd) Has ATMs in the above locations; also an ATM at Pǔdōng Airport arrivals hall.

Post

Larger tourist hotels have post offices where you can mail letters and small packages; this is by far the most convenient option. China Post offices and postboxes are green. The **International Post Office** (国际邮局; Guójí Yóujú; 276 North Suzhou Rd; 苏州北路276号; ☺7am-10pm; 西 Tiantong Rd) is just north of Sūzhōu Creek in Hóngkǒu.

Public Security Bureau

(PSB; 公安局; Gōng'ānjú; ☎2895 1900, ext 2; 1500 Minsheng Rd; 民生路1500号; ☺9am-4.30pm Mon-Sat; 西 Science & Technology Museum) Handles visas and registrations; 30-day visa extensions cost around Y160. In Pǔdōng.

Telephone

After Skype (www.skype.com), internet phone (IP) cards are the cheapest way to call internationally (Y1.80 per minute to the US), but may not work with some hotel phones. Using a mobile phone is naturally the most convenient option. For mobile phone SIM cards, China Mobile shops are ubiquitous; cards can also be bought from newspaper kiosks with the China Mobile sign.

China Mobile (中国移动通信; Zhōngguó Yí dòng Tōngxìn; Map p170; 200 Middle Xizang Rd; 西藏中路200号; ☺10am-8.30pm; 西 People's Sq) Central branch off People's Sq.

Tourist Information

Your hotel should be able to provide you with maps and most of the tourist information you require. Also consult the websites listed under Websites opposite.

Shànghǎi Call Centre (☎962 288; ☺24hr) This toll-free English-language hotline is possibly the most useful telephone number in Shànghǎi – it can even give your cab driver directions if you've got a mobile phone.

Shànghǎi Information Centre for International Visitors (Map p176; ☎6384 9366; No 2, Alley 123, Xingye Rd) Xintiandi information centre.

Tourist Information & Service Centres (旅游咨询服务中心; Lǚyóu Zīxún Fúwù Zhōngxīn; Map

BORDER CROSSING: GETTING TO JAPAN

Weekly ferries to Osaka in Japan depart from the **Shànghǎi Port International Cruise Terminal** (上海港国际客运中心; Shànghǎi Gǎng Guójì Kèyùn Zhōngxīn; Gaoyang Rd; 高阳路). Tickets are sold by the two boat operators: **China-Japan International Ferry Company** (☎6595 6888/6325 7642; www.chinajapanferry.com; 18th fl), with departures on Saturdays, and **Shànghǎi International Ferry Company** (☎6595 8666; www.shanghai-ferry.com.jp; 15th fl), with departures on Tuesdays. Both are in the Jin'an Building (908 Dongdaming Rd; 东大明路908号金岸大厦) north of the Bund. Tickets to either destination (44 hours) range from Y1300 in an eight-bed dorm to Y6500 in a deluxe twin cabin. Reservations are recommended in July and August. Passengers must be at the harbour three hours before departure to get through immigration.

p170) The Bund (beneath the Bund promenade, opposite the intersection with East Nanjing Rd); East Nanjing Rd (Century Sq, 518 Jiujiang Rd); Old Town (149 Jiujiaochang Rd) These centres are conveniently located near major tourist sights. The standard of English varies from good to non-existent, but free maps and some information are available.

Travel Agencies

See p202 for details on train and ferry ticket agencies.

CTrip (☎400 619 9999; http://english.ctrip.com) Online agency good for hotel and flight bookings.

Elong (☎400 617 1717; www.elong.net) Online agency good for hotel and flight bookings.

STA Travel (☎2281 7723; www.statravel.com.cn; Room 919, Zi An Bldg, 309 Yuyuan Rd; 愚园路309号紫安大厦919室; ☺ Mon-Sat; 🚏 Jing'an Temple) Sells train and air tickets, and can issue International Student Identity Cards.

Websites

City Weekend (www.cityweekend.com.cn) Listings website.

Shanghai Daily (www.shanghaidaily.com) (Censored) coverage of local news.

Shanghai Expat (www.shanghaiexpat.com) A must-see if you are thinking of relocating to Shànghǎi; useful forum.

Shanghaiist (www.shanghaiist.com) Local entertainment and news blog.

SmartShanghai (www.smartshanghai.com) For food, fun and frolicking. Good entertainment coverage.

Tales of Old China (www.talesofoldchina.com) Lots of reading on Old Shànghǎi, with the text of hard-to-find books online.

Urbanatomy (www.urbanatomy.com) Listings website from *That's Shanghai*.

Virtual Shanghai (http://virtualshanghai.ish

-lyon.cnrs.fr) Amazing database of old photos, maps and texts.

i Getting There & Away

Shànghǎi is straightforward to reach. With two airports, rail and air connections to places all over China, and buses to destinations in adjoining provinces and beyond, it's a handy springboard to the rest of the land.

Air

Shànghǎi has international flight connections to most major cities, many operated by China Eastern, which has its base here.

All international flights (and a few domestic flights) operate out of **Pūdōng International Airport** (PVG; 浦东国际机场; Pūdōng Guójì Jīchǎng; ☎96990 flight information; www.shairport.com; 🚏 Pudong International Airport), with most (but not all) domestic flights operating out of **Hóngqiáo Airport** (SHA; 虹桥机场; Hóngqiáo Jīchǎng; ☎96990 flight information; www.shairport.com; 🚏 Hongqiao Airport) on Shànghǎi's western outskirts. If you are making an onward domestic connection from Pudong it is essential that you find out whether the domestic flight leaves from Pūdōng or Hóngqiáo, as the latter will require *at least* an hour to cross the city.

Daily (usually several times) domestic flights connect Shànghǎi to major cities in China:

Běijīng Y1220, 1½ hours

Chéngdū Y1700, two hours 20 minutes

Guǎngzhōu Y1370, two hours

Guilín Y1390, two hours

Qīngdǎo Y810, one hour

Xī'ān Y1350, two hours

You can buy air tickets almost anywhere, including at major hotels, travel agencies and online sites such as ctrip.com and elong.net. Discounts of up to 40% are standard. Minor cities are less likely to have daily flights, but chances are there will be at least one flight a week, probably more, to Shànghǎi.

Boat

Domestic boat tickets can be bought from the **Huángpǔ Tourist Centre** (黄浦旅游集散中心; Huángpǔ Lǚyóu Jísàn Zhōngxīn; Map p170; ☎6336 9051; 21 East Jinling Rd; 金陵东路21号; ☼9am-6pm; 🚏East Nanjing Rd).

Overnight boats (Y109 to Y499, 10½ hours) to Pǔtúoshān depart every day at 8pm from the **Wúsōng Wharf** (吴淞码头; Wúsōng Mátou; 🚏Songbing Rd), almost at the mouth of the Yangzi River; to reach Wúsōng Wharf take metro line 3 to Songbing Rd and then walk or hail a taxi.

A high-speed ferry service (Y258, three hours, 9.30am) to Pǔtúoshān departs twice daily from Xiǎo Yáng Shān (小洋山). A bus (price included in ferry ticket, two hours, departs 7.20am) runs to Xiǎo Yáng Shān from Nánpǔ Bridge (南浦大桥; by the bridge).

Bus

Shànghǎi has a number of long-distance bus stations, though given the traffic gridlock it's best to take the train when possible. The massive **Shànghǎi Long-Distance Bus Station** (上海长途汽车总站; Shànghǎi Chángtú Qìchē Kèyùn Zōngzhàn; Map p180; 1666 Zhongxing Rd; 🚏Shanghai Railway Station), north of Shànghǎi train station, has buses to destinations as far away as Gǎnsù province and Inner Mongolia. Regular buses run to Sūzhōu (frequent) and Hángzhōu (frequent), as well as Nánjīng (12 daily) and Běijīng (Y311, 4pm). Although it appears close to the train station, it is a major pain to reach on foot. It's easiest to catch a cab here.

Handier is the **Hengfeng Road Bus Station** (恒丰路客运站; Héngfēnglù Kèyùnzhàn; Map p180; 🚏Hanzhong Rd), which serves cities including Běijīng (Y311, 5pm), Hángzhōu (eight daily), Nánjīng (frequent) and Sūzhōu (frequent).

The vast **Shànghǎi South Long-Distance Bus Station** (上海长途客运南站; Shànghǎi Chángtú Kèyùn Nánzhàn; 666 Shilong Rd; 🚏Shanghai South Railway Station) serves cities in south China, including Hángzhōu (frequent), Nánjīng (four daily), Níngbō (frequent), Sūzhōu (frequent), Túnxi/Huáng Shān (Y135, six hours, eight daily) and Wúyuán (Y175, five hours, two daily).

Buses also depart from Hángzhōu and Sūzhōu from the long-distance bus stations at Hóngqiáo Airport and Púdōng International Airport.

Some sample fares and trip durations (may vary from station to station):

Hángzhōu Y68, two hours

Nánjīng Y105, four hours

Níngbō Y99, three hours

Sūzhōu Y38, 90 minutes

Shànghǎi Sightseeing Buses run to the canal towns outside Shànghǎi; see p183 for details.

Train

Many parts of the country can be reached by direct train from Shànghǎi. The city has three useful stations: the main **Shànghǎi railway station** (Shànghǎi zhàn; 🚏Shanghai Railway Station), the **Shànghǎi South railway station** (Shànghǎi Nánzhàn; 🚏Shanghai South Railway Station) and the **Hóngqiáo railway station** (上海虹桥站; Shànghǎi Hóngqiáo zhàn; 🚏Hongqiao Railway Station) near Hóngqiáo Airport. Most trains depart from the main station, though for some southern destinations, like Hángzhōu, they leave from Shànghǎi South. The Hóngqiáo station is for new express trains (many Nánjīng and Sūzhōu trains leave from here) and will ultimately serve as the terminus for the Shànghǎi-Běijīng express, which is estimated to begin in 2012. Wherever you're going, make sure to get your tickets as early as possible. If you're arriving in Shànghǎi, don't get off at Shànghǎi West (上海西站; Shànghǎi Xīzhàn), which is not convenient for travellers.

There are several ways to purchase tickets: at the station (generally stressful), via your hotel or a travel agency (much easier but expect a commission charge), or at train ticket offices around town.

At the main station there are two ticket halls (售票厅; shòupiàotīng), one in the main building (same-day tickets) and another on the east side of the square (advance tickets). One counter will claim to have English-speakers. **Bilingual automated machines** (自助售票处; zìzhù shòupiàochù; ☎24hr) just east of the same-day ticket hall sell tickets to many major destinations. They seem to work well, though remember to bring cash.

Alternatively, tickets can also be purchased from one of the numerous **train ticket offices** (火车票预售处; huǒchēpiào yùshòuchù) Bund (384 Middle Jiangxi Rd; 江西中路384号; ☎8am-8pm); Jing'an (77 Wanhangdu Rd; 万航渡路77号; ☎8am-5pm); Púdōng (1396 Lujiazui Ring Rd; 陆家嘴环路1396号; ☎8am-7pm) around town.

Prices and times listed here are always for the fastest train. Slower, less expensive trains have not been listed. Some trains leaving from Shànghǎi Railway Station:

Běijīng (D train) seat/sleeper Y327/Y655, 10 hours, seven daily

Chéngdū Y352, 35 hours, three daily

Hong Kong Y395, 18½ hours, one daily

Huángshān Y169, 12 hours, two daily

Guǎngzhōu East Y367, 16 hours, two daily

Lhasa Y821, 49 hours, one every other day

Nánjīng Y146, one hour 15 minutes, frequent services

Sūzhōu Y41, 30 minutes, frequent services

Xī'an Y323, 14 hours, 10 daily



TRANSPORT CARD

If you are going to be doing a lot of travelling in Shànghǎi, it's worth investing in a transport card (交通卡; *jiāotōng kǎ*) as it can save you queuing. Sold at metro stations and some convenience stores, cards can be topped up with credits and used on the metro, most buses and in taxis. Credits are electronically deducted from the card as you swipe it over the sensor at metro turnstiles and near the door on buses; when paying your taxi fare, hand the card to the driver, who will swipe it for you. You'll need to pay a deposit of Y20, which can be refunded before you leave at the East Nanjing Rd metro station.

A note on the Běijīng-bound trains: schedules will probably change once the new express starts service from Hóngqiáo (estimated 2012), which will cut the trip down to four hours and stop off at several cities, including Nánjīng. If the D trains (the ones listed here) are still in service be aware that you'll want to get a bed (soft sleeper only) instead of a seat if you're on an overnight train. There are/were three slower sleeper trains that require 10 days advance booking.

Some trains leaving from Shànghǎi South Railway Station:

Hángzhōu Y58, 1½ hours, frequent

Kūnmíng Y491, 38 hours, three daily

Shàoxīng Y68, two hours, 10 daily

Yùshān (Sānqīng Shān) Y130, six hours, six daily

i Getting Around

The best way to get around Shànghǎi is the metro, which now gets to most places in the city, followed by cabs, which are reasonably cheap and easy to flag down unless it's raining. In general, buses (Y2) should be avoided as they're hard to figure out, even for Mandarin speakers. Whatever mode of transport you use, try to avoid rush hours between 8am and 9am, and 4.30pm and 6pm.

Although there are some fascinating areas to stroll around, new road developments, building sites and traffic conditions conspire to make walking from A to B an exhausting and sometimes stressful experience.

To/From the Airport

Pǔdōng International Airport handles most international flights and some domestic flights. There are four ways to get from the airport to the city: taxi, Maglev train, metro and bus.

A taxi ride into central Shànghǎi will cost around Y160 and take about an hour; to Hóngqiáo Airport costs around Y200. Most taxi drivers in Shànghǎi are honest, though make sure they use the meter; avoid monstrous overcharging by using the regular taxi rank outside the arrivals hall. Regular buses also run to Sùzhōu (Y84) and Hángzhōu (Y100).

The bullet-fast **Maglev train** (www.smtdc.com) runs from Pǔdōng Airport to its terminal in Pǔdōng in just eight minutes, from where you can transfer to the metro (Longyang Rd station) or take a taxi (Y40 to People's Sq). It is a significant time saver. Economy single/return tickets cost Y50/80; but show your same-day air ticket and it's Y40 one way. Children under 1.2m travel free (kids taller than this are half-price). The train departs every 20 minutes from roughly 6.45am to 9.40pm.

Metro line 2 runs from Pǔdōng Airport to Hóngqiáo Airport, passing through central

Shànghǎi. It is certainly convenient, though not for those in a hurry. From Pǔdōng Airport, it takes about 75 minutes to People's Sq (Y6) and one hour 45 minutes to Hóngqiáo Airport (Y8).

There are also numerous **airport buses**, which take between 60 and 90 minutes to run to their destinations in Pǔxī. Buses leave to the airport roughly every 15 to 25 minutes from 6.30am to 11pm; they go to the airport from roughly 5.30am to 9.30pm (bus 1 runs till 11pm). The most useful buses are airport bus 1 (Y30), which links Pǔdōng International Airport with Hóngqiáo Airport, and airport bus 2 (Y22), which links Pǔdōng International Airport with the Airport City Terminal (上海机场城市航站楼; Shànghǎi Jīchǎng Chéngshì Hángzhàn Lóu) on West Nanjing Rd, east of Jing'an Temple. Airport bus 5 (Y16 to Y22) links Pǔdōng International Airport with Shànghǎi train station via People's Sq.

Hóngqiáo Airport is 18km from the Bund, a 30- to 60-minute trip. Most flights now arrive at Terminal 2, which is connected to downtown via metro lines 2 and 10 (30 minutes to People's Sq). If you arrive at Terminal 1, you can also catch the airport shuttle bus (Y4, 7.50am to 11pm) to the Airport City Terminal on West Nanjing Rd. Airport bus 1 (Y30, 6am to 9.30pm) runs to Pǔdōng International Airport. Taxis cost Y70 to Y100 to central Shànghǎi.

Major hotels run airport shuttles to both airports (generally free to Hóngqiáo; Y30 to Pǔdōng).

Public Transport

FERRY The **Jinling Rd Ferry** (金陵路轮渡站; Jinlíng Lù Lúndù Zhàn), running between the southern end of the Bund and the Dongchang Rd dock in Pǔdōng, is of minimal use to travellers. Ferries (Y2) run every 10 minutes from 7am to 10pm.

METRO The Shànghǎi metro system (indicated by a red M) currently runs to 11 lines after huge expansion; three additional lines (12, 13, 21) are expected to open in 2012. Lines 1, 2 and 10 are the principal lines that travellers will use. Tickets cost between Y3 and Y10 depending on the distance and are only sold from bilingual automated machines (except in rare cases); keep your ticket until you exit. Transport cards are available from information desks for Y50 and Y100; they don't offer any savings, but are useful for avoiding queues and can also be used in taxis and on most buses. A one-day metro pass is also sold from information desks for Y18.

You should be able to pick up a metro map at most stations; the free tourist maps also have a small metro map printed on them. Check out exploreshanghai.com for online maps and apps.

Taxi

Shànghǎi's taxis are reasonably cheap, hassle-free and easy to flag down outside rush hour, although finding a cab during rainstorms is impossible. Flag fall is Y12 (for the first 3km) and Y16 at night (11pm to 5am).

Major taxi companies:

Bàshi (☎96840)

Dàzhòng (☎96822)

Qiángshēng (☎6258 0000)

AROUND SHÀNGHǎI

The most popular day trips from Shànghǎi are probably to the canal towns of Mùdù and Tónglǐ (in Jiāngsū), and Nánxún and Wūzhèn (in Zhèjiāng).

Zhūjiājiǎo

朱家角

Thirty kilometres west of Shànghǎi, **Zhūjiājiǎo** (optional ticket incl entry to 4/8 sights Y30/60) is both easy to reach and truly delightful – as long as your visit does not coincide with the arrival of phalanxes of tour buses. Select an off-season rainy weekday, pack an umbrella and pray the sky clears before others get wind of sunshine over town.

Chinese guidebooks vaguely identify human activity in these parts 5000 years ago and a settlement was here during the Three Kingdoms period 1700 years ago. It was during the Míng dynasty, however, that a commercial centre built on Zhūjiājiǎo's network of waterways was truly developed. What survives today is a charming tableau of Míng- and Qíng-

dynasty alleys, bridges and old-town (古镇; *gǔzhèn*) architecture.

Paper maps of Zhūjiājiǎo may be hard to find, but ample stone maps of town are affixed to street walls in the old town. In any case, the riverside settlement is small enough to wander around completely in three hours, by which time you will have developed a very precise mental map.

On the west side of the recently built City God Temple bridge stands the **City God Temple** (城隍庙; Chéngguáng Miào; admission Y5; ☉7.30am-4pm), moved here in 1769 from its original location in Xuějiābāng. Further north along Caohe St (漕河街), running alongside the canal, is the **Yuánjīn Buddhist Temple** (圆津禅院; Yuánjīn Chányuàn; admission Y5; ☉8am-4pm) near the distinctive **Tà'ān Bridge** (泰安桥; Tà'ān Qiáo). Pop into the temple to climb the **Qīnghuá Pavilion** (清华阁; Qīnghuá Gé) at the rear, a towering hall visible from many parts of town, containing a multiarmed statue of Guanyin on the ground floor, a pagoda studded with multiple effigies of the goddess above and a recently cast bell on the top floor that you can strike for good luck (Y5).

Earmark a detour to the magnificent **Zhūjiājiǎo Catholic Church of Ascension** (宋家角耶稣升天堂; Zhūjiājiǎo Yēsū Shēngtiāntáng; No 317 Alley, 27 Caohe Jie; 漕河街 27号317弄), a gorgeous church with its belfry rising in a detached tower by the rear gate. Built in 1863, the brick church stands alongside a lovingly cultivated courtyard decorated with a statue of Joseph holding a baby Jesus.

Of Zhūjiājiǎo's quaint band of ancient bridges, the standout **Fàngshēng Bridge** (放生桥; Fàngshēng Qiáo), first built in 1571 and linking Bei Dajie (北大街) and Dongjing Jie (东井街) with its long and graceful 72m span, is the most photogenic. The five-arched bridge was originally assembled with proceeds from a monk's 15 years of alms gathering. You can jump on boats for comprehensive tours of town at various points, including Fàngshēng Bridge. Tickets are Y60/120 per boat for the short/long tour.

In the past few years, Zhūjiājiǎo has developed into something of a bohemian getaway from busy Shànghǎi, and there's now an admirable selection of tiny hotels, cafes and arty shops scattered around town. Top picks for overnighting are the quaint **1, 2, 3**

(☎5923 2101; www.byways.asia; No 3, Lane 123, Xijing St; 西井街123弄3号; dm/d Y60/150) and the **Uma Hostel** (☎189 1808 2961; umahostel@gmail.com; 103 Xijing St; 西井街103号; dm/d Y50/200), both near the Kèzhí Gardens (课植园; Kèzhí Yuán). A bit fancier is **West Well** (☎5924 2675; xijinghui@gmail.com; 54 Xijing St; 西井街56号; d Y350), set in a huge old courtyard house.

To get to Zhūjiājiǎo, it's easiest to go to the **Pu'an Rd Bus Station** (普安路汽车站; Pǔ'ān Lù Qìchē Zhàn; 📍Dashijie) just south of

People's Sq, where you can take the Hùzhū Gāosù Kuàixiàn bus (沪朱高速快线; Y12, one hour, every 30 minutes from 6am to 10pm) direct to the village. Alternatively, you can take the Shànghǎi Sightseeing Bus day tour (Y85, departs 9am and 10am); it returns for Shànghǎi at 3.45pm and 4.45pm. The ticket includes admission to the town. Zhūjiājiǎo can also be reached from the bus station in Tónglǐ (Y15, 90 minutes, nine buses daily).

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