

Shanghai GP Travel Guide (2012 Edition)

Welcome to Shanghai!

欢迎来上海!

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In order to facilitate planning your visit to Shanghai, as well as make your stay in Shanghai more enjoyable, we local judges at Shanghai prepared this Local Guide. We hope it proves useful and informative.

This edition of Shanghai Travel Guide is broken down into the following sections each served a different purposes: Language and Traveling Information, Transportation Guides, Scenic Spots, Food and Snacks and finally, Magic Stores.

Quick facts about China

Electricity: AC 220 V, 50 Hz **Plug Type:** Type A and I

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AC power plugs and sockets)

Timezone: GMT +8 Calling code: +86

Cellphone network: GSM, WCDMA and CDMA2000 Emergency Calls: 110 (Police), 119 (Fire), 120 (Ambulance)

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Climate Information

Climate data for Shanghai (July and August)				
Based on China Meteorological Administration's data from 1971 to 2000				
Month	Jul	Aug		
Average high $\mathbb{C}(\mathbb{F})$	31.8 (88.3)	31.3 (88.3)		
Average low °C (°F)	25.0 (77.0)	24.9 (76.8)		
Precipitation mm (inch)	156.3 (6.154)	157.9 (6.217)		
% Humidity	82	81		
Avg. precipitation days (≥0.1 mm)	12	11.3		
Mean monthly sunshine hours	217.8	220.8		

Language and Traveling Information

Language

Chinese is the official language of China. For the spoken part of the language, Mandarin Chinese (or Standard Chinese) is promoted nationalwide and is the "standard" spoken language in China. For the written part, Simplified Chinese characters are used (as opposed to Traditional Chinese characters as used in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan).

In Shanghai, directional signs, such as road signs and signs in the metro station, are written in both Chinese and English, so it might less difficult for tourists to locate where they are even if they know nothing about Chinese. However, most Chinese CANNOT speak English, but the young might be able to guess what you are talking about if you talked REALLY slowly. Also, writing things

The address of the TOURNAMENT VENUE is written as:

上海世贸商城 (building name) 长宁区延安西路 2299 号 (street number)

and the address of the STAFF HOTEL is:

扬子江万丽酒店 (hotel name) 长宁区延安西路 2099 号 (street number)

down might be helpful. Since the Chinese language is written in ideograms instead of Roman characters, it might be greatly useful to ask someone to write things down for you in Chinese, so that you can show them to the locals, asking them to help you find the things you need.

Useful Expressions

General		Numerals		
Greetings		0- 零/ling	100 — 一百/yibai	
Hello	你好/ni hao	1 – —/yi	101 — 一百零一/yi-bai-ling-yi	
Thank you	谢谢/xie xie	2 − 二/er	110-一百一十/yi-bai-yi-shi	
Good bye	再见/zai jian	3 − Ξ /san	1,000 — 一千/yi-qian	
Asking		4- 四/si	Magic related	
Places		5- 五/wu	Play or Draw	
Where is	在哪里?/zai na li?	6- 六/liu	I'll play	我先/wo xian
Is it near?	离这近吗?/li zhe jin ma?	7- 七/qi	I'll draw	我后/wo hou
What's the next station? 下一站是? /xia yi zhan	8 — 八/ba	Who'll	谁先?/shui xian?	
	shi?	8 – 7 (/ba	play?	
Where is the toilet?	洗手间在哪?/xi shou jian	9- 九/jiu	High roll	比大/bi da?
	zai na?			
Time		10 — 十/shi	Cards in hand	
What time is it now?	现在几点了?/xian zai ji	i 11 − + ─/shi-yi	Cards in	几张手牌?
	dian le?		hand?	ji zhang shou pai?
How long does it take	到要多久? /dao yao	20 — 二十/er-shi	Conceding	
to?	duo jiu?	20 /el-sili		
Taking Vehicle		21 − 二十一/er-shi-yi	I concede	我认输/wo ren shu.
I'd like to go to	我要去/wo yao qu	$22 - \pm \pm /er$ -shi-er		

Currency

The yuan (Y, also represented with $\vec{\pi}$ in China) is the Chinese currency. 1 USD equals about 6.3 yuan and 1 EUR equals around 8 yuan. The Chinese society is very cash-based. Though in Shanghai, many stores begin to accept cards, there are still many more that wouldn't accept. Therefore, you should always keep some cash in your pocket. Major credit cards, such as VISA, MasterCard, and JCB, are widely acceptable in large stores and restaurants.



Banks with the this sign offer personal currency exchanging service, also, most ATMs support withdrawing CNY notes from bank cards issued by foreign banks as long as your card issuer's logo can be found on the machine.

Traveling

Tipping

There is no tipping custom in China. You just need to pay whatever listed on the bill, and don't need to provide any tips.

Safety

Overall, it is safe to travel in Shanghai. But you should take good care of your belongings if you are in a highly crowded place as there might be cutpurses. Theft is highly likely to occur while people rush for arriving bus or subways, hoping to grab a seat.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited by local regulations in schools, hospitals, libraries, cinemas, malls, supermarkets, elevators, internet cafes and public transportations.

Convenience Stores

There are also many convenience stores in Shanghai. You'll find some international chains, such as Lawson, Familymart and 7-11, as well as those operated by local firms providing various drinks and foods. Lawson, Familymart and 7-11 even offers cheap takeaway meals.

Transportation

Airports

There are 2 airports in Shanghai: Pudong International Airport (PVG) and Hongqiao International Airport (SHA). Most international flights land at PVG but some still land at SHA.

From Pudong International Airports (PVG)

By Subway (Metro)

Shanghai Metro Line 2 connects the two airports and stops at many attractive places in the urban area. Metro trains depart from Pudong International Airports all terminate at Guanglan Road station. You need to transfer to train on the opposing platform.

Overall, the metro route looks like as follows:

Line 2 – Line 2 (Transfer at Guanglan Road Station) – Line 10 (Transfer at East Nanjing Road Station, 9 stops from Guanglan Road) – Leave at Yili Road Station

After reaching Yili Road Station, exit the station from Exit 4, turn right, walk for about 5 minutes, then you will see the venue (Shanghai Mart) sitting on your right-hand side, just across the elevated road.

The entire journey takes about 90 minutes and costs 8 yuan.

Alternatively, you could take the Maglev train that provides much faster journey to the *Longyang Road Station* of **Line 2**. Then you could transfer to **Line 2** and travel on. The Maglev train costs 50 yuan for a single journey, 20% off if you have current day's air ticket. The subway part costs 5 yuan.

By Airport Shutter Bus

Airport shutter bus stops can be found at either Terminal 1 or 2. Since the stops for the 8 lines are placed together, make sure you are getting on the one with the number 3 (or in Chinese character \equiv) is showing on the front end of the bus. The terminal station (Galaxy Hotel) is where we are going to.

After getting there, head west (where you will see the north gate to Rainbow Hotel sitting on the left side of the road) and walk towards



Shanghai Metro

As of 2012, there are 11 metro lines (excluding the Maglev line), 278 stations and over 434 kilometres of tracks in operation. The Shanghai Metro network map can be found from the operator's website at

http://www.shmetro.com/zbdt/overall/english_large.jpg. Alternatively, you could use the interactive service provided by exploreshanghai here http://www.exploreshanghai.com/metro/to plan your routes.

Google Maps could also be a handy pathfinding assistant for smart phone users.

The following types of tickets are offered by the Shanghai Metro.

1. Single Journey Ticket (SJT)

Normally issued at ticket vending machine, this kind of ticket is taken back while you are exiting at your terminal station and is only valid for a single trip.

A SJT costs 3-9 yuan based on the traveling distance. Most trips within the urban area costs 4 yuan.

2.One Day Ticket

Issued at selected stations only, this kind of ticket is valid for 24 hours after its first use.

A One Day Ticket costs 18 yuan.

3. Three-Day Ticket

Same as One-day ticket except that it is valid for 72 hours instead of 24.

A Three-Day Tickets costs 45 yuan.

you see the elevated road. Turn left and walk down, you'll see the staff hotel on the opposite side of the road. The venue is about 5 minutes' walk down the road.

The entire journey takes as long as 90 minutes and costs about 20 yuan.

By Taxi

Taxi is the most convenient (and expansive) public transportation you could take traveling around Shanghai. If you are taking taxis at the airport, please only take those lined in the designated area and pay no attentions to those drivers trying to get a premium off your trip on your way there.

The distance between Pudong Airport and Shanghai Mart is about 53.3 km (based on Google Map) and would cost you around 186 yuan during the day time. An additional 30% night service fee will be charged during the night shift (23:00 - 5:00).

From Hongqiao International Airport (SHA)

International flight passengers would normally be serviced at Terminal 1 of Hongqiao Airport. You could take **Metro Line 10** (bound for Xinjiangwan Town) from there to reach the venue (leave at *Yili Road Station*).

The entire journey takes about 12 minutes and costs 3 yuan.

Scenic Spots

Located at the center of the Mainland China's coastline, Shanghai has long been a major hub of communications, transportation, and international exchange. The municipality covers an area of 6,341 square kilometers and has a population of more than 13.5 million. Shanghai is China's largest economic comprehensive industrial base, and a famous historical and cultural city.

The Bund



The well-known Bund is a must for visitors to Shanghai. Fifty-two buildings lining the narrow shoreline of the Huangpu River offer a living exhibition of Gothic, Baroque, Roman, Classic Revival and Renaissance architectural styles, as well as combinations of Chinese and Western styles. They are also a condensation of the recent history of the city. The wide embankment offers ample room for strolling and is used by locals for morning exercises and evening gatherings. In the evening, colorful lights illuminate the area and create a shimmering image deserving of the name Pearl of the Orient.

Transportation: Metro Line 2, East Nanjing Road

The Yu Garden



The Yu Garden is a traditional landscape in the Southern Chinese style with more than 400 years history. Pavilions, halls, rockeries and ponds display the finest in landscaping from the Southern style as seen in the Ming and Qing dynasties. More than 40 landscapes were ingeniously separated by latticed walls, winding corridors, and lattice windows.

Transportation: Metro Line 10, Yuyuan Garden

The Orient Pearl TV Tower



(The tower with 3 "pearls" is the Orient Pearl TV Tower. Photo courtesy of J. Patrick Fischer, taken from http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:2012_Pudong.jpg)

The Orient Pearl TV Tower is 468 meters high. It faces the Bund across the Huangpu River. When viewed from the Bund, the tower and the Nanpu and Yangpu bridges create a vivid imagery known as "two dragons playing with a pearl." The sphere at the top has a diameter of 45 meters and is 263 meters above ground. The observati on deck in the sphere offers a sweeping view of the city. The revolving restaurant is set at 267 meters above Pudong New Area. The dance ball, piano bar and 20 karaoke rooms, at 271 meters, are also

opened to the public. The penthouse, which sits at 350 meters, has an observati on deck, meeting room, and coffee shop. The tower integrates broadcasting technologies with sightseeing, catering, shopping, amusement, and accommodations. It has become the symbol of the city and a major tourist attraction in Shanghai.

Transportation: Metro Line 2, Lujiazui

Other Noteworthy Spots: Lujiazui is the financial center of Shanghai. Other skyscrapers standing here include Shanghai World Finance Center (the "bottle-opener" and Jinmao Buidling).

Cruise on the Huangpu River



Cruising on the Huangpu River, visitors can gaze at the mighty skyscrapers, the Monument Tower to the People's Heroes, the famous Waibaidu Bridge and Huangpu Park on one bank, and the Orient Pearl TV Tower, International Convertion Center, Jin Mao Building and the newly rising Pudong New Area on the other. The Yangpu and Nanpu bridges span the river. From the river, visitors can also view the ruins of ancient cannon emplacements and fortifications at Wusong and the magnificent view of the Yangtze River as it empties into the sea.

Transportation: Metro Line 2, East Nanjing Road

Nanjing Road



(Nanjing Road at Night, photo courtesy of taylorandayumi, taken from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:NanjingRoad2.jpg)

Nanjing Road East, honored as "China's No.1 Street", has become an all-weather pedestrian arcade. Shops and restaurants provide products and services with their own characteristics, making it an ideal place that integrates shopping, restaurants, amusement and sightseeing.

Transportation: Metro Line 1/2/8, People's Square; Line 2, East Nanjing Road

Shanghai Grand Theater



(Photo courtesy of Pfctdayelise, taken from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Shanghai_Grand_Theatre_-_at_night.JPG)

Located in the northwestern corner of People's Square, the Shanghai Grand Theater covers 70,000 sq. m. It is actually composed of three theaters. The theaters can accommodate performances of ballet opera, symphonies, chamber music modern dramas, and musicals. The theater also owns the largest, fully automatic stage in Asia. The theater has become a symbol of modern culture in Shanghai.

Transportation: Metro Line 1/2/8, People's Square

Shanghai Xintiandi



Located in the center of Shanghai City south of Huaihai Road (M), Shanghai Xintiandi (新天地) has become an urban tourist attraction that holds the historical and cultural legacies of the city. Shanghai Xintiandi is a fashionable pedestrian street composed of Shikumen and modern architecture style.

Shanghai Xintiandi is unique because of its concept of construction. It retains the antique walls, tiles and exterior of the Shikumen housing of old Shanghai. On the other hand, its interior embodies a totally different world of international gallery, bars and cafes, boutiques or theme restaurants. When you walk into Xintiandi, you will get the taste both of Shanghai in the 1920's and the sonic modern lifestyle of urbanites of the 21st century.

Transportation: Metro Line 1, South Huangpi Road; Metro Line 10, Xintiandi

Foods and Snacks

Nanxiang Steamed Bread Store



Nanxiang Steamed Bread Store is located beside Nine-Turn Bridge of Yu Garden. In the 26th year of Emperor Guangxu (1900), Wu Xiangsheng from Jiading County's Nanxiang town founded a refreshment store here, which was originally named Changxing Building. Later changed to the present name, it specializes in Nanxiang brand steamed bread, which has been famous all over the country since the 20s and 30s of last century for its thin outer portion and thick stuffing. All the year around a long line will be waiting in front of Nanxiang Steamed Bread Store for the steamed bread. The wonderful taste of Nanxiang's small steamed bread has been favored by people. It has now successfully developed chain stores abroad, with 15 branch stores successively set up in Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and other countries and regions. As the gourmet food ambassador of Yu Garden, the store has been propagating Chinese dietary culture.

Address: 85, Yuyuan Road (Part of the Yuyuan Garden Scenic Spot)

Transportation: Metro Line 10, Yuyuan Garden

Telephone: 021-63554206 **Business hours:** 8:30-21:00

Xiaoshaoxing Restaurant

"Speaking of chicken, none other than Xiaoshaoxing" has become a pet phrase of Shanghai people. Founded in 1943, Xiaoshaoxing has served Shanghainese for almost 70 years. Xiaoshaoxing Chicken is famous of traditional preparation, unique formula, and outstanding taste, praised by Chinese and foreign consumers of all ages.

Address: 75 South Yunnan Road

Transportation: Metro Line 8, Dashijie

Telephone: 63260845