

Shanghai: Where East Meets West in Modern China

Welcome to Shanghai, China's largest city and global financial hub. This comprehensive 3-day guide will take you through the city's fascinating blend of traditional Chinese culture and ultramodern development, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Shanghai has transformed from a small fishing village into one of the world's most influential cities. Its unique history as an international trading port has left an indelible mark on its architecture and culture, creating a captivating mix of Eastern and Western influences.

Iconic Landmarks

- The Bund: A famous waterfront area showcasing colonial-era architecture and modern skyline views.
- Oriental Pearl Tower: A distinctive symbol of modern Shanghai's skyline.
- Yu Garden: A classical Chinese garden dating back to the Ming Dynasty.
- Shanghai Tower: The world's second-tallest building, offering spectacular city views.

Cultural Treasures

- Shanghai Museum: Home to ancient Chinese art and cultural artifacts.
- City God Temple: A significant Taoist temple complex with traditional architecture.
- Jing'an Temple: A peaceful Buddhist temple amid the urban landscape.
- Shanghai Natural History Museum: A modern facility showcasing natural wonders.

Charming Neighborhoods

- Xintiandi: A fashionable district featuring restored shikumen houses.
- Tianzifang: Maze-like alleyways filled with boutiques and cafes.
- Qibao Ancient Town: A well-preserved water town showing traditional life.
- Lujiazui: The futuristic financial district with impressive architecture.

Shanghai Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Famous for xiaolongbao (soup dumplings) and local Shanghainese dishes.
- Shopping: From luxury malls on Nanjing Road to traditional markets.
- Art Scene: Contemporary galleries and traditional Chinese art exhibitions.

Green Spaces

- People's Park: An urban oasis in the heart of the city.
- Fuxing Park: A French-style park popular with locals.
- Shanghai Botanical Garden: Extensive gardens showcasing diverse plant life.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Use the extensive metro system; consider getting a transportation card.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Autumn (September-November) for mild weather.
- Language: Basic Mandarin phrases are helpful; English is common in tourist areas.
- Safety: Shanghai is generally very safe; be aware of pickpockets in crowded areas.

3-Day Itinerary Highlights

- Day 1: Shanghai Museum, People's Park, Nanjing Road, Xintiandi
- Day 2: Yu Garden, Jing'an Temple, Shanghai Tower, the Bund
- Day 3: Fuxing Park, Qibao Ancient Town, Xujiahui

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Shanghai experience. Each destination offers unique insights into the city's fascinating blend of history and modernity.

Shanghai is more than just a city; it's a testament to China's rapid development and rich cultural heritage. As you explore its diverse neighborhoods, from the historic Bund to the futuristic Pudong district, you'll discover why Shanghai has earned its

reputation as the "Pearl of the Orient."

Let this magnificent city inspire you with its endless energy and captivating contrasts. Enjoy your adventure in Shanghai!

Itinerary Preview

3 days

Shanghai Museum

People's Park

DAY01
Nanjinglu Street

Xintiandi Style

Jing'an Temple

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The Bund

Fuxing Park

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Qibao Ancient Town

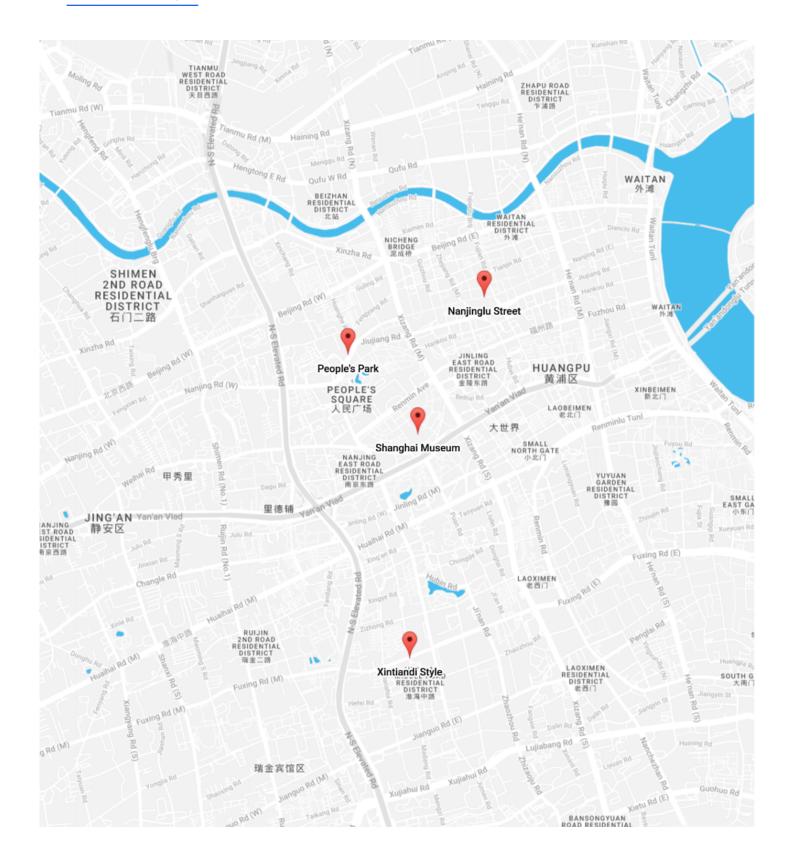
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Daily Events

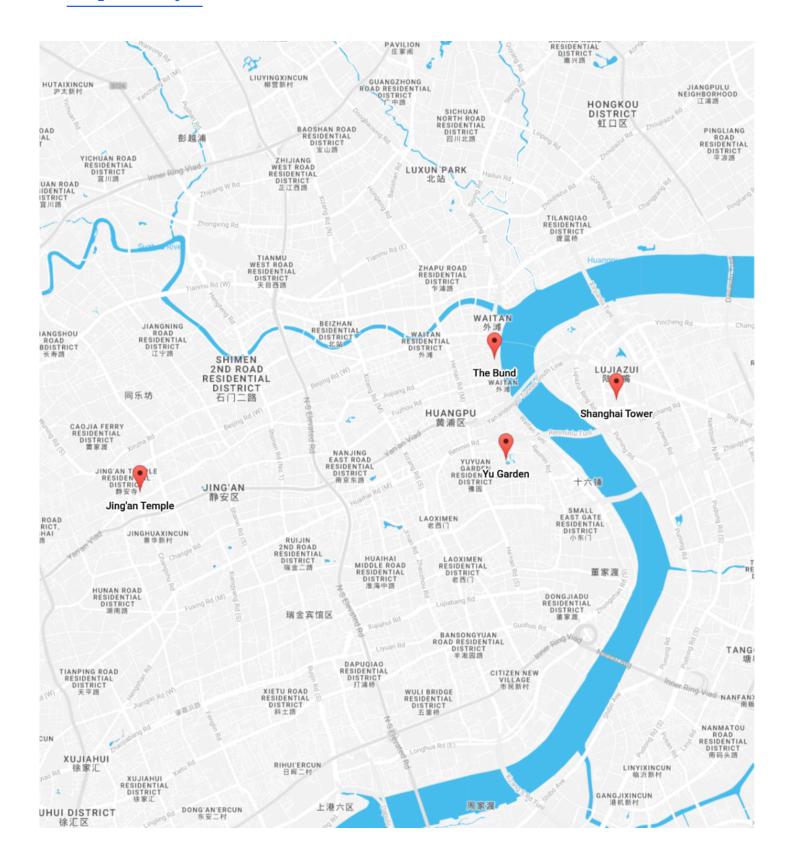
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11:00	
11:45	People's Park
	231 Nan Jing Xi Lu, People's Square, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200003
13:45	
14:30	Nanjinglu Street
	Nan Jing Lu Bu Xing Jie, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China
16:30	
17:15	Xintiandi Style
	245 Ma Dang Lu, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200020
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Map for Day 1



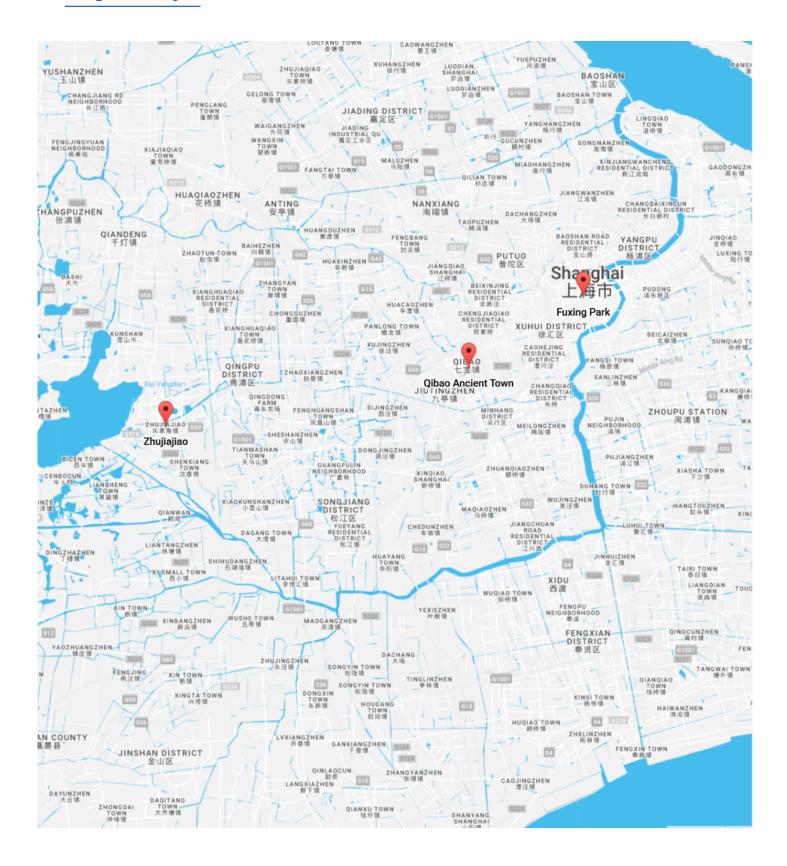
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Map for Day 2



09:00 **Fuxing Park** 516 Fu Xing Zhong Lu, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200025 11:00 12:00 **Qibao Ancient Town** China, Shang Hai Shi, Min Hang Qu, 青年路步行街5933+JGJ 邮政编 码: 201101 14:00 15:15 Zhujiajiao Zhujiajiao, Qingpu District, Shanghai, China, 201713 17:15

Map for Day 3





Spots



Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum

China, Shang Hai Shi, Hong Kou Qu, 长阳路62号 邮政编码: 200086

Summary:

Exhibits on Judaism & the 20,000+ Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai during the Holocaust.

Phone:

021 6512 6669



Bund Sightseeing Tunnel

349 Zhong Shan Dong Yi Lu, Waitan, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200002

Summary:

Automated train ride through a tunnel under the Huangpu River, with colorful lights & music.

Phone:

021 5888 6000



Zhongshan Park

780 Chang Ning Lu, Chang Ning Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200050

Summary:

Serene park featuring a lush array of plantings, including roses & lotus flowers.

Phone:

021 6252 5225



Shanghai Old Street

6FGW+4QG, Bao Dai Long, 四牌楼 Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200010

Summary:

Ancient, pagoda-style architecture is a highlight of this bustling hub with shops & attractions.



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Huangpu, China, 200021

Phone:

021 3307 0337



Shanghai Ocean Aquarium

China, Shang Hai Shi, Pu Dong Xin Qu, Lujiazui, 陆家嘴环路1388号 邮政编码: 200031

Summary:

Contemporary aquarium with local & exotic marine life & long, glass-enclosed underwater walkways.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

021 5877 9988



Shanghai Circus World

2266 Gong He Xin Lu, Zhabei Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200072

Summary:

Large circus presenting multimedia shows incorporating elements of traditional Chinese acrobatics.

Phone:

021 5665 6622



Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center

China, Shang Hai Shi, Huang Pu Qu, People's Square, 人民大道100号 邮政编码: 200003

Summary:

Modern 6-story space offering interactive exhibits on the city's architecture & urban development.

Phone:

021 6318 4477



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China, Shang Hai Shi, Xu Hui Qu, 漕溪北路595号 邮政编码: 200000

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

021 6426 8666



Shanghai Natural History Museum.

Jing'An, China, 200041

Summary:

Exhibits on human civilization's history & animals, including ancient species such as dinosaurs.

Phone:

021 6321 3548



Xintiandi Style

245 Ma Dang Lu, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200020

Summary:

Elegant, 4-story shopping center offering subway access beneath varied upscale shops & restaurants.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone:

021 5382 0666



Fuxing Park

516 Fu Xing Zhong Lu, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200025

Summary:

French colonial—era green space with a tranquil fountain & ponds, plus walking trails & gardens.

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249 Fang Bang Zhong Lu, 四牌楼 Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200000

Summary:

In a bustling shopping district, this large, restored temple complex dates back to the 15th century.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Phone:

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Shanghai Botanical Garden

China, Shang Hai Shi, Xu Hui Qu, 龙吴路997号 邮政编码: 200231

Summary:

Botanical garden featuring over 200 acres of domestic & exotic plants, including orchids & bonsai.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

021 5435 2845



The Bund

Zhong Shan Dong Yi Lu, Waitan, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200002

Summary:

Historic, 1,500-meter-long waterside promenade showcasing distinctive modern & colonial buildings.



Jing'an Temple

1686 Nan Jing Xi Lu, 久光 Jing An Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200040

Summary:

Historic Buddhist temple complex comprising 3 main halls & a massive sitting jade Buddha.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

021 6256 6366



Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street

China, Shang Hai Shi, Huang Pu Qu, 南京路步行街6FMF+VXJ 邮政编码: 200001

Summary:

Iconic, bustling stretch of road with many souvenir shops, street vendors, buskers & restaurants.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

021 6352 6638



Qibao Ancient Town

China, Shang Hai Shi, Min Hang Qu, 青年路步行街5933+JGJ 邮政编码: 201101

Summary:

Preserved Song dynasty-era city with stores, workshops, eateries & an ancient temple.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

021 3410 1300



Nanjinglu Street

Nan Jing Lu Bu Xing Jie, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China



Jin Mao Tower

88 Shi Ji Da Dao, Lujiazui, Pu Dong Xin Qu, China, 200120

Summary:

88-story, spired skyscraper offering restaurants, offices, a Grand Hyatt hotel & observation deck.

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People's Park

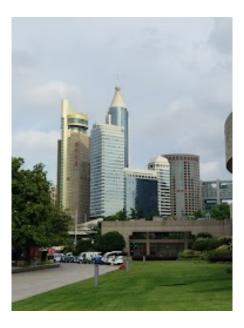
231 Nan Jing Xi Lu, People's Square, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200003

Summary:

Set amid skyscrapers, this urban park offers landscaped lawns & wooded areas, plus a pond & cafe.

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021 6358 6128



Longhua Temple

2853 Long Hua Lu, Xu Hui Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200232

Summary:

This reconstructed 3rd-century Buddhist temple features towers, a library & a traditional garden.

Phone:

021 6456 6085



Zhujiajiao

Zhujiajiao, Qingpu District, Shanghai, China, 201713



Shanghai Wild Animal Park

178 Nan Liu Gong Lu, Pu Dong Xin Qu, China

Summary:

Sprawling 378-acre animal park with 200+ animals, bus tours, animal shows & outdoor habitats.

Phone:

021 6118 0000



Yu Garden

279 Yu Yuan Lao Jie, 四牌楼 Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200000

Summary:

5-acre garden built in 1577 that features Ming dynasty pavilions, ponds, rockeries & arched bridges.

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Shanghai Museum

201 Ren Min Da Dao, People's Square, Huang Pu Qu, China, 200003

Summary:

Huge, free museum with extensive displays including bronze & jade artifacts, sculptures & paintings.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



021 6372 3500



Oriental Pearl TV Tower

1 Shi Ji Da Dao, Lujiazui, Pu Dong Xin Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200120

Summary:

Futuristic TV tower (468-meters tall) offering city vistas, a history museum & revolving restaurant.

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Shanghai Tower

501 Yin Cheng Zhong Lu, Lujiazui, Pu Dong Xin Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China, 200120

Summary:

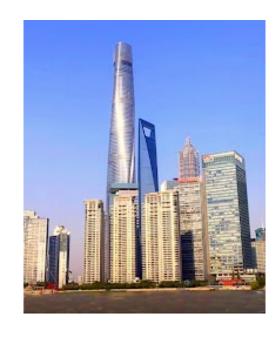
632-m. megatall skyscraper with 2 observation decks, plus restaurants, bars, shops & a hotel.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM Thursday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM Friday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM Saturday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Phone:

021 6199 9766



Fangbang Middle Road

Fang Bang Zhong Lu, Huang Pu Qu, Shang Hai Shi, China