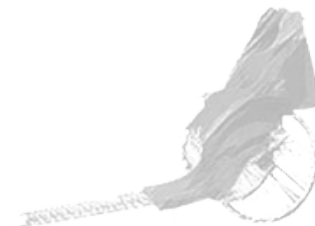




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CHAI LIVING

Experience Shanghai as a (pampered) resident. A collection of beautifully-designed serviced residences in one of the city's Art Deco landmarks, The Embankment Building. Stunning views, a spectacular location and absolutely unique.

PARK HYATT

Stunning Asian-infused contemporary design, impeccable service and sensational views. Sleep in the clouds!

PENINSULA

A fantastic Bund location, superbly designed, well appointed rooms and great F&B options. Treat yourself to a Chinese cooking course with the chef of Yi Long Court, or enjoy afternoon tea in the stylish lobby.

THE PULI HOTEL & SPA

A sleek slab of cool in the hubbub of Shanghai's Nanjing Road West, The Puli Hotel and Spa is a brilliantly located oasis of calm for those in the know. Beautifully designed in a contemporary Asian style, the interior is all dark marble, water-features and well-chosen antiques. A well-heeled global crowd flits through reception in this hip but relaxed Shanghai home. Service is quietly first-rate.

THE SWATCH ART PEACE HOTEL

A unique arts and luxury accommodation concept. The fourth floor of this spectacular heritage building on Shanghai's historic Bund offers three spacious themed suites, a medium sized one, and three rooms. Take the Peace Suite: beautifully-designed to combine contemporary and classic European style, with its 190 square meters of exclusive space, spectacular waterfront views and great choice of toiletries (Molton Brown, hello), this is a truly unique space for relaxing and entertaining.

WALDORF ASTORIA

World-class service in an elegant Bund landmark, the former Shanghai Club. Don't miss the oysters in the old-world Long Bar, or the divine desserts (pumpkin soufflé) at Pelham's.

THE WATERHOUSE AT SOUTH BUND

One of Shanghai's contemporary architectural standouts, this stunningly-designed boutique hotel sits in the hip former docklands area. Unique, young and fun.



IMAGE: COURTESY OF THE WATERHOUSE SHANGHAI

Each region of China has its own take on the humble dumpling, from the hearty meat-stuffed fistfuls in the north to Hong Kong's delicate dim sum. Shanghai's take on the form are the wonderfully-named 'xiaolong bao' or 'little dragon buns': steamed parcels of dough stuff with pork, ginger, rice wine and the city's beloved freshwater crab.

Fortunately Shanghai lets you sample all the many forms of China's dumpling obsession, in everything from slick high-end restaurants to delicious street food.

BI FENG TANG

Fun and affordable Cantonese chain. All the Canto-standards are here, for great comfort food and even better people-watching at the beginning (or end!) of a night out.

DIN TAI FUNG SHANGHAI DUMPLING

Heaven in a contemporary environment with great Taiwan-style service. Watch chefs intricately wrapping your dumplings in the open kitchen. Go for lunch, then again for dinner.

FOUR SEASONS NORTHEASTERN DUMPLING KING

(Huaihai Road and Wanping Road)

This neighborhood restaurant is a long-standing favorite with Shanghai's expats and homesick northerners. Big platefuls of meat-and-veg northern dumplings are a must – especially the coriander-and-pork – and don't forget to order from the excellent menu of authentic northeastern Chinese food.

FUCHUN DUMPLINGS

The authentic local spot for Shanghai's famous Little Dragons. Order by the door and find a table in the bustle. The best place to sample local food the local way. Try the crab dumplings with a bowl of beef soup.

SHEN YUE XUAN

Set in a beautiful villa in a private garden, this hidden gem offers authentic and reasonably priced Cantonese cuisine. Always busy at weekends, but local preferences mean the delightful terrace is often unoccupied. Try the wasabi dumplings.

YANG'S FRIED DUMPLINGS

The go-to chain for crispy pan-fried dumplings, another popular Shanghai style. Follow the sizzle on the street and take your lead from the locals on ordering and eating – careful though, they're hot!

YUE 1525

A Cantonese classic near Zhongshan Park. The 78-seater dining room offers traditional tables and comfortable booths, with a truly suburb selection of Cantonese-style dim sum. A favorite amongst Shanghai's Hong Kong community. Book!



EAT : LUNCH



IMAGE: COURTESY OF UNICO

BAKER & SPICE

A stylish artisanal bakery from the successful Wagas group. Bagels, cakes, baguettes, pastries, sandwiches, the lot. Don't miss the divine cup cakes - Zucchini/Carrot, anyone!

ELEMENT FRESH

Another local chain done good with their 10 plus locations across town. Salads, wraps, Asian sets, breakfast, smoothies and more. Head to their Donghu Lu outlet for beautiful views of the former French Concession from the terrace.

KABB

For great burgers head to Gourmet Café in the Shanghai Center or Kabb in Xintiandi, or to Sasha's on Hengshan Lu for upscale bar food and cocktails in an elegant old mansion with garden.

LA STRADA

Great oven-fired thin-crust pizzas in a cosy dining space, reasonably-priced and always popular! Great coffee and deserts, and plentiful other dining, shopping and entertainment options on the bustling Anfu Road. If the 1st floor is full head to 2nd for Thai or Japanese, or 3rd for continental – all floors run by the same top chef-owner.

SUN WITH AQUA

A full Japanese menu in a contemporary setting on the Bund. Book yourself one of the private rooms with great views over the waterfront.

THE KITCHEN BY SALVATORE CUOMO

High-end Italian on the Pudong riverfront. Its terrace is a jewel, its service consistent and its atmosphere warm.

WO JIA

Shanghainese home-style cooking at its finest. This authentic local joint is a Shanghai institution, great for sampling the true local lifestyle. Two others restaurants, Yuan Yuan , and Old Jessie on Tianping lu, offer similar fare in more comfortable surroundings. Pick your favorite by comparing the braised pork belly (hongshao rou) at each – the quintessential Shanghai dish.

YONGFOO ELITE

Chinese cuisine in an architectural jewel of the former French Concession. Stylish, low key and uniquely Shanghai. Book a table on the terrace and order the Sweet & Sour Mandarin Fish, the steamed Shanghai dumplings and the Gongbao Jiding.

EAT : DINNER



IMAGE: UV - PROPERTY OF LUXURY CONCIERGE CHINA

ART SALON

A unique restaurant-gallery hybrid run by 3 brothers in the former French Concession. Enjoy innovative Shanghai cuisine in an intimate setting packed with antiques and contemporary art. Take a date. With a larger group, head instead to 1221, another Shanghai institution. Though touristy, 1221 offers a great dining experience. The bon bon chicken & the spicy Sichuan prawns are musts. Michelle, the owner, is great and hands on. We are fans!

EL WILLY

Spanish contemporary cuisine on the Bund, truly fun and original like Willy the chef-owner. Don't miss out on the marrow bone with winter mushrooms & mustard on toast. If fully booked ... El Patio. You won't regret it!

FRANCK

A fittingly French bistro in the heart of the former French Concession. Great service, personalized décor, and a stunning selection of wines hand-picked by Franck himself. Drop by Le Petit Franck – just next door – for an aperitif. PS. A Coté, another Franck venture, offers divine pizzas a la Marseillaise!

LOST HEAVEN

The Southeast Asian-style cuisine of China's Yunnan Province is given a modern makeover in Shanghai. Great food in a beautiful Buddha Bar atmosphere. For authentic spice then Guyi is your choice, with its popular Hunan-style cuisine - another Shanghai institution.

QIMIN ORGANIC HOT POT

No visit to the city is complete without experiencing hot pot. Qimin is a great upscale option – set in a beautifully restored mansion, with great service and creative food with healthy ingredients. For a more bustling version head to the Disneyland of hot pot, Hai Di Lao – a famous chain, and rightly so. Look out for the noodle dance performance!

EAT : DINNER



IMAGE: COURTESY OF LOST HEAVEN

MERCATO

Celebrity chef Jean-Georges's latest experiment, a contemporary Italian restaurant on the Bund. Warm décor, beautiful lighting, and great atmosphere. Don't miss out on the Ricotta Cheese with Strawberry Jam. The pizzas are equally divine!

MR & MS BUND

A modern French eatery on the Bund which draws a fun and funky crowd. Good value for money and open late. The Lemon & Lemon Tart is a must, as is the foie gras crumble and the Long Short Rib Terriyaki. Drop by Bar Rouge upstairs for a drink.

PIN CHUAN

An elegant standout in the city's ever-popular Sichuan cuisine options, housed in a converted mansion in the heart of the former French Concession. The food is as authentic as it comes, with flourishes at the creative end of what Sichuan cuisine can do – spicy, but with a smoky depth and variety of cooking methods. The tea-smoked duck with sticky rice is a favorite. Great service and a decent wine list too.

SICHUAN CITIZEN

Sichuan food in a contemporary setting, with a wide array of reasonably priced dishes and a fine wine list. Beware, when they say spicy they mean it! If fully booked, head to Xibo, one of the city's most popular Xinjiang joints. Modern décor, laid back atmosphere, and tasty cuisine. Double portions of pumpkin dumplings please!

UV

Paul Pairet's latest masterpiece. 1 beautiful table, 5 senses, 10 stylish settings and 22 breathtaking courses. A truly exceptional culinary voyage impeccably executed by a hospitable and professional team. Book well in advance through the website only.

XINDALU CHINA KITCHEN

Beijing Duck in Shanghai? But this place is the real deal. Order a half or whole duck when booking, and enjoy a modern reworking of the northern classic.



EL COCTEL

El Willy's sister venue, specializing in fabulous cocktails. A sit-down-only policy keeps the place intimate and stylish. Superb service and a great crowd.

FLAIR

The city's highest terrace bar, with breathtaking views of Shanghai. Worth the trip across the river to the Pudong Ritz-Carlton.

GLAMOUR BAR

Comfort amidst a fair bit of bling in this Bund institution. Enjoy the seasonal cocktails, the views and the special events.

JZ CLUB

The top venue for live jazz in Shanghai, conveniently located near The Apartment and El Coctel.

LONG BAR

The Waldorf Astoria has brought Asia's longest bar back to life, complete with wood paneling, ceiling fans and appropriate cocktails. Imagine you're back in the roaring 20s!

MOKKOS LAMU

Specializing in Japanese shochu, this intimate neighborhood bar offers the perfect chilled out atmosphere.

MONKEY BAR

Pass through restaurant Madison to find the entrance of this small, hip bar. A Concession favorite amongst locals and expats.

THE APARTMENT

A NY-style bar & lounge complex in the heart of the former French Concession. Enjoy almost a different style – of décor, food, and music – in each room of this revamped factory building. The rooftop terrace is a winner. The group's new club, The Geisha, is a short taxi ride away.

UNICO

A new tapas lounge at 3 on the Bund, by Michelin-starred Argentine chef Mauro Colagreco. A slick contemporary environment with food to match.

VUE

This bar at the top of the Hyatt on the Bund offers stunning views, this time from a Puxi perspective. Book the terrace with its Jacuzzi for a private party.



IMAGE: UNICO COCKTAIL BAR

DANCE

BAR ROUGE

Simply an institution. Shanghai decadence with a spectacular terrace and world-renowned DJs.

CLUB 88

See how clubbing is done by the young and wealthy in today's China - bling in full effect! Phebe Club is another great option. Where kitsch & a whole lot of fun mix.

HOLLYWOOD

Sexy nerds, freaks, Italians doing it better (really)..... It's all at Hollywood, Shanghai's after-hour club. Book yourself a table on the second floor and dance til the sun comes up. Then for breakfast drop by Xin Wang on Changle Lu and Maoming Lu, for some local fare amongst the other night owls. An experience!

LOLA

The perfect French Concession neighborhood bar, which transforms to a partial club late-on. Popular amongst the expat community.

MINT

A contemporary-style restaurant, bar and club. Mind the baby sharks in the entrance and the international celebs on the dance floor.

SHELTER

Grungy and full of fun for the late-nighters. Local spin doctors at their best, near other good Concession haunts.



IMAGE: COURTESY OF EL COCTEL



IMAGE: COURTESY OF AMANFAYUN

DONGTAI LU ANITQUES MARKET

Antiques, Mao memorabilia, and weird and wonderful souvenirs of all kinds. We love it!

DISCOVER THE FORMER FRENCH CONCESSION

with Spencer M. Dodington, co-director of Luxury Concierge China & senior architecture expert

ERA ACROBATICS SHOW

Spectacular acrobatics show - China's ancient tradition reworked with lights and music for the modern audience.

THE FRIDAY MUSLIM MARKET

Rice pilaf and lamb dumplings at their most authentic at this weekly pre-prayers market for Shanghai's Muslim community. Go at 12 to catch the crowds and witness another side of Shanghai. Simple, fun and authentic.

FUXING PARK

In the heart of the former French Concession, designed by the French a hundred years ago, this is one of downtown's most pleasant green spaces, filled with locals busy with a colorful array of pastimes – from kite-flying to ballroom dancing!

JEWISH REFUGEE MUSEUM

A moving memorial to the thousands of Jewish refugees that fled to Shanghai from Europe in the 1930s and 40s. Housed in the old synagogue of the former Jewish Ghetto, this is a fascinating glimpse into a forgotten part of Shanghai's heritage.

LANES

Shanghai's hidden gems, the old residential lanes of downtown are an architectural blend of East and West – half European terrace, half Chinese courtyard – that are unique to Shanghai, and fast-disappearing. Wander amongst them enjoying their peace and quiet and former upper-class elegance.

LUPU BRIDGE

Climb to the top for some mild exercise and breathtaking views of the city.

MAUS

Museum of Arts & Urbanity Shanghai: Preservation of historical Chinese architecture, with entire structures restored and rebuilt on the grounds, combined with Contemporary Chinese Art (CCA). Unique and off the beaten track.

MOGANSHAN 50 ART AREA

The city's hub for Chinese contemporary art. Artist studios mingle with galleries large and small to create one of the city's most successful creative districts.





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ROCKBUND ART MUSEUM

A large contemporary art space, in a splendid Art Deco Building restored by British architect David Chipperfield

SHANGHAI HISTORY MUSEUM

Often forgotten beneath the pink baubles of the Pearl Orient TV Tower in Pudong, this little museum has surprisingly fascinating displays about the eventful history and changing life of our city.

SHANGHAI MUSEUM

World-beating collections of ancient Chinese art, porcelain, bronzes, jade, furniture and more. The best museum in China.

SHANGHAI PROPAGANDA POSTER ART CENTRE

A unique collection of thousands of Chinese posters from the last hundred years. This private museum is a fascinating record of China's social & political history.

SHANGHAI SIDEWAYS

Tour the city in a funky 1930's sidecar.

SHANGHAI WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER OBSERVATION DECK & SKYWALK

Go to the 100th floor at night before the lights go off and take in the city's stunning skyline.

THE NINTH SHANGHAI BIENNALE

– 98 Artists, 27 countries. The Theme: REACTIVATION. At the all new Power Station of Art – until March 2013.

URBAN PLANNING EXHIBITION CENTER

The massive scale model of the city on the 4th floor is amazing, a testament to the redevelopment going on around you and a great introduction to our fascinating city.

YIFU THEATER

The city's main theater for Chinese opera, home to the Shanghai Peking Opera company. Holds regular highlights shows of both Peking and other popular Chinese opera forms. Enjoy the spectacular costumes, the singing, fighting and acrobatic skills of the highly-trained performers of this ancient art-form.



For special experiences and privately guided tours, please contact
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WELLBEING



IMAGE: APSARA SPA

The city has an abundance of wonderful spas to choose from, from traditional foot reflexology performed by the blind, to up-market 5-star spas. Sit back, relax and enjoy! Some of the best addresses are:

APSARA

457 Shanxi Bei Lu near Beijing Xi Lu
6258 5580 | 10:30am - midnight

ANANTARA SPA AT THE PULI

The Puli Hotel, 3/F, 1 Changde Lu, near Yan'an Lu
3251 8990 | 10am – 10pm

BANYAN TREE SPA

Bund Centre, Westin Hotel,
3/F, 88 Henan Zhong Lu, near Yan'an Lu
6335 1888 | 10 am - midnight

CHI SPA

Pudong Shangri-La, Grand Tower,
6/F 33 Fucheng Lu, near Lujiazui Huan Lu
5877 1503 | 10 am - midnight

ESPA AT THE PENINSULA

The Peninsula, 32 Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, near Beijing Dong Lu
2327 6599 | Mon - Fri, 11am - 12am Sat - Sun, 10am - 12am

GREEN MASSAGE

58 Taicang Lu, near Songshan Lu
5386 0222 | 10.30am – 2am

YUAN SPA

Hyatt on the Bund, 1/F, 199 Huangpu Lu, near Qingpu Lu
10am until midnight



BUY BUY BUY

DONG LIANG

This 3 story, multi-brand brand boutique located in the Former French Concession is as hip as it gets. Garments, accessories & more from some 20 independent local designers.

FACTORY FIVE

China's reputation as the land of the humble bike might seem under threat in these days of car-mania. But bikes are staging a comeback with the in-crowd here at Factory Five. For serious bikers looking for custom frames, hipsters after recycled classic Chinese brands like Forever or Phoenix, or anyone just wanting to tinker over a beer and obsess about bikes, this is The place.

HAN FENG

Chinese contemporary women's clothes and accessories, with a focus on luxurious new materials.

LUBAN LU FABRIC MARKET

Design your own collection at this 4-storey mall, where clothes can be measured, made and delivered in just a few days. Fun and affordable – be sure to bargain!

MARY CHING

Stylish stilettos and slippers from Australian-Chinese designer Alison Yeung.

PLB CASHMERE

This retail chain offers a range of cashmere products. Good value & beautifully designed.

SHANG XIA

Hermès' Chinese design concept, a first for a global luxury brand in China, Shang Xia fuses contemporary style with Chinese traditions, offering beautiful apparel, decor and accessories that are at once uniquely Asian and utterly Hermès.

SONG FANG MAISON DE THÉ

The city's 'Masion de Thé' for special tea blends in elegantly kitsch caddies!

SPIN CERAMICS

A modern take on China's traditional art-form, combining elegance with ancient craft with cheeky humor.

TIANZIFANG AT TAI KANG LU

Shanghai's Greenwich Village or Portobello Road: a trendy pedestrian neighborhood of cafés, bars and boutiques.



For detailed addresses, please visit
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OUT OF TOWN



Shanghai is an easy day-trip distance from some great sights and cities in the surrounding region, allowing you to sample the best traditional China has to offer.

HANGZHOU

Hangzhou nestles beside the famous West Lake, a beauty spot whose scenery has inspired painters and poets for generations, and whose hills grow the best green tea in China. A great place for rest and relaxation boasting a wealth of world-class accommodation options, such as the recently opened Four Seasons Resort, the Hyatt Regency, and the renowned Amafayun Resort.

MOGANSHAN

Shanghai's colonial-era summer getaway, one hundred years ago Westerners built a small village on this picturesque mountain not far from Hangzhou (1 hour's drive, 4 hours from Shanghai). Unique for its historical European and Art Deco-style villas, the area is now a popular but still tranquil getaway, perfect for unwinding from the urban pace. Accommodation options include Naked Retreats, a well-serviced retreat concept where you stay in converted rural houses, or the newly-opened Naked Stables Private Reserve, with stunning purpose-built houses with spectacular views atop a mountain ridge.

SUZHOU

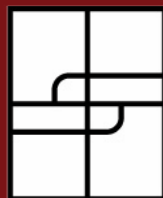
A city world-famous for its wealth and culture in ancient times, today visitors are drawn to the beautiful UNESCO-listed traditional gardens, the sumptuous local cuisine and the spectacular Suzhou Museum designed by local son IM Pei.

WUZHEN

Hire a car and venture out to the distant past in this serene water village – no tour group megaphones allowed – on the old Grand Canal. Stay at one of the affordable guesthouses and wake up amongst ancient canals and stone bridges.

Bon Voyage!





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