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Discover Shanghai

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Shanghai is one of China's most exciting and exotic cities that has welcomed travelers for over a century. Currently at the heart of the nations' economic revival, Shanghai offers its visitors a complete mélange of attractions including great shopping and dining, cultural sights and entertainment like no other place in the world. With its own unique take on Chinese traditions and Western culture, Shanghai is definitely a place to visit while on vacation!

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Where is Shanghai?

Shanghai sits on the Huang Pu River that runs into the Yangtze in the central-eastern part of China. A coastal city on the Yangtze River Delta, Shanghai is mostly flat and low.

Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces border Shanghai to the west and the East China Sea and the Hangzhou Bay border it to the west and south. Shanghai literally means "on the sea" in Chinese.

Shopping in Shanghai

Shanghai has a great destination for shopping enthusiasts. From ancient Chinese artifacts to trendy wear, Shanghai has it all! Western-styled shopping malls, huge department stores, small street stalls and shops and colorful open-air markets can be found all over the city.

Shanghai has some of the best antiques in main land China, and is also known for its variety in Chinese silk. Jewelry here can be found at bargain prices, especially jade, gold, silver, and freshwater pearls. As with most Asian cities bargaining is a must while shopping.

The best place to shop in Shanghai's is Nanjing Lu, which has many modern shopping malls and department stores. For the best of fashion and accessories, the Maoming Lu/Changle Lu area is the best. Taikang Lu has some of the most fashionable boutiques in the city with everything from designer handbags to expensive silk is being sold here. Maison Mode, Raffles City and Plaza 66 are all great department stores, while shops like Taikang Art Factory, Xintiandi and Yu Garden Bazaar are the perfect places to buy local crafts and wares.

Shanghai Nightlife

The night never ends in Shanghai – with the city's huge list of things to do past sundown. Acrobatics, musicals, opera, dance and theatre performances can be found all over the city. There is also an endless lineup of nightclubs and bars in the city with live bands playing each night. The Shanghai International Jazz Concert Series is held in the second week of November each year in Shanghai.

For the clubber, Shanghai has some

of the best dance clubs and discos in the country. Pu-J's Big Top in the Grand Hyatt Hotel is one of the most popular ones for travelers and locals alike. The Ark Live House, Dr Bar, Le Club at La Maison, Soho Pub and TMSK are also all great places to visit and party till the wee hours of the morning.

Dining Out in Shanghai

Shanghai has many great restaurants, pubs, bars, cafés and coffee shops to dine out in for every occasion-from the casual lunch with friends to an exotic business dinner.

The Darling Harbour Xin Gai Nian Chuan Cai, Wen Hao Za Liang Shi Fu, the Atrium Café and the Roxy Bar & Grill are some great places to eat for a casual dining experience. For the more expensive and classic meals, the T8, Shintori Null II, Yongfoo Élite, and M on the Bund are excellent places to go to. The more reasonable restaurants include Hot Pot King, Simply Thai, Nooch Noodle Bar, and Grape.

Not to Miss Attractions

Oriental Pearl TV Tower

Standing 468 meters high, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower is one of the highest towers in Asia, and provides tourists with breath taking panoramic views of the city. The ground floor features a shopping area, cafe, and an international city exhibit. It also offers deluxe conference rooms that have hosted leaders and VIPs from around the world.



Oriental Pearl TV Tower

Moganshan Road Art District

If you'd like to see what's happening on the contemporary art scene in China, take a taxi to Moganshan Road near Suzhou Creek. Once just factories and warehouses, the area is now a thriving art colony full of galleries and art houses.



Yu Garden.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen Former Residence and Memorial Hall

Considered the forerunner of the revolution, the home of Doctor Sun Yat-sen and his wife, Soong Qing Ling, has been lovingly preserved. Open to the public, the beautiful, 1920's home is still furnished and decorated the way it used to be. Visitors enter through the kitchen, where they are required to wear slippers over their shoes to protect the old flooring.

Yu Garden & Bazaar

For a taste of the traditional style Chinese architecture, visit the city's Yu Garden and shopping bazaar. Wander through the lanes and alleys and find everything you might want to take home as souvenirs from silk pajamas to chopsticks. Across the way is the entrance to Yuyuan Garden itself where you can follow crowds through a classical Ming garden.

The Bund

The Bund is one of the most recognizable architectural symbols of Shanghai. "Bund" derives from an Anglo-Indian word for an embankment along a waterfront and that is what it was in the beginning when the British occupied the city. It has been the epitome of elegance throughout its 100-year history. Now many attractions have been built to foster the city's tourism industry. A 771-metre long retaining wall for flood control was built in the past century. Atop the wall is a



Bund's Huangpu Park



Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Former Residence



Shanghai Bund

spacious walkway for sightseeing, paved with colorful tiles and dotted with flower-beds and European-style garden lights. The Bund is a great place for a leisurely stroll and a view of the Huangpu River.



Shanghai Xiaolongbao (soup dumpling)