

Shanghai attractions

■ Nanjing Road

Hours Most shops are open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (10:00 p.m. weekends)

Phone (021) 5353 1118

Admission Free

Though it's a shopping street first and foremost, the real attraction is the parade of people: hustlers looking for easy tourist marks, Chinese families on holiday, foreign tour groups wandering past in matching outfits, kids playing, Shanghainese office workers, migrant kebab vendors, Chinese pixies pushing cosmetics—you'll see them all on Nanjing Dong Lu if you have a little patience. If you're not in a shopping mood, just grab a snack and a drink (the smaller streets to the north of the main drag offer the best—and cheapest—street foods) and watch the world go by

■ Oriental Pearl TV Tower

Hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Phone (021) 5879 1888

Admission RMB 70 (lowest sphere and observation deck); RMB 85 (middle sphere); RMB 135 (highest sphere)

Rising above the **Huangpu River** and **Pudong** skyline like something out of an old science fiction flick, the Oriental Pearl Tower holds a special place in Shanghai's recent history. Before the early 1990s, the east bank of the Huangpu was a low-rise jumble of warehouses and muddy settlements. The erection of the tower, completed in 1995, served as a symbolic declaration of Shanghai's future-forward orientation and grand ambition

■ The Bund

Hours 24 Hours

Phone (021) 6323 1268

Admission Free

For many, the Bund (Waitan to the locals) is the face of Shanghai. Even as the city transforms itself, growing upwards and outwards at a tremendous rate, the Bund's Art Deco and Neoclassical facades appear much as they did during Shanghai's previous heyday as China's most international city, way back in the 1920s and '30s. Of course, the surroundings have changed radically since then.

■ Xintiandi

Hours 24 Hours

Phone (021) 6311 2288

Website www.xintiandi.com/english/index_e.asp

Admission Free

The narrow brick lanes and communal courtyards that define *shikumen*—a unique blend of Chinese and Western architectural features.

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As a re-creation born out of the sprawls of Shikumen housing, Shanghai Xintiandi, "The City's Living-Room" is a place to unwind and relax after a long day. A window to the past and the future, to China and the world. Shanghai Xintiandi's Shikumen attraction was created by converting residential blocks into a multifunctional dining, retail and entertainment center flowing with restaurants, boutiques, cafes and bars of an international standard. The Shikumen buildings within Shanghai Xintiandi retain the antique walls, tiles and exterior of the Shikumen housing of old Shanghai, while the internal spaces have been designed and decorated to suit the up tempo lifestyle of the 21st century urbanites, with infinite details that exude the casual elegance of modern city living. Shanghai Xintiandi is where "yesterday meets tomorrow in Shanghai today."



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