

**Menu**

Five dining hotbeds around the Bund and buzzing Wintand area in the hip French Concession area.

**Old Shanghai** - Jingjiao like in an enchanting 'old Shanghai' villa housing an oriental garden and traditional Shanghai cuisine with a twist ([yongfao.com](http://yongfao.com)).

**Contemporary cooking** - ecological cooking station at Parkling Shangri-La Yi 450 give a fun, interactive experience. It is a great choice for Sunday brunch ([shangri-la.com](http://shangri-la.com)).

**Sky-high dining** - spanning the apt to grand floors of the Park Hyatt, 100 Century Avenue is the world's highest bar and restaurant, boasting panoramic views from 35-metre floor-to-ceiling windows ([parkhyattshanghai.com](http://parkhyattshanghai.com)).

**Guests adore** the historic three on the Bund building houses Shanghai's most exclusive restaurants, including celebrity chef David Lee's seafood at Curio, the French cuisine of Jean Georges Vongerichten and designer Chinese at the 'Whisperer Club' ([www.curio.com](http://www.curio.com)).

**Meet**

The former abode of 1853 is a trendy private meeting and events space in the happening cultural district of Hongkou ([1853-shanghai.com/venue.html](http://1853-shanghai.com/venue.html)).

**Must-do**

Hiring a lot of guide will be beneficial. Yu Yuan Gardens - striking Ming Dynasty ornamental temple architecture, intricate colored pathways and tea in the Mid-Lake Pavilion Terrace.

People's Square - home to the Shanghai Grand Theatre, Music art of Contemporary Art and Urban Planning Exhibition Centre, which features a scale model of the city. The view is 30-layers of domes like the Park Hyatt's Winter Edge - intimate pool.

Strange but true - the city has the world's largest barbers store ([barbershanghai.com](http://barbershanghai.com)).

**Rooms**

**We stayed at...**  
The Park Hyatt - occupying levels 74 to 93 of the tallest skyscraper in the world. The Bund Soft Spinning Material Market at 304 Lu Jia Bang Rd. Talier Dree outlets make quality suits in a more civil environment ([talierdree.com](http://talierdree.com)), while many hotels can set up the service for guests.

Market madness - Dong Tai Lou Boutique Market near Simindan is fun, as the 'happily popular' 'topus market' at 450 Nanjing Road in People's Square.

**Mix**

The Bund is the high class answer to Xintiandi's buzzing look, cafe's and clubs, with the intimate members club MAC.

It is "cross-magic," the iconic lounge, the nearby Six Club, Six and Lounge 18. Raising the bar, the Viceroy on the 3 and 3rd floors of the Hyatt on the Bund's West Tower. Features an outdoor terrace and a whirlpool bath ([shanghai.hyatt.com](http://shanghai.hyatt.com)).

**Band beauty** - the popular Glamour bar at No. 3 The Bund has a cocktail, any wine and other great view of Pudong skyline ([no-3band.com](http://no-3band.com)).

**Go to roll show** in the know hang out in the Park Hyatt's chic cinema bar at lobby level ([parkhyattshanghai.com](http://parkhyattshanghai.com)).

**Cooker cook all** the lobby bar on 16 floor has "Microstructure," a solid molecule created by Thierry Hermès of 160a Antinze, Paris ([160a.com](http://160a.com)).



**THE INSIDER**

Wesley Kang is British Airways' airport manager for the China region. "I usually don't keep my eyes on the plane to go for at the luxury hotels, but the whole staff is popular with the guests and employees. You should be interested in the traditional Fuzhou Food, also known as Shanghai Old Street, packed with street selling vendors, hand-made and all sorts of tea. A typical Saturday night for me would often meet at 12:00 or 16:00 Shanghai, followed by drinks at Bar Hugo, before heading to the club and bar at Party Place, such as Park 42 and Kubrick. Along Rui 3rd Road, there are some boutique bars ensuring classic settings."

Chinese film festival - The 20th Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF) is held in the Park Hyatt's Winter Garden. From the Bund the Park Hyatt's 15th floor ([www.siff.com](http://www.siff.com)).

**Hot Shanghai** - a design-led boutique hotel in Pudong where guests tend to be fashion and media execs. All 55 rooms and penthouse suite feature funky pop art and artefacts, and quirky table-top amenities. The award-winning Indian fusion restaurant has great buzz, or does the hotel's first-floor bar ([www.stayingroad.com](http://www.stayingroad.com)).

**Four Seasons Shanghai** - with its striking five-story facade with eight palm trees, you can see why this traditional hotel remains popular with US and Russian businessmen and politicians. Everyone from the Backham to Edward Norton and most famous has stayed here. The Cantonese favourite in the Si Ji Room restaurant are worth exploring out for. The lack of English-speaking reception staff and doorman was compensated for by a savvy concierge desk ([www.fourseasons.com/shanghai](http://www.fourseasons.com/shanghai)).

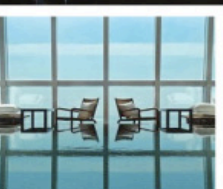
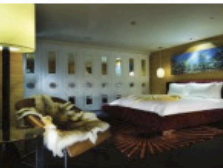


**We also like...**

**Palace Shanghai** - 14 great restaurants, Band views, outstanding service and one of the best spots in Shanghai, 33 Pu Cheng Rd, no 86, 21 6882 8888, [shangri-la.com](http://shangri-la.com)

**The Langham Yangtze Boutique** - the new art deco, 66-room property is just yards from People's Square and has a Michelin-rated restaurant, 740 Hankou Road, no 66, 21 6860 6866, [yangtzeboutique.langhamhotels.com](http://yangtzeboutique.langhamhotels.com)

**The Pull Hotel Land** and Spaceliving - coming early due to the 14-room swimming pool and gym. The 149-room Pull leaves the 31-metre Long Bay, while the restaurant and spa are pool overlook ([www.pull.com](http://www.pull.com)).



**The Peninsula** - scheduled to open in September, the 252-room hotel will offer a race from location, F&A, spa and in-room technology to rival a Raffles property, 34 The Bund no 66, 21 627 4646, [peninsula.com/shanghai](http://peninsula.com/shanghai)

**URBN** - a 27-room design hotel that has received awards for its carbon-neutral interiors of open air, exposed brick, cozy, clubwoods and light beams of colour. But it is not that centrally located, 14 Jiaobai Road, no 66, 21 5151 4600, [urbnhotel.com](http://urbnhotel.com)

**How to book**

Kuoni offers a five-night trip to Shanghai from £1,481, staying at the Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai in a superior room. Price includes breakfast, economy flights with British Airways and private transfers. 02020 747006, [kuoni.com](http://kuoni.com)



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**When to go**  
Spring and autumn are best for seeing gardens and parks in their glory.

**Getting there**  
British Airways flies from London, with fares from £1,477 (848 £481) direct. BA.com, [qatarairways.com](http://qatarairways.com), Cathay Pacific, and China Eastern also fly from London. Shanghai Pudong International is 25 minutes from the city. The Shanghai Metro 'Line 2' will reach the city in eight months.

**Getting around**  
Metrocards are cheap but drivers can be erratic and passengers are advised to sit their carriage to with their destination and note address in Chinese characters for them.

**Who goes**  
The Four Seasons Shanghai and Si Ji Room are ideal for couples and families. Paris HQ is frequented by loved of the high end business and Julia Law at the Park Hyatt.

**Wow factor**  
Reopened the 100 Shanghai's penthouse suite. Guests can visit the 16th floor where there are also great food scenes here. The huge living areas feature a view of the Bund.

**Useful contacts**  
China Airlines, Tourist Office 021 2371 0888, 24-hour multilingual for a visa at the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre 021 2842 0862, [chinaonline.com.cn](http://chinaonline.com.cn)

**Time**  
GMT+8

**Currency**  
RMB (¥) - 1 RMB = 100 cents (renminbi)

**In touch**  
The 480 code is 00 86. If international calls are costly. Mobile coverage can be poor. Many hotels have free Wi-Fi ([www.114.com.cn](http://www.114.com.cn)).

**Culture and etiquette**  
Tipping is not required. Offer your business card with both hands and look at the other side and hand it over. Offer half the beer for people when starting the fridge for the first time.

**Open to watch**  
Among the many new restaurants open in the Yangtze area of the Bund, the new 16th floor Langham Yangtze Boutique, Park Hyatt and the Park Hyatt Shanghai, which serves Japanese cuisine overlooking Jing'an Concourse.

