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## Visit of Shanghai and its outskirt.

These are below **the main places of interest** we suggest you to visit in Shanghai.

For all of them **we can accompany you** so that you make the most of your trip; You will **save time and energy** and **discover the most distinctive** places of the city. We will **help you also save money as we will negotiate for you** all the items you want to buy.

We can also:

-Advice **and book for you the best and charming restaurants** for lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch (suggestion given on request for Chinese Food, Thai food, Indian food, Japanese, French, Fusion...); Hotels...

-Answer all kind of requests **according to people's interests.**

You want:

- Get out of the main tourist paths,
- Enjoy Shanghai in a way as if you have been living there for many years,
- Go shopping for buying jewels (Jade, fresh water pearls...), bronze statues, Chinese furniture, oriental carpets, cashmere? Antics?
- Have tailor-made clothes?
- Go to hairdresser?
- Try a good traditional foot or body massage?
- Go pedicure, manicure...
- Try one of the 10<sup>th</sup> golf clubs of Shanghai?
- Enjoy the traditional ceremony of Tea degustation

Other idea? **Just tell us what is your concern and we will help you find the best way for it!**

**Please see \*\*\* for the places that we recommend you to visit with a guide because less touristic, need more information or risk of missing some essential/typical, hidden aspects.**



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## Places to visit

### \*\*\* OLD CITY OF SHANGHAI

Enjoy this old unique place of Shanghai where traditional architecture let you feel that you are really in China. -Yu Yuan Garden is the unique traditional Chinese-style garden in Shanghai -Yu Yuan bazaar hosts hundreds of curiosity and art craft shops

- Old traditional Chinese pharmacy established in 1783
- experience a traditional ceremony of tea in all the tea shops of the area or in the authentic tea house of shanghai, built in 1784, located at the middle of the zigzag bridge
- walk in the old street around that will be destroyed soon

**XINTIANDI:** This is an historical spot of Shanghai as it hosted before the printing factory that edited Mao Tse Tung first pamphlets. In 2002 the area was renovated and has turned now into one of the trendiest place of Shanghai with luxury shops, fashion designers and fine restaurants.

You can also visit Mao TSE Tung museum and the shikhumen museum and walk around in the street.

**JADE BUDHA TEMPLE:** still a living temple with more than 100 monks; it is one of the most interesting temple of Shanghai to visit.

It is said that it remained undestroyed during the Cultural Revolution thanks to the courage of its monks that hanged portraits of Mao Tse Tung to its doors.

Close at 16pm

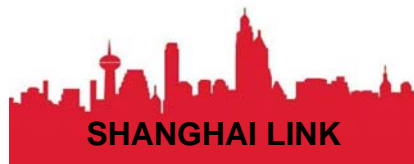
**LONG HUA BUDHA TEMPLE:** is the oldest and largest temple in Shanghai and also worth to visit. Close at 16 pm

\*\*\* **If you are interested by ART**, you will discover that Shanghai is not only a city turning into business but also a cultural and artistic place. Indeed, the frenetic rhythm of the city, the mutations and the less phenomenon of censure... are the fertile ground for the emergence of new concepts...

Shanghai attracts everyday an increasing number of foreign and Chinese artists.

The conversion of many factories into Art galleries along the Suzhou River gives opportunity of real surprises. Down town, some art galleries and museum are also worth visiting.

You can have the chance also to have appointment with Chinese artists.



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### **Duolun Lu, cross Sichuan Bei lu;**

Enjoy a walk in the old cultural street of Shanghai. In the 20's, many writers, especially members of the left Wing Writer's league, and generals of the Kuomintang were living in this street. The frenetic change of the city seem to have spared Duolun street as it is now a pedestrian street bordered by old Chinese or colonial houses

slightly renovated and turned into art gallery, cafés, many interesting craft shops, private collections (At n°166 you have for instance a nice collection of Chinese shadows made of cow skin, other place you will find collections of Chinese porcelain, old Sh postcards, Mao's badges, coins collections...).

-On the way you will see the bronze statues of the main writers of the period.

-1 catholic church

-Do not miss also the interesting museum of modern Art (Ma Montart) at the end of the street (240 Duolun lu)

### **\*\*\* FRENCH CONCESSION:**

**Established in 1849, This was once home of majority of French citizen and also of all kind of people from the richest to the poorest...**

- Okura Garden is now a famous hotel of the downtown city. It was previously the sport and leisure center of the French people and the place is interesting as it can let you imagine the luxury and the way of life of this period.

-Museum of art and crafts, formally the residence of the French consul is an old colonial house in a nice park.

-Soong Qing Ling mansion built in the 1920's in the shape of a boat.

-The former Residence of Sun Yatsen

-Shou Enlai's former home is also to be visited

-Do take time to wander in the lined tree avenues : between others wulumuqi, changle lu, xinle lu, taikang lu, Fuxingle lu

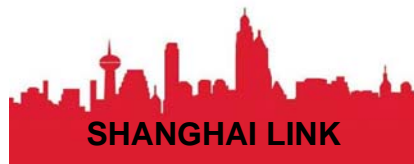
There are several walks that can be done from 2 to 4 hours, *please see file on French concession*

### **THE BUND**

The bund is the most famous quayside of the East; it offers magnificent view on the European style architecture dating beginning of the 20 th century and also on the most futurist and recent part of Shanghai on the other side of the Huangpu River. Between other, have a look at The Peace Hotel, formerly Sassoon House, which is the symbol of Art Deco in shanghai. Do visit the Top luxury shops on this Avenue.

Walk on the Bund and step by step recognize each building, their history, their creation, their function, their style...as in the beginning of the century; For this discovery, we'll be helped by the tourist guide called "Along the Bund" that gives explanation of the history of all the buildings located there

**Having a cruise** by day or at night for including a diner or not on the Huangpu River is also a good way of discovering these 2 sides of Shanghai.



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## **PUDONG:**

- Visit the highest and most luxurious tower of Shanghai : Jin Mao Tower.
- Have a look at what will be the highest tower of the world that has started to be constructed one year ago just next to the Jin Mao tower.
- Visit the very interesting museum of History of Shanghai located at the basement of the

telecommunication tower called the Pearl Tower. They have reconstructed lots of streets with all the shops and life as in the beginning of 20th Century; there is also the noise of the streets and wax- made persons that looks real.

- The very modern Aquarium of Pudong is also worth of interest

## **PEOPLE SQUARE .**

During the period of foreign concession, People Square was the recreational ground for foreigners offering facilities for swimming, cricket, golf, tennis, soccer...and mostly famous for racing Now it hosts a park and 3 modern buildings worth visiting:

- Great museum of Shanghai
- Shanghai Grant Theater (you can perhaps attend a performance on 1 night)
- Shanghai Urbanization Museum; there, you will enjoy a little scale model of Shanghai city in the prospect of 2010.

## **Also, next to people Square:**

- Have a look at the 85 year-old building: the Shanghai Concert hall
- Visit Madam Tussaud Wax persons Museum
- do shopping in the Nanjing lu

\*\*\* **Old city of Qibao** : Go and explore the old streets of Qibao Town (7 treasures) . Dating back to the Northern Song Dynasty (AD 960 – 1127), the town is only a 15 minute drive from Gubei (24rmb taxi ) . Traditionally known for it's cloth, yarn, carpentry; vestiges of those old crafts can still be seen in the traditional wooden bucket makers and a number of small museums scattered throughout the town. The town is a hub of activity threaded by small, busy alleyways, cut by a beautiful canal and incorporates everything from great sightseeing, historic architecture and fantastic souvenir shopping to amazing street food.



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## Shopping in Shanghai:

If you want to find the main international brands and fashion items, do visit the department **stores**

### **and shopping malls :**

- Plaza 66- Nanjing lu
- Oriental Shopping Centre Nandong
- Shanghai New Hualian department stores
- Orient Shopping centre, Yangpu
- Store Orient Shopping Centre Qingpu
- Super brand mall- Pudong
- Isetan, Nanjing lu
- City Plaza

### **You like the markets and the more typical shops?**

\*\*\* Between others, we suggest **the following:**

\*\*\* The Silk and Fabric Market. Choose the material you want and have clothes made by local tailors in 2 or 3 days.

-Gifts and clothes market.

\*\*\* Curio and Antique market.

-Flower market

-International City pearl centre.

- Tea Markets

\*\*\* Birds and locusts/grasshoppers market

\*\*\* Gubei Flowers, fish and craft market

\*\*\* Chipu lu clothes markets

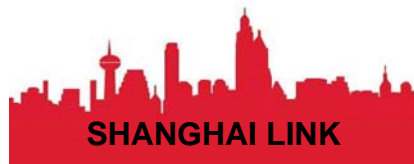
- Maoming lu around N° 86 offers lots of traditional refined clothes boutiques + shoes shops

- other interesting and traditional lanes in French concession around : Wulumuqi lu , changle lu, xinle lu...

For shopping, you can of course go alone, but you will discover that with a guide speaking the mandarin and knowing the good tips, your price will be extremely more reduced than if you had shopped alone.

**FUXING PARC:** located in the city centre, Fuxing Park as well as other parks is place of Chinese social gatherings which inspire calm and peaceful delight.

Early on the morning you will enjoy seeing the groups of Tai Qi Juan and later on, the groups of Go or Mahjong game players,



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**Suggestion of PERFORMANCE, to attend during your stay in Shanghai; the following are all high quality shows in their specialty:**

- Acrobatic show from Shanghai Circus Troup.
- Acrobatic show called " ERA intersection of time".VERY GOOD
- Kunfu Shaolin performance.
- Classical or jazz music concert (depend on calendar)
- Opera Ballet (depend on calendar)
- live music (depending on the calendar) in the shanghai concert hall and also in some restaurant and bar

## **AROUND SHANGHAI: Half day or One day trips**

There are interesting traditional and charming water villages around Shanghai which are called "LITTLE **VENICE**" because they are built on water, criss-crossed by canals and full of small stones bridges; you can choose 1 or visit several on the same day. - \*\*\* **Zhujiajiao**: it is the closest(1 hour) from Shanghai, full of art and craft shops. -Then you have \*\*\* **Zhouzhuang** ; and after \*\*\* **Tongli**, a little further (2 hours), so less popular and more authentic. **Wu Zhen** is another" little Venice" at around 50 minutes from Hangzhou, it is less known and thus more typical.

### **SUZHOU**

- Although it has become a very industrial city and has lost part of its charm, Suzhou remains well-known for its ancient town and for having more than 170 gardens which concentrates expression of the skilful design and artistic style of Chinese gardens.
- Also visit the silk factory
- visit a pearls farm

### **HANGZHOU**

Hangzhou, an ancient city of culture and arts. Despite the crowds of tourists it is still A very nice place to go for a weekend out of the Chinese holiday. Thanks to the motorway is only 2h30 from Shanghai!

- The symbol of the city is the "West Lake", a nice place to wander by boat, or by bicycle.
- Aside from the lake, the most famous attraction is the Buddhist "LIGYIN Temple", built in 326 during the Jin Dynasty.
- A little out from the city are the "Longjing Tea" Plantations, a place producing one of the best-known teas in China



## What to do with kids or teenagers?

- go shopping in the Bazar of Yuyuan
- go shopping for electronics devices in Xujiahui malls
  
- see performance of ERA or Kunfu shaolin
- go to Qipu lu buy clothes
- enjoy the biggest skating park of the world
  - shopping in music shops
  - shopping in DVD shops
  
- buy radio controlled models
- buy a kites -- take the underwater train to go to Pudong to visit Aquarium

## For Future expatriates

### **In case of RELOCATION in Shanghai;**

we will take you in the places you want to visit particularly for your future life here. For instance WE WILL ACOMPANY YOU VISIT the main supermarkets and interesting shops for expat people, the consulates, hospitals and clinic with English speaking staffs. We will go with you **house and school " hunting"** and help you negotiate the lease and all the details. ... We will provide you with in formations and advices useful for expatriates, and also help you link with the persons that can help you in settle down easily (home maids, driver agency, association for kids...).

### **For your BUSINESS TRIP**

- You would like to visit the places where your products are sold out, are displayed?

We will make the lists of the relevant shops according to your products and accompany you visit.

- You want to source or buy some products? We can help you select the right supplier, negotiate prices and export for you.
- airport pick up

- Hotel and restaurant booking
- International 4 / 5 stars hotel or Charming hotel (ex mansion villa; okura garden, peace hotel, Rujing guest hotel, Donghu hotel...)

You Want VIP service, VERY luxury and private services? Just tell us what you wish.