



SHANGHAI

Travel Guide

CHINA

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USEFUL *Tips*

CURRENCY & PAYMENTS

- China's currency is the Yuan (CNY)
- Card payments are rare – use Alipay or WeChat Pay
- Cash is accepted, but less common
- Tipping is not expected

APPS YOU'LL NEED

- Alipay (make sure to complete full ID verification for bike rentals, hotels & payments)
- WeChat (for messaging, payments & reservations)
- Didi (China's version of Uber – essential for rides)
- VPN (needed to access Instagram, Google, WhatsApp, etc.)
- Translate App (Google Translate with offline Chinese downloaded, or Pleco)
- Map App (Apple Maps or Baidu Maps – Google Maps is limited)

CONNECTIVITY

- Buy an eSIM with Chinese data before arrival – cheaper and reliable
Airalo eSim: <https://airalo.tpo.lu/gkJyA2KS>
- Note: Public Wi-Fi is often limited or slow

POWERBANKS

- Only powerbanks with CCC certification are allowed on trains and domestic flights
- These are mostly only sold in China



USEFUL *Tips*

ID & DOCUMENTS

- Always carry your passport (needed for hotels, tickets, police checks)
- Keep a digital backup and paper copy in your bag

EXTRA TIPS

- Many attractions require real-name reservations – book early
- Use WeChat mini programs for bookings, tickets & translations
- Learn a few basic phrases – English is not widely spoken outside tourist areas
- Public toilets may have squat seats only
- Bring your own toilet paper and hand sanitizer – not always available

BASIC PHRASES

ENGLISH	CHINESE	PRONUNCIATION
Hello	你好 (Nǐ hǎo)	Nee haow
Goodbye	再见 (Zàijiàn)	Dzai-jyenl
Yes	是 (Shì)	Shrr
No	不是 (Bù shì)	Boo shrr
Please	请 (Qǐng)	Cheeng
Thank you	谢谢 (Xièxie)	Shieh-shieh



ACCOMMODATION

Booking



JINJIANG INN

Budget Hotel: Gold standard for reliable, clean budget travel in China

Link:

<https://www.trip.com/t/2W8V7q0NaV2>



THE URBN BOUTIQUE SHANGHAI

Mid-range: China's first CO₂-neutral design hotel.

Link:

<https://www.trip.com/t/ZQIOXE6NaV2>



THE PENINSULA SHANGHAI

Luxury: offers arguably the most spectacular, unobstructed view of the Huangpu River and the Pudong skyline,

Link:

<https://www.trip.com/t/pz4ahiCNaV2>



SHANGHAI

Where old-world charm meets futuristic skyline, Shanghai is China's most dynamic and cosmopolitan city. From the historic lanes of the French Concession to the dazzling lights of Pudong, this metropolis blends tradition, innovation, and style. Whether you're into architecture, shopping, or street food, Shanghai has something for every kind of traveler.



THINGS TO DO IN *Shanghai*



YU YUAN GARDEN

A classical Chinese garden with beautiful pavilions, rockeries, and tranquil ponds in the Old City.



THE BUND

Iconic waterfront promenade showcasing colonial-era architecture and stunning views of the modern Pudong skyline.



WUKANG BUILDING & WUKANG ROAD

Historic European-style building and a charming street known for cafés, galleries, and old Shanghai vibes.



M50 ART DISTRICT

A creative hub with contemporary galleries, street art, and studios housed in former factories.



THINGS TO DO IN *Shanghai*



LUJIAZUI

Shanghai's financial district, home to skyscrapers like the Oriental Pearl Tower and Shanghai Tower.



SHANGHAI TOWER

China's tallest building with a sky-high observation deck offering panoramic city views.



1000 TREES (SHANSHUI JING)

A unique urban park with artistic tree installations blending nature and modern design.



TIANZIFANG

A maze of narrow alleys filled with boutiques, cafés, and art shops in a renovated traditional neighborhood.



THINGS TO DO IN *Shanghai*



HOUSE NOWHERE

Minimalist café and concept space blending brutalist architecture with calm aesthetics.



JING'AN TEMPLE

Active Buddhist temple with golden rooftops and incense-scented atmosphere in the city center.



SHANGHAI BOTANICAL GARDEN

A large, peaceful garden with themed sections, greenhouses, and seasonal flowers



NANJING ROAD

Bustling shopping street stretching from People's Square to the Bund, full of lights and stores.



THINGS TO DO IN *Shanghai*



ANFU ROAD

Chic street in the former French Concession, popular for lifestyle boutiques and brunch spots.



XINTIANDI

Modern lifestyle district with Shikumen buildings, restaurants, and nightlife.



FUXING ROAD

Leafy boulevard with colonial architecture, perfect for a walk through old Shanghai.



SHANGHAI DISNEYLAND

World-class Disney theme park with Chinese design touches and epic attractions like Tron.



MUST TRY *Foods and Drinks*



HONG SHAO ROU

Red-Braised Pork Belly, Melt-in-your-mouth pork belly slow-cooked



SHENGJIANBAO

Steamed buns with various fillings like pork, beef, or vegetables.



XIAOLONGBAO

Soup-filled dumplings with a delicate wrapper and savory pork filling. Eat carefully — there's hot broth inside!

OSMANTHUS LATTE:

A signature drink from Shanghai's massive cafe scene, blending rich espresso with the sweet, fragrant, and floral notes of local osmanthus blossoms..



CHINESE RICE WINE

A traditional herbal tonic made with turmeric, ginger, tamarind, and honey, known for its health-boosting properties.



TRADITIONAL CHINESE TEA

If you're exploring China's food culture deeply, tea is foundational — not just a drink, but a whole philosophy and ritual.





PACKING *list*

CLOTHES

- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Bras
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Pullover
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Jeans
- ☐ Pants
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Dresses/skirts
- ☐ Swimsuits
- ☐ Hats
- ☐ Sandals, Shoes

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste
- ☐ Razor
- ☐ Deodorant/Perfume
- ☐ Shampoo, Conditioner
- ☐ Hair Brush
- ☐ Facial Cleanser
- ☐ Face Lotion, Moisturizer
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Makeup
- ☐ Makeup Remover
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Tissue
- ☐ Medication
- ☐ Nail set
- ☐ Tampon / Contraceptive

MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Keys
- ☐ Travel Documents
- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Wallet
- ☐ Cash, Credit Cards
- ☐ Pen
- ☐ Book or Magazine
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Visum
- ☐ Tickets

ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Smartphone
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Adapter
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Charger
- ☐ Tripod