

Shanghai

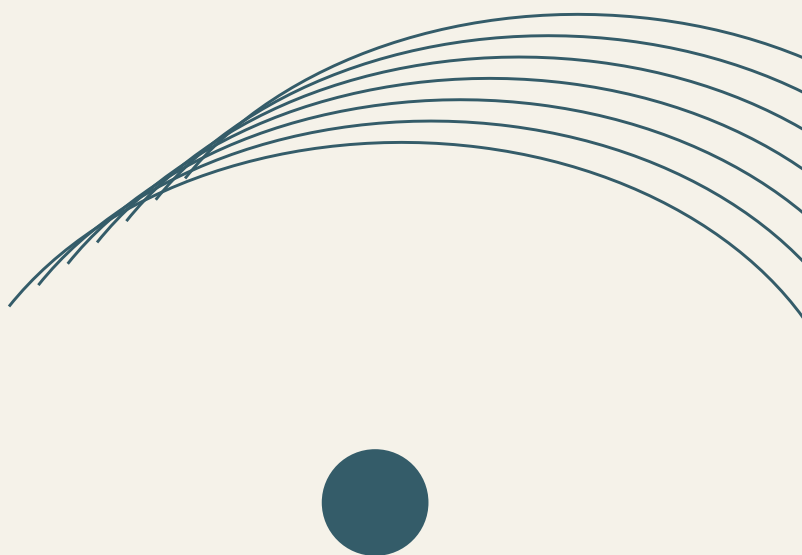
Shanghai, street by street

Three days of riverfront architecture, neighbourhoods and art

Independent routes. Practical decisions. Space to explore.

Inside: a usable plan, transport decisions, budget worksheet, Chinese search names and official source links.

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CHINA SIDEWAYS / 01 / ORIENTATION

Choose your base, then your days

This guide fits

Visitors who prefer architecture, museums and wandering to a packed shopping schedule.

The route logic

Treat Shanghai as several neighbourhood days rather than one giant attraction list. The waterfront, leafy streets around Wukang Road and an art museum each offer a different pace. A museum branch name matters as much as the museum name.

People's Square / central Huangpu

A practical first-visit base with central transport choices. Confirm the walking distance to the station exit rather than judging by the district name.

Jing'an

Useful if you want neighbourhood dinners and access to several parts of the city. Look for a hotel on a smaller street with straightforward metro access.

Xuhui

Good for a slower neighbourhood focus. A leafy address does not automatically mean a short trip to the Bund or Pudong; compare the actual routes.

Three full sightseeing days are assumed. If arrival/departure uses one of them, remove a day or extend your stay.

CHINA SIDEWAYS / 02 / DAY 1

A river and two skylines

MORNING / The Bund

Walk a section of the waterfront and look back at the buildings as well as across the river. Start with one end of the promenade and choose a comfortable turnaround point. This is an architecture walk, not a requirement to photograph every facade.

AFTERNOON / Yu Garden area

Travel to the old-city garden area for a change of scale. Distinguish the ticketed garden from the adjoining shopping streets. Choose the garden if you want landscape design; choose a short street circuit if you mainly want food and atmosphere. Leave a lunch break between the waterfront and garden.

EVENING / One river view

Choose either the Bund after dark or a confirmed observation-deck visit in Pudong. You do not need both. If crossing the river, check the route home first. A skyline view is enjoyable without attaching an expensive meal or cruise to it.

Decision before you go

Check garden admission and the current entry gate. Bad-weather version: spend the morning in a museum and move the waterfront to the clearest part of the day.

Pacing rule: one main activity per half-day. Add lunch, rest and the actual transfer between areas. The order is a suggestion, not a timed booking.