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Top Itineraries

Day One

The Bund (p52)  
☀ First stop, follow the sweep of architectural pomp along the Bund and savour the art-deco grandness of the Fairmont Peace Hotel, before walking along the riverside promenade to pixelate Pudong across the Huangpu River. Art lovers can swoop upon the Rockbund Art Museum, while architecture fans can revel in the highlights of Yuanmingyuan Road. Head west along East Nanjing Rd past shoppers to People's Square.

People's Square (p65)  
☀ Immerse yourself in the outstanding collection of the Shanghai Museum before weighing up the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall or finding a pocket of greenery in People's Park. The Shanghai Art Museum blends art and concession-era architecture; for views, shoot up in the lift to the lobby of the JW Marriott on the 38th floor of Tomorrow Square.

Lujiazui (p138)  
🌙 Hop on the metro (or a sightseeing bus) from People's Square to Lujiazui to wander round the walkway in front of the Oriental Pearl TV Tower. Choose between the observation towers of the Jinmao Tower and the Shanghai World Financial Center, or settle for an evening cocktail at Flair or Cloud 9.

Lunch Lost Heaven (p66): all the flavours of far-off Yunnan province.

Dinner Kitchen Salvatore Cuomo (p141): have a table booked.

Day Two

French Concession East (p92)  
☀ Relish the architecture and boutiques of Xintiandi and pop into the Shikumen Open House Museum for a lowdown on shikumen (stone-gate house) architecture before tracking down St Nicholas Church, the fairy-tale Moller House or taking a seat to watch locals relaxing in French-designed Fuxing Park.

Lunch Din Tai Fung (p97): classic, moreish Shanghai dumplings.

French Concession West (p95)  
☀ Admire the dazzling glass creations at the Liuli China Museum and the photographs at the Beaugeste gallery before totally disappearing among Tianzifang's warren of lanes. Boutique window-shop around Tianzifang, take your hat off to the collection in the Propaganda Poster Art Centre and hunt down contemporary art at James Cohan, Art Labor and Space.

Dinner Spicy Joint (p100): fantastic Sichuan restaurant (but book ahead).

The Bund (p70)  
☀ Zip up the day in style sipping cocktails and dining on the Bund, but most of all enjoying the mind-altering neon views. Select from a long list: the Glamour Bar, New Heights, the Long Bar, Jiao Bar, Bar Rouge or Captain's Bar – or don your best togs for views, booze and moves at MINT. Die-hard traditionalists can lend an ear to the jazz band in the Fairmont Peace Hotel Jazz Bar.
Day Three

Old Town (p77)
Reach the Old Town’s Yùyuán Gardens early in the day, before the crowds arrive. Sift through the handicrafts on sale in the Yùyuán Bazaar before tracking down bargain collectibles along Old Street and Dongtai Road Antiques Market. Head east past Dōngjiädù Cathedral to the Cool Docks for its appealing blend of shikismén and riverside warehouse architecture (plus views).

Jìng’ān (p124)
Weave some Buddhist mystery into your afternoon at the Jade Buddha Temple before sprinkling contemporary art into the mix at the fascinating galleries of M50. Consider a cruise along Sūzhōu Creek or explore the Jìng’ān Temple before seeking out the lilòng lanes of the Bubbling Well Road Apartments and shopping along West Nanjing Rd.

French Concession (p105)
Round off your day ticking off some of Shànghǎi’s best bars, all handily located in the French Concession: chill out at Bell Bar, seek out specialist beers at Kaibā or Boxing Cat Brewery, sink a drink in the garden of Cotton’s or corner your perfect cocktail at el Cóctel.

Day Four

Xújiāhuì & South Shànghǎi (p158)
Spend the morning admiring the former Jesuit sights of Xújiāhuì, in particular the St Ignatius Cathedral and the Tousewe Museum. Pay your respects to the Buddhist Lónghuá Temple & Pagoda; the green-fingered can explore the foliage of the Shànghǎi Botanical Gardens.

Hóngkǒu & North Shànghǎi (p150)
Pay a visit to the Ohel Moishe Synagogue and the surrounding former Jewish neighbourhood, walk up Duolun Road Cultural Street, track down some of the neighbourhood’s best architecture and relax in Lu Xun Park. In the late afternoon, head back south to the North Bund area of Hóngkǒu, which puts you within easy reach of the Bund.

Pǔdōng (p138)
Get haggling at the AP Xīnyáng Fashion & Gifts Market before getting a handle on local history at the Shànghǎi History Museum, followed by an evening walk along the Riverside Promenade, gazing over to the Bund. For fine Pǔdōng views, jump on a ferry across the river to toast the skyline from Char Bar in the South Bund or The Waterhouse by the Cool Docks.

Lunch Xinjiāng Fengwèi Restaurant (p160): feast on Uighur lamb.

Dinner Guóyúan (p152): super-duper spice-infused dishes from Húnán.