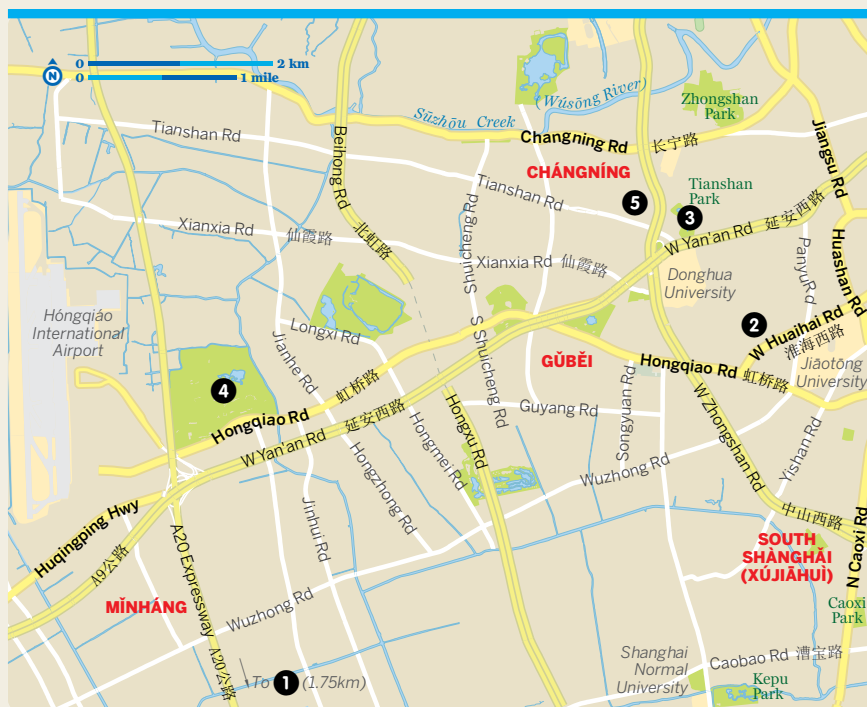


West Shànghǎi

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Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Squeeze into the narrow alleyways of old **Qībǎo** (p173) for flavours of traditional China.
- 2 Take in a modern-art exhibit at the often overlooked **Mínshēng Art Museum** (p174).
- 3 Rock out at **Yùyīntáng** (p176), one of Shànghǎi's premier music venues.
- 4 Get lost in the park-like expanse of the **Shànghǎi Zoo** (p174).
- 5 Sample countless varieties of tea at **Tiānshān Tea City** (p176).



For more detail of this area see Map p318 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Come weekends, the main sights – Qībǎo and the Shànghǎi Zoo – are absolutely teeming with people, so unless you enjoy crowds and sharp elbows, try to plan your visit for a weekday.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ 1221 (p175)
- ➔ Bǎinián Lóngpáo (p175)
- ➔ Hongmei Road Entertainment Street (p175)
- ➔ Bellagio Café (p175)
- ➔ Carrefour (p175)

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Best Shopping

- ➔ Tiānshān Tea City (p176)
- ➔ Henry Antique Warehouse (p176)
- ➔ Hóngqiáo International Pearl City (p176)

For reviews, see p176. ➔



Best Sports & Activities

- ➔ Míngwǔ International Kungfu Club (p176)
- ➔ Dino Beach (p176)
- ➔ Mandarin City (p176)

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Explore: West Shànghǎi

West Shànghǎi is far more a residential and business zone than a tourist drawcard, though that's not to say you should immediately scratch it from your itinerary. Enveloping a huge swathe of land, it's divided into two main districts (长宁; Chángníng and 闵行, Mínháng) and is the site of the Hóngqiáo airport and Hóngqiáo Railway Station (Shànghǎi's high-speed rail link), as well as the ancient waterside town of Qībǎo.

Mínháng runs along the southern and western borders of Chángníng district, which includes well-known neighbourhoods such as the middle-class and expat enclave of Gǔběi (古北) and Hóngqiáo (虹桥) airport. West Shànghǎi was once countryside and a playground for the rich to retreat to at weekends, and some of the city's largest parks are found here. The old Sassoon country estate is now the Cypress Hotel, while the Shànghǎi Zoo sits on what was once the British Golf Club.

Parents with kids should investigate the entertainment options here: in addition to the zoo and other pockets of green space, you'll also find an aquarium and fun-filled water park.

Local Life

➔ **Snacks** From stinky tofu and squid on a stick to sweet black-sesame-paste dumplings, Qībǎo has you – and the rest of Shànghǎi – covered.

➔ **Green space** Escape the relentless concrete sprawl in Zhōngshān Park (p174), the Song Qínglíng Mausoleum (p174) or Shànghǎi Zoo (p174).

➔ **Modern art** Stop by Red Town (p174) for private art galleries and one of the city's top art museums.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** Lines 2 and 10 run east–west through the area (line 10 is more central), converging at Hóngqiáo airport (Terminal 2) and Hóngqiáo Railway Station. Lines 3 and 4 mirror each other, running north–south. Line 9 is to the south, passing through Qībǎo and terminating at Sōngjiāng.