

# Xújiāhuì & South Shànghǎi

XÚJIĀHUÌ | SOUTH SHÀNGHǎI



## Neighbourhood Top Five

- ❶ Swoon over the brilliant blues and crimsons of the stained glass illuminating **St Ignatius Cathedral** (p166).
- ❷ Admire the elegant fusion of Chinese and Western art within the unique **Tousewe Museum** (p166).
- ❸ Explore the well-preserved **Jesuit heritage** of Xújiāhuì (p167).
- ❹ Divine the Buddhist heritage of South Shànghǎi in the **Lónghuá Temple & Pagoda** (p168).
- ❺ Go all out for a Uighur lamb feast at **Xīnjiāng Fēngwèi Restaurant** (p169).

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## Explore: Xújiāhuì & South Shànghǎi

Bordering the southwestern end of the stylish French Concession and a zip away on the metro from People's Sq, Xújiāhuì (徐家匯) was known to 1930s expats as Zicawei or Sicawei. Most locals come here today to shop at the outsized Grand Gateway 66 mall, but Xújiāhuì was originally an attractive Jesuit settlement dating back to the 17th century. A Catholic flavour still clings to the neighbourhood, holding firm against the ever-encroaching office blocks and shopping malls. As elsewhere in Shànghǎi, you have to explore a bit to pull all the historical threads together, but if you've an eye for architectural heritage, a trip here makes for rewarding exploration.

A day's exploration of Xújiāhuì should suffice. Accessed directly on the metro at its namesake station, the area is dominated by giant shopping malls and department stores that circle a five-way intersection that's insanely busy even by Shànghǎi standards. It's one of the most popular shopping areas in the city and packed at weekends.

History, heritage architecture, green lawns and academia converge on the tranquil campus of Jiāotōng University along Huashan Rd, north of the main Jesuit sights, while a host of local dining options means you won't be caught hungry at lunch or dinner time. Of course, shopping needs are all met in Xújiāhuì's high-profile malls.

Further out from Xújiāhuì, South Shànghǎi is marked by one of the city's most famous temples, the ancient Lónghuá Temple and its pagoda, as well as an amusement park that can help occupy children rebelling against sightseeing.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Greenery** Join the students relaxing on the lawn of Jiāotōng University (p167).
- ➔ **Dumplings** Find out what all the fuss is about – follow Shànghǎi's pernickety local diners to Din Tai Fung (p168).
- ➔ **Shopping** See how the Shanghainese spend, spend, spend at Grand Gateway 66 (p170).

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Metro** Lines 1, 4, 9 and 11 run through the district. Xujiahui (lines 1, 9 and 11) and Shanghai Indoor Stadium (lines 1 and 4) are the main interchange stations. Line 1 runs through the French Concession and down to the South Shanghai Railway Station; line 9 can whisk you to Pǔdōng; line 11 stops at Jiāotōng University and heads south to Lónghuá Temple.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

With its harried shopping hordes and hectic roads, Xújiāhuì can be breathlessly busy. Escape to some of Shànghǎi's best-tended areas of greenery: the gorgeous and inviting lawn a short walk from the main entrance of Jiāotōng University on Huashan Rd, where students lie down on the grass reading and chatting in warm weather.

## Best Sights

- ➔ St Ignatius Cathedral (p166)
- ➔ Tousewe Museum (p166)
- ➔ Bibliotheca Zi-Ka-Wei (p166)
- ➔ Lónghuá Temple & Pagoda (p168)

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## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Din Tai Fung (p168)
- ➔ Xīnjiāng Fēngwèi Restaurant (p169)
- ➔ Kota's Kitchen (p169)
- ➔ 1001 Noodles House (p169)

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