

Hóngkǒu & North Shànghǎi

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Ohel Moishe

Synagogue (p159) Getting a history lesson on Jewish Shànghǎi.

2 Architecture

(p162) Taking a self-guided tour of Hóngkǒu's concession-period and art deco build

ings, such as the Broadway Mansions.

3 1933 (p162) Getting lost along the labyrinth of concrete walkways.

4 Duolun Rd (p158) Wondering past historic architecture and curio shops.

5 Vue (p162) Raising a glass to the Bund and the Pūdōng skyline at this bar with a view.



For more detail of this area see Map p314 ➔

Explore: Hóngkǒu & North Shànghǎi

Hóngkǒu and North Shànghǎi (虹口区·北上海) may not have the lion's share of sights in town, but prize chunks of heritage architecture rise up from the swirl of street life and an authentic grittiness survives.

The up-and-coming North Bund area beyond Sūzhōu Creek is worth exploring for its impressive buildings, including the granddaddy of heritage hotels – the Astor House Hotel – looming art deco blocks and noteworthy concession-era classics. The American Settlement was originally here, merging with the British Settlement in 1863 to form the prosperous International Settlement. To the west, Zháběi became infamous for its sweatshops and factories and was later flattened by the Japanese in 1932.

A rich vein of Jewish heritage survives towards Yǎngpǔ in the east, dating from the days when Hóngkǒu was home to thousands of Jewish refugees, mostly from Germany, who transformed 'Little Tokyo' (where 30,000 Japanese lived) into 'Little Vienna'. The Ohel Moishe Synagogue stands as a testament to this era. Wander round this neighbourhood and you'll also find examples of Shànghǎi's trademark terrace-style *shíkùmén* (stone-gate house) architecture, *lǒngtáng* (alleyway) houses and narrow alleyways in between.

Close to the Bund, Hóngkǒu has some excellently positioned accommodation options, and while notable restaurants may seem thin on the ground, work your shoe leather and you can track down excellent options from across China.

Local Life

- ➔ **Snacking** Join locals along North Jiangxi Rd for a profusion of local titbits and hunger-busting bites.
- ➔ **Hóngkǒu backstreets** Wander the lanes around the Ohel Moishe Synagogue (p159) to soak up the local 'Little Vienna' flavour.
- ➔ **Park life** Catch the locals performing taichi or honing ballroom-dancing spins in Lu Xun Park (p158).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Metro** Line 10 runs north from East Nanjing Rd to Fúdàn University, passing Tiantong Rd, North Sichuan Rd and Hailun Rd stations. Line 3 also runs north, offering access to Duolun Rd and Lu Xun Park. Lines 4 and 8 loop east-west. Main interchange stations are Baoshan Rd (lines 3 and 4), Hailun Rd (lines 4 and 10) and Hongkou Football Stadium (lines 3 and 8).

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Basing yourself in south Hóngkǒu – at the Astor House Hotel (p213), Chai Living Residences (p213) or the Bulgari, which is set to open in 2017 – allows you to hang your Shànghǎi fedora within easy reach of the Bund across Wàibáidù Bridge (Garden Bridge) and the nearby concession architecture of the North Bund district.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Guǒyúan (p160)
- ➔ Xīndàlù (p161)
- ➔ Yang's Fry Dumplings (p161)
- ➔ Kathleen's Waitan (p161)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Vue (p162)
- ➔ Kathleen's Waitan (p161)

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