

West Shànghǎi

CHÁNGNÍNG & GǔBĚI | HÓNGQIÁO AIRPORT AREA

Neighbourhood Top Five

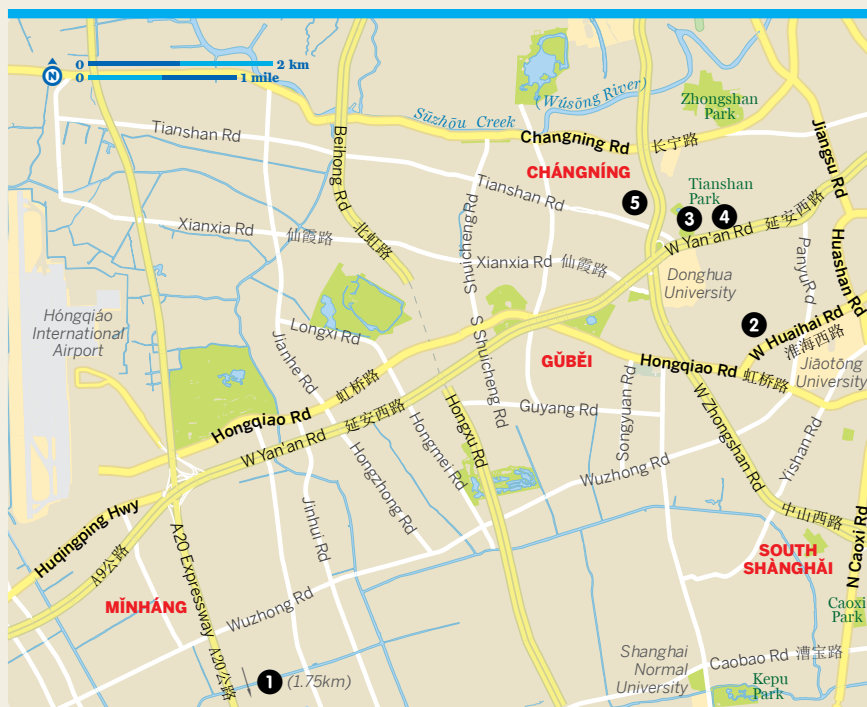
1 Qībǎo (p173) Squeezing into the narrow alleyways for flavours of traditional China.

2 Mínsǎng Art Museum (p174) Taking in a modern-art exhibit at this often overlooked museum.

3 Yùyíntáng (p176) Rocking out at one of Shànghǎi's best gritty music venues.

4 Liú Haisu Art Gallery (p174) Admiring works by prominent Chinese artist Liú Haisu.

5 Tiānshān Tea City (p176) Sampling countless varieties of tea.



For more detail of this area see Map p318 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If you're used to wandering about the French Concession or the Old Town, you'll quickly come to note that West Shanghai's points of interest are really spread out and often a fair walk from any metro station. This is one neighbourhood where taxis come in very handy.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Fú Hé Huì (p175)
- ➔ 1221 (p175)
- ➔ Bǎinián Lóngpáo (p175)
- ➔ Bellagio Café (p175)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Yùyíntáng (p176)
- ➔ Hongmei Road Entertainment Street (p176)
- ➔ C's (p176)

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Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Tiānshān Tea City (p176)
- ➔ Hóngqiáo International Pearl City (p176)

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Explore: West Shànghǎi

West Shànghǎi (长宁·闵行·古北·虹桥) 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 swath of land, it's divided into two main districts (Chángníng and 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 and Hóngqiáo 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.

Local Life

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

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

➔ **Art** Head to Red Town (p174) for private art galleries or Liu Haisu Art Gallery (p174) for a culture hit in the West.

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 Sòngjiāng.