

Xújiāhuì & South Shànghǎi

XÚJIĀHUÌ | SOUTH SHÀNGHǎI | WEST BUND



Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Jesuit heritage** (p168) Exploring the well-preserved architecture of Xújiāhuì.
- 2 Lónghuá Temple & Pagoda** (p167) Divining the Buddhist heritage of South Shànghǎi at this pretty, peaceful site.
- 3 Xīnjiāng Restaurant** (p170) Going all out for a Uighur lamb feast, complete with dancing and singing performances.
- 4 Shanghai Film Museum** (p166) Entering the glamorous world of golden-age cinema at this fascinating museum.
- 5 Shop till you drop** (p170) Joining the throngs of wealthy Shanghainese snapping up designer goods in the malls.

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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 Square, Xújiāhuì (徐家匯) was known to 1930s expats as Zicawei or Sicawei.

Accessed directly on the metro at its namesake station, the area is dominated by giant, glittering shopping malls, circling a five-way intersection that's insanely busy, even by Shànghǎi standards. It's one of the most popular shopping areas in the city, especially for designer gear and electronics, and gets packed at weekends.

The vast majority of people come here today to shop, but a sense of history still clings to the neighbourhood – Xújiāhuì was originally an attractive Jesuit settlement and dates back to the 17th century. The architectural heritage from this period and a clutch of engaging museums make for a rewarding day out, although, as elsewhere in Shànghǎi, you have to explore a bit to pull all the historical threads together.

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 offer plenty of cheap eats.

Further out from Xújiāhuì, South Shànghǎi is marked by one of the city's most famous temples, the ancient Lónghuá Temple and its pagoda, while the new West Bund area is rapidly developing into an impressive contemporary art hub.

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 (p169).

➔ **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 Pūdōng; 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 peaceful Guāngqí Park, and the inviting lawn of Jiāotōng University on Huashan Rd, where students lie down on the grass reading and chatting in warm weather.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Din Tai Fung (p169)
- ➔ Xīnjiāng Restaurant (p170)
- ➔ Hóng Làjiāo Xiāngcàiguǎn (p169)
- ➔ Heiseiya (p169)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Harley's Underground (p170)
- ➔ Shanghai Beer Factory (p170)

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Best Sights

- ➔ Shanghai Film Museum (p166)
- ➔ Yuz Museum (p168)
- ➔ Lónghuá Temple & Pagoda (p167)

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