

Places of Interest in Shanghai

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Double Dragon wall in the Yuyuan Garden

If you are planning a visit to Shanghai, you might consider the places of interest suggested below by Nelson branch secretary Barbara Markland. This article is based heavily on a document that Barbara gives to people who are going to China and ask her “*what can we do in Shanghai?*”

Yuyuan Garden and Bazaar: [Yuyuan Garden](#) with Double Dragon Wall and long zig-zag bridge; nearby **market/shopping** (many very attractive shops in restored Ming Dynasty buildings).

The temple behind Yuyuan Garden is the Buddhist nunnery: [Chengxiang Ge](#).



Yuyuan Garden and surrounding area [copyright: TravelChinaGuide.com]



Chengxiang Ge Buddhist nunnery

Fangbang Lu – Antiques in 4-5 story building on right when walking away from Yuyuan. This street is also popular for its street food.

The Bund: Walking tour of what was centre the International Concession. Go to the **Pudong Development Bank** (ex HSBC Building – 12 Zhongshan Rd East) to see the fabulous Dome mosaics; **Peace Hotel** (jazz in evenings); **Shanghai Gallery of Art**, **boat trips** on the river.

Pudong: **Oriental Pearl Tower:** Take lifts up both for views of the Bund, the Huang Po river traffic and the Pudong commercial centre, including the once-World's tallest **World Financial Centre**. Another must in the Pudong area is the **Chinese Art Museum** (of modern Chinese art), which in the stunning building that was the China Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo



Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall

Renmin Square: **Urban Planning Exhibition Hall:** Scale model of Shanghai on 2nd or 3rd floor – a must see!; **Grand Theatre;** **Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art**, site of former Racecourse Club.

Xin Tian Di: An affluent car-free shopping, eating and entertainment district, Metro: South Huangpi Road. Lively at night. Restored buildings – restaurants and bars. **Communist museum**(where the first Chinese Communist Party Congress started to be held): 76 Xingye Lu.

Acrobats: **Circus World** or the **Shanghai Centre** for shorter show for tourists, well worth seeing.



"Shanghai Jade Buddha temple outside" by lamtherealnick. Wikipedia Commons

Jade Buddha Temple, with 2 jade buddhas, one is almost 2m tall. 170 Anyuan Lu. Metro Changshou Lu
Longhua Temple and Pagoda. In the temple precinct is the **Martyrs Cemetery**, the location of airstrip which became a concentration camp during the war and then the location for filming '*Empire of the Sun*': Metro Longcao Lu. Head east on Longshui Lu 1 km.

Qibao Old Town: Metro Qibao Line 9. Ancient settlement with 9 official sites [e.g. Cotton Textile Mill; the Shadow Puppet Museum (performances from 1pm to 3pm Wednesday and Sunday); Zhou's Miniature Carving House and the Old Wine Shop (still an active distillery and a good lunch spot) – [read more](#)]; canal. Nan Dajie, south of canal, small eateries: No 14 dumplings, No 19 traditional teahouse.

Fabric Market: **Shiliupu Cloth Market** – houses an array of tailors and seamstresses, ready to whip up commissioned clothing in a week or so; full range of materials. Metro Xiaonanmen. Follow middle Fangbang Lu from Yuyuan Garden towards the river, 50m.

Clothing market: **Qipu Clothing Wholesale Market**. Metro Tiantong Lu. 168 and 183 Qipu Lu

Eating: **Huanghe Lu** for excellent dumplings; **Baolu Restaurant**, 271 Fumin Lu in the French Concession.



"Zhujiajiao canal 4" by BrokenSphere – Wikipedia Commons

Canal Villages: **Zhujiajiao**, Pu An Lu bus station. Metro Station: Dashhijie, south of Renmin Square, or take Shanghai Sightseeing Bus tour. **Tong Li** (near Suzhou). **Zhou Village**.

I am sure that even if you only have time to see a few of these delights, you will have a great time in Shanghai!

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For another list of of Shanghai tourist attractions, click [HERE](#)