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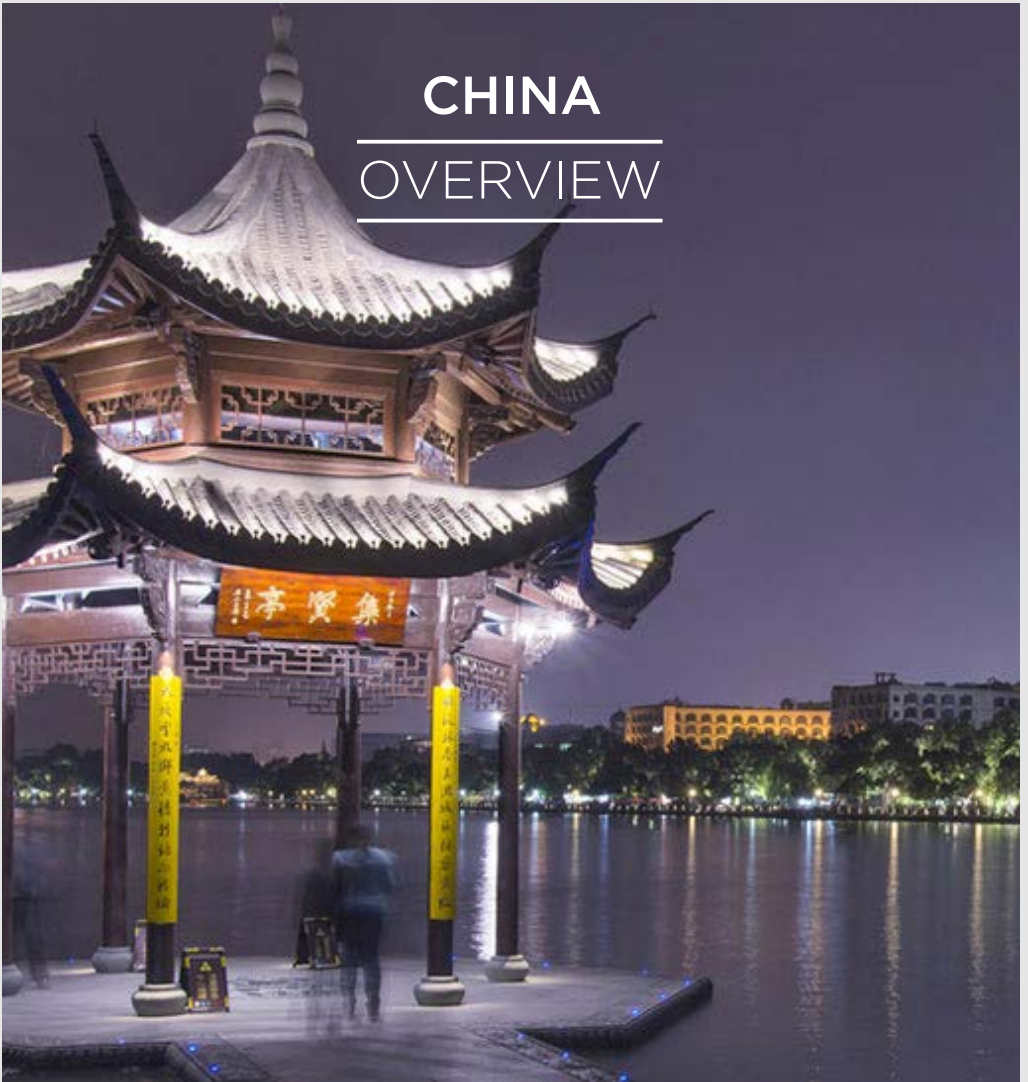
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CHINA

OVERVIEW



China is a powerful, populous and globally influential country in East Asia. A country with over 1 billion people, 22 provinces, and a stark contrast of old towns and modern mega-cities, China is one of the world's top tourist destinations. Skyscrapers, multi-million dollar companies, five star restaurants, and mansions line the city streets, while rural towns display a sense of conservative country values and humble lifestyles. Known for flavoursome foods, crowded markets and streets, and ancient historic sites, China is a world of its own.

CHINA

WHAT TO SEE



Great Wall of China

The iconic and awe-inspiring longest wall in the world.

Northern Border



Forbidden City

An extravagant imperial palace where only dignitaries were once allowed access.

Beijing



Terracotta Army

One of the greatest archaeological sites in the world, the hundreds of life-sized models represent the triumphant army of the Warring States Period.

Xi'an



Victoria Harbour

Enjoy the iconic outlook over Hong Kong's high rises.

Hong Kong



Chengdu Research Base

See the endangered Giant Panda in the breeding and research centre.

Chengdu



West Lake

Renowned as China's 'paradise on Earth,' this is a tranquil and traditional Chinese park.

Hangzhou



Mogao Caves

The Caves of the Thousand Buddhas form a system of temples at a religious and cultural crossroads.

Gangsu province



Li River

This beautiful river is lined with cliffs, farming villages, and bamboo groves.

Guilin

CHINA

SHOPPING



Tsim Sha Tsui

This giant world bazaar has an astonishing range of products in all price ranges.

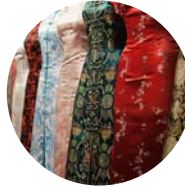
Hong Kong



Cat Street

An historic street specialising in antiques.

Hong Kong



Cheung Sha Wan Road

Sift through fabrics with Hong Kong's fashion designers at these wholesale markets.

Kowloon



Chun Yeung Street

You can take a tram ride through this collection of fruit, vegetable, meat and seafood stalls.

Hong Kong



Jardine's Crescent

Prepare to barter for bargains at this tightly packed roadside market.

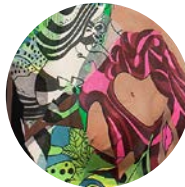
Hong Kong



Li Yuen Street

This ancient bazaar sells Oriental-style clothing and accessories among modern downtown surroundings.

Central Hong Kong



Design Gallery

This mall promotes local creativity and innovation and has a variety of products.

Hong Kong



1881 Heritage

Shop and dine at the former Marine Police Headquarters.

Kowloon



Photo: See-ming Lee

Beijing is the capital city of China and one of the most highly populated cities in the world. Beijing is a bustling centre of cultural, family, modern and historical attractions. Known for its delicious food and innovative buildings, Beijing is a beautiful display of China's progression from ancient wonderland to modern megacity.

HIGHLIGHTS



Famous Landmarks

Home to many long-standing historical wonders.



Modern Beijing Developments

Has many noteworthy developments for tourists to explore.



Parks and Gardens

Home to pretty plants and scenic surrounds.



Temples and Tombs

Rich in historic monuments and religious sites.

FAMOUS LANDMARKS

Beijing is the home to many long-standing historical wonders. The 'heart of China' for over 800 years, Beijing is the site of must-see attractions. The Forbidden City is the largest imperial palace complex in the world, boasting over 900 palaces. Built in the 15th century, it represents the power of the Ming and Qing dynasties. Another must-see is the iconic Great Wall of China which spans five provinces. In Beijing you can view one of the 8 wonders of the world and also climb a portion of the Badaling Great Wall. Tiananmen Square at the centre of the city hosts many important sites and national monuments celebrating Chinese history.



MODERN DEVELOPMENTS

Beijing is a flourishing modern metropolis and has many noteworthy developments for tourists to explore. The Chinese Ethnic Culture Park celebrates the 56 ethnic groups that make up the People's Republic of China. Ethnic festivals and events are held here and samples of cultural relics and architectural styles are exhibited. The National Centre for the Performing Arts is located near The Great Hall of the People and is the scene for regular ballet, opera and musical performances. Designed by a French architect and opened in 2007, it is a significant display of modern Beijing.



PARKS AND GARDENS

The city of Beijing is gifted with many beautiful parks and gardens, some home to pretty plants and scenic surrounds, while others contain additional attractions and displays. Jingshan Park behind the Forbidden Garden is a royal landscape garden and boasts the highest point in Beijing on Jingshan Hill. The biggest Peony rose garden in Beijing is here, while there are many sacred sites used by the emperors of the Qing dynasty. Jingdong Grand Canyon covers 6 square kilometres to Beijing's east and contains caves, waterfalls and a reservoir.



TEMPLES AND TOMBS


Beijing is rich in historic monuments and religious sites. The Temple of Heaven is a sacred site where the Ming and Qing emperors held a 'heaven ceremony' and was first built in 1420. The Temple of Confucius is one of a few sites across China where people showed their respect for Confucius, the popular philosopher and teacher. The Ming Tombs are north-west of Beijing and you can go underground to discover the tombs of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty. Wanshou Temple is another Ming Dynasty temple in Beijing, a Buddhist temple home to the Beijing Art Museum.



BEIJING

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 212 reviews


NUO HOTEL BEIJING

No.2A Jiangtai Road, Chaoyang District,
Beijing, 100016
Tel: +861085612888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
business_travell3r
Reviewed 2/01/2017*

I have spent a good amount of my career travelling for a living and staying at some of the top hotels in the world, and I must say that the NUO in Beijing is one of the very best hotel experiences I have ever had. The photos do not reflect the true luxury of this hotel and, being new, it is designed with modern conveniences and always with guest experience in mind. Nothing at all was wanting, and service was exemplary - with the concierge and fro...



 *Based on 644 reviews

HOTEL ECLAT BEIJING

Floor 16-21, No. 9 Dongdaqiao Road
Beijing, 100020
Tel: +861085612888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Priya A
Reviewed 5/01/2017*



We stayed at Eclat for an entire week during Christmas, 2016. We had an excellent time! We were impressed right from the time we stepped into the hotel reception. The first thing we got is a whiff of the exquisite fragrance right at the revolving door. The super friendly and courteous staff, the elegant decor, along with the exquisite fragrance made the reception area even more welcoming and warm. The hotel is adorned with beautiful art decor thr...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

BEIJING

ACCOMMODATION



  *Based on 299 reviews



ROSEWOOD BEIJING

Jing Guang Centre, Hujialou, Chaoyang
District, Beijing, 100020
Tel: +861065978888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Bigblue387
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

I look forward to going to Beijing for business because I love staying at this hotel. The team at the front desk is extremely well trained and English speaking and from many countries and is welcoming. The spa and gym are perfect and have nice amenities - and even on jet lag you want to go and enjoy it. The breakfast buffet is a feast and quality is high and service is as expected. The rooms have useful and accessible technology and the Bluetooth ...



  *Based on 560 reviews

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BEIJING

No.48 Liangmaqiao Road,
Beijing, 100125
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
SkiEverywhere
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

We are a family of 3 and this was our second trip to Beijing in the last 12 months. Our stay this time at Four Seasons Hotel Beijing was nothing less than excellent. All hotel staff was extremely attentive and very knowledgeable. Great gym and a very nice pool with attached jacuzzi.


Concierge team know their stuff and gave value added advice. Very sensitive to our needs.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

BEIJING

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 234 reviews


KING'S JOY BEIJING

No. 2 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng District, Beijing, Beijing, 100027
Tel: +86 10 8404 9191

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller smudge41
Reviewed 2/01/2017

I don't get it. Number one in Beijing. You are having a laugh. For sure the venue is amazing. But things go downhill once you actually sit down. If you go I suggest you go inside, swoon around a bit at the interiors, take in the misty atmosphere and the scents wafting over from the lama temple, and then leave with your wallet intact. It is the only way you will come out on top. We came as a couple and were seated initially at either end of an eno...



 *Based on 1206 reviews

TRB

No.23, Songzhu Temple, Shatan N St, Dongcheng Dist, Beijing, 100009
Tel: +86 10 8400 2232

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller ChachiGrande
Reviewed 4/01/2017

We had been to TRB a few times in the past, but those experiences did nothing to prepare us for what we would experience on our most recent visit.

The setting remains one of the loveliest in Beijing, and the wonderful staff provides impeccable service.


Shortly after being shown to our table, we were greeted by Oliver. I hesitate to call him our waiter, because his warmth, sincerity, dedication, and attention to detail were so natural.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

BEIJING

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 599 reviews

BLACK SESAME KITCHEN


No.28 Zhonglao Hutong, Dongcheng District, Beijing, 100000

Tel: +86 136 9147 4408

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Marita A
Reviewed 30/12/2016

If you want to have a lot of chinese food and watch how the chefs are making it, this is the place to go. The host is super nice and tell you stories about traditional China. The place is pretty hard to find and there isn't any signs outside so take time to find the place



 *Based on 161 reviews

GARDEN AT LAMA TEMPLE

No.14 of Guanshuyuan Hutong, Yonghegong Inner street, District, Beijing, 100013

Tel: +86 134 2628 6012

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Rob C
Reviewed 20/12/2016

We were looking for something unique to do after a few action packed days in Beijing. We reserved a lunch session with Joyce for our group (4 adults and 3 kids). From the moment we arrived we felt very welcomed and a part of the action. She walked us through how to make the dumplings and noodles and took time to explain all of the spices and ingredients. She was very interactive with our kids and they never once seemed bored or disinterested.

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A city in Gansu Province, western China, Dunhuang is known for its unique landscape (it is much drier than other areas in China) and its role in Silk Road culture. Sometimes called 'Sha Zhou', or 'beautiful desert oasis', Dunhuang has a long history as a trading hub, situated along the Silk Road. Dunhuang is not only a destination for exploring Ancient Chinese culture, but to fully appreciate the varied and unique Chinese landscape.

HIGHLIGHTS



Mogao Caves

A Buddhist art shrine, 25 km from Dunhuang.



Singing Sand Dune

A unique, 40 km-long natural attraction.

MOGAO CAVES

A Buddhist art shrine, the Mogao Caves are 25 km from Dunhuang. 'Mogao' means high up in the desert, while the area itself is often translated as 'Caves of a thousand Buddhas'. Over 2,800 sculptures are hidden here and UNESCO has named the site a World Cultural Heritage Site. Being the largest exhibit of Buddhist art in the world, it's no surprise that it is the number one attraction in Dunhuang.



SINGING SAND DUNE


The Singing Sand Dune, or 'Mingsha Hill' begins at the Mogao Caves and is a unique 40 km-long natural attraction. Comprised of different colours, the sand dune makes distinct noises whenever the surface of the sand is stepped on or slid against. Regarded by many as a natural miracle, the sand dune itself is reminiscent of a landscape found in the Middle East.



DUNHUANG

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 311 reviews

SILK ROAD DUNHUANG HOTEL


Dunyue Road,
Dunhuang, Gansu, 736200
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
chungylau
Reviewed 5/11/2016*

We stayed two nights here in October 2016. The room was very comfortable, with a view of the impressive Mingsha Dunes. The hotel is a bit far from downtown Dunhuang, but it is only 5 minutes or so from Mingsha Dunes. It occupies a huge area, with courtyards and pavilions for the nightly Dunhuang shows, etc., even though there are not too many rooms.

The breakfast buffet is excellent, with very good choice of entrees, including the famous Lanzhou...



 *Based on 59 reviews

SUN GRAND HOTEL DUNHUANG

No.5 Shazhou North Road,
Dunhuang, Gansu, 736200
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
TC0241
Reviewed 10/10/2016*

We stayed here for one night, A lot of back and forth with luggage 50 mt from car park to reception then back again as we were in annex 100 meters to annex and all again in the morning, a bell hop would have been nice. Rooms were nice clean well maintained free Wifi.

Breakfast was the usual bun fight with not a lot of empathy shown to the clients.


An egg station with a 20 minute wait really means it needs a process review.

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DUNHUANG

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 27 reviews

SUPER 8 HOTEL DUNHUANG FENG QING CHENG

Building 26 Dunhuang Fengqing Cheng,
Gansu, 736200


Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Oceang
Reviewed 25/07/2016*

This hotel was one of the cheapest hotels we stayed at in China and we arrived with a little apprehension.

However, right from the included railway station pickup, early check-in, organising tickets to the Mogao Grottoes and finally, assisting us in getting transport to Liuyuan to continue our journey, the staff could not have been more helpful. They have limited English but try hard and make good use of the various phone translators. We were ab...



 *Based on 22 reviews

SILK ROAD HOTEL

No.6 Huancheng East Road,
Dunhuang, Gansu, 736200

Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
MartinBaxter58
Reviewed 29/10/2016*

Had just spent about 12 days on a train from Moscow touring Central Asia and this was the first hotel we had stayed at and I literally loved everything about. From the quirky fort like design, to the friendly professional staff, the comfortable locally themed rooms, the magnificent Chinese restaurant for dinner, the splendid rooftop restaurant for breakfast (with glorious views of the dunes) and the fact that had smoking rooms.

At night the h...

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HANGZHOU



Photo: Jakob Montrasio

The capital city of Zhejiang Province, Hangzhou has long been commended for its natural beauty, surrounded by farmland and with West Lake the centre of the town. A significant cultural centre for hundreds of years, Hangzhou is situated on the Grand Canal between Beijing and Shanghai. West Lake is perhaps the major drawcard for Hangzhou, once admired by explorer Marco Polo for its beauty.

HIGHLIGHTS



Botanical Garden

A huge botanical garden.



National Silk Museum

The largest of its kind in the world.



West Lake

The iconic Hangzhou landmark is best explored by boat.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

A huge botanical garden towards the north-west end of West Lake, the Hangzhou Botanical Garden is a public garden and research base. Bamboo gardens, yulan trees and beautiful pine trees create a fresh, invigorating ambience. With over 5,000 plum trees, 150 bamboo varieties and countless flowers like magnolia, camellia and lotus flowers, the garden is a magnificent site through all seasons.



NATIONAL SILK MUSEUM

Hangzhou's National Silk Museum is the largest of its kind in the world. Over 8 exhibition halls explore the 5,000 year history of Chinese silk culture. Explore the silk weaving and dyeing process and see relics from every dynasty of Ancient China.



WEST LAKE


The iconic Hanzhou landmark is best explored by boat with many tours and cruises available. The lake dates back to the 8th century and has been the base for palaces, temples and gardens for years. Take a trip to Solitary Hill for perfect views of the lake or enjoy the many cultural performances and activities that take place in this unifying spot.



HANGZHOU

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 763 reviews

WYNDHAM GRAND PLAZA ROYALE HANGZHOU


No.555 Fengqi Road, Xiachang District,
Hangzhou, Zhejiang, 310006
Tel: +8657187616888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Isusug
Reviewed 2/01/2017*

From the moment we walked into the reception we were warm welcomed. The check-in was fast; I was really tired and I appreciate the help of Ms. Anita who also offered us welcome drinks and showed us the room. Our room was tidy; clean and comfortable with a soft bed and interesting amenities.

The breakfast buffet was one of the best; and also Sawasdee with an excellent service provided by a Russian tall guy who was attentive and friendly



 *Based on 442 reviews

JW MARRIOTT HOTEL HANGZHOU

28 Hushu South Road, Gongshu District,
Hangzhou, Zhejiang, 310006
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Doxagirl
Reviewed 4/01/2017*


Great rooms and hotel. Beautifully decorated for Christmas as I've stayed here 3 different times now. Gym is decent, but the ellipticals are outdated and under the heat vent. They only have a small stride.

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HANGZHOU

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 534 reviews

COURTYARD HANGZHOU WULIN


28 Hushu South Rd,
Hangzhou, Zhejiang, 310006

Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
HongKongTrojan
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

My son got injured in Hangzhou during his school trip and we need to fly there urgently to visit him. We chose courtyard as it was the international chain hotel close by his hospital. During our stay, the front desk, door man, housekeeping and restaurant all offer us good help. We need to stay in the hospital with him at night and there was no pillow and blankets provided by hospital for guest. We asked front desk for help and they allowed us to...



 *Based on 281 reviews

THE EAST HOTEL HANGZHOU

No.198 South Hushu Road, Gongshu
District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, 310011

Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
crystalyschang
Reviewed 5/01/2017*


The hotel interior design embodies the traditional spirit of Hangzhou artistic culture with the modern interpretation with technology. Very impressed with the gigantic LCD screen rotates the paintings for the four seasons in Hangzhou. The room is clever for its temperature sensor that you don't need the key to keep the light go on. The service is superb and worth appreciating. They offer "sleep aids" that you could choose various pillow, includ...

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HANGZHOU

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 35 reviews

ASIA BISTRO


GongShu District HuShu South Road 28,
Hangzhou, Zhejiang, 31006
Tel: +86 571 8981 7358

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Jan-Willem R
Reviewed 29/12/2016*

We stayed at the JW Marriott during our trip through Asia and had some dinner and breakfast in this Bistro. Fresh quality food was served during our visits. Me and my friend really loved the wellington. We both truly loved the whole atmosphere and food!

Big thanks for the staff and especially that Dutch guy, if I remember it well, Rutgher! He was very helpful and enthusiastic about his job and the restaurant.



 *Based on 117 reviews

JIN SHA (FOUR SEASONS HOTEL HANGZHOU AT WEST LAKE)

No.5 Lingyin Road, Xihu District,
Hangzhou, Zhejiang
Tel: +86 571 8829 8888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Dsharratt
Reviewed 2/01/2017*

Start with the good. I emailed the restaurant in advance for a lunch - 5 adults and one baby. Response was excellent despite the repeated small changes to the reservation - time and number of people.


When we arrived at the restaurant which is beautifully set in traditional Cantonese style decor amidst a lovely terraced area adjacent to a lake replete with artificial waterfall, we were quickly seated by the window overlooking the lake.

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HANGZHOU

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 139 reviews


HUBIN 28 RESTAURANT

Hyatt Regency HangZhou,
Hangzhou, Zhejiang,
Tel: +86 571 8779 1234

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
lylasulaiman
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

tried the fish noodle soup and hot and sour soup. ended with longjing tea-ramisu. it was a gorgeous meal.



 *Based on 212 reviews

GRANDMA'S RESTAURANT(HUBIN)

HuBin Road 3,
Hangzhou, Zhejiang,
Tel: +86 571 8510 1939

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Sharon F
Reviewed 1/01/2017*

We were in Hangzhou for 4days and we had our meals there 3 times. It is THAT good. And, with the affordable price to match. We especially love the French beans. The chicken in the pot was tasty but might be a bit dry for some. The sweet and sour fish was good. And, every meal was accompanied by a bottle of wine (zhuangyuan hong), which is what they call yellow wine. Would go back to grandma's in a heartbeat.

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SHANGHAI

Shanghai boasts the largest population of any city in the world, and is an influential and powerful metropolis on the banks of the Yangtze River. Modern, crowded skylines, restaurants, nightclubs and developments on the city's east combine with classic architecture on the city's more traditional west side. Often described as being more modern than Beijing, Shanghai still houses a considerable array of ancient buildings and cultural attractions. Shanghai is a dazzling, impressive city that will draw you in and inspire you.

HIGHLIGHTS



Buildings

The Bund is a famous Shanghai landmark.



Food

One of the best cities for Chinese cuisine.



Museums and Zoos

A sightseer's dream with dozens of museums and zoos.

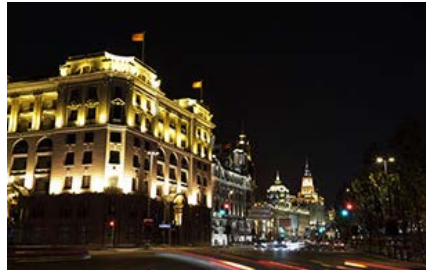


Shopping

A tempting shopping haven even for those supposedly on a holiday budget.

SHANGHAI BUILDINGS

The Bund is a famous Shanghai landmark and has long been regarded as the symbol of Shanghai itself. On the banks of the Huangpu River, The Bund draws daily crowds of locals who flock there to do exercise. Also on the site are 26 buildings of different architectural styles. You can also take boat rides and tours. The Jin Mao Tower signifies Shanghai's standing as a 21st-century city and is the second-tallest building in mainland China. A truly impressive building in itself, it also houses hotels, bars, restaurants, and observation decks.



SHANGHAI FOOD

Shanghai has been described as one of the best cities for Chinese cuisine and has its own distinct style. While not one of the defined 8 Chinese styles, Shanghai cuisine has developed a unique blend of flavours as time has passed. Bembang Cuisine, one of the variants, has an emphasis on fresh meat, vegetables and soy sauce. Haipai Cuisine is a modern adaptation of Modern Shanghai's cultural influences and focuses on shrimp, crabs and fish. Some famous Shanghai specialties include Ba Bao La Jiang, a spicy, colourful dish; Nanxiang steamed stuffed buns, and Shengjianbao fried pork dumplings.



MUSEUMS AND ZOOS

This modern city is a sightseer's dream with dozens of museums and zoos providing the ultimate tourist experience. Shanghai Science and Technology Museum has six exhibition halls and a large theatre. The Shanghai Art Museum is a cultural hub of Shanghai housing modern and contemporary works. The Shanghai Museum has rare cultural pieces, including Chinese furniture, bronze pieces, and arts and crafts. An enlightening, awakening and astonishing experience, each museum will help bring Shanghai and China to life.



SHANGHAI SHOPPING


Known for its remarkable shopping complexes and districts, Shanghai is a tempting shopping haven even for those supposedly on a holiday budget. Nanning Road and Huaihai Road are the two famous shopping streets offering a variety of international brands. Over 600 shops stand along Nanning Road alone, ranging from Tiffany & Co to traditional silk stores. Shanghai is known as 'Oriental Paris' and it's not hard to see why with Maison Mode, New Shanghai Shopping City and Jiali Sleepless City being some of the popular complexes.



SHANGHAI

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 1044 reviews


MANDARIN ORIENTAL PUDONG, SHANGHAI

111 Pudong Road (S) Pudong,
Shanghai, Shanghai Region, 200120
Tel: +862120829888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Greg K
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Missed my connection flight and had 1 night and the following day in Shanghai. Booked Mandarin Oriental and extremely happy with my decision. What started with a very stressful night, turned into an amazing stay at one of the coolest hotels. Bruce with the hotel staff was awesome! Not only did he assist me with an upgrade, but provided me with a late checkout the following day so I wouldn't have to stay extra hours at the airport waiting for...



 *Based on 1217 reviews

THE RITZ-CARLTON SHANGHAI, PUDONG

No.8 Century Avenue, Lujiazui, Pudong
New Area, Shanghai Region, 200120
Tel: +862120201888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
scalpha
Reviewed 5/01/2017*


Excellent, from whatever point of view you look at this hotel. Ritz-Carlton is a guarantee of quality, hospitality and excellence all over the world and their Shanghai hotel doesn't make an exception. Rooms are spotless, their people are professional and kind, their executive lounge very cozy and open 24 hours a day (unfortunately you can just enjoy their sofas later in the evening, but no drinks or food - maybe here is some room for further impr...

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SHANGHAI

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 516 reviews

FOUR SEASONS SHANGHAI PUDONG

No.210 Century Avenue, Pudong New District, Shanghai Region, 200120
Tel: +862120368888


*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller capcaptain
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

I stayed at junior suite.
No club reception. No private check-in.
No shuttle service.
No concierge. No explanation for room facility, exit-route, and complimentary services.

I brought my buggages by myself!
In the fantastic pool, there're white scums floating.

No clear water. And untidy.
"Good" was Club lounge food, especially Mango tart.



 *Based on 1292 reviews

WALDORF ASTORIA SHANGHAI ON THE BUND

No.2 Zhongshan Dong Yi Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai Region, 200002
Tel: +862163229988

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller capcaptain
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

I stayed at the river-view room. Enjoyed fantastic views!
Good air (atmosphere), and clean pool. And delicious (complimentary) cookie in the room.

(We received another bottles!!!)
Close to this hotel, numerous charming restaurants.

I think that it's the best place to enjoy Bund.


Full mark if more explanation for room/hotel facilities when check in.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

SHANGHAI

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 632 reviews

EFES RESTAURANT TURKISH & MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE


1 Floor, Block B, No. 665 Shang Cheng Road, Shanghai Region, 200122
Tel: +86 21 5067 7716

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller

Reviewed 8/01/2017

Went for a Sunday lunch treat, I was craving for a Adana Kebab. I got some humus with. Both very delicious. The owner took good care and offered me a Turkish coffee by the end of my meal. I'll be back soon.



 *Based on 317 reviews

SCENA (THE RITZ-CARLTON SHANGHAI PUDONG)

52/F, No.8 Century Avenue, Lujiazui, Pudong, Shanghai Region, 200120
Tel: 8620201717

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
SudeepSSharma

Reviewed 26/12/2016


Stopped here for an afternoon supper. Loved the pasta. Authentic 'al dente' way. attentive service and nice atmosphere. The restaurant seemed very cozy and comfortable. Good experience !!

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

SHANGHAI

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 449 reviews


FLAIR ROOFTOP

58F, Ritz Carlton Pudong, 8 Shiji Da Dao,
Shanghai Region, 200120
Tel: +86 21 2020 1717

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
828shanna1
Reviewed 2/01/2017*

Great vibes great view great service!
It's definitely a busy bar in Shanghai but all the servers are extremely friendly and attentive. They literally made sure our glasses are filled the whole time! Special thanks to Frank for making our first visit to Shanghai so memorable.



 *Based on 987 reviews

GOODFELLAS

Waitan, No.7 Yan'an East Road, Huangpu
District, Shanghai Region,
Tel: +86 21 6323 2188

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Savio5
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

Tried this restaurant while on a business trip to Shanghai last month. A nice place to hit some decent Italian food when in Shanghai. I normally always try out the arrabiata or the amatriciana but tried out their ravioli instead as the chef was not keen on deviating from the combinations on the menu. Have to say it was above par and a great mix of texture and taste. The restaurant has a great ambience and is a great option for expats looking for no...

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SICHUAN PROVINCE

Sichuan is one of the largest areas of land in China and is a naturally beautiful and popular province. The province is a gateway to Tibet and known for its plateaus, mountains, hills, hot springs, caves, and rivers. Sichuan is also one of the most historic provinces with human activity dating back 25,000 years. Today, Sichuan gives tourists opportunities to explore natural wonders, wildlife, the arts, and worldwide famous cuisine.

HIGHLIGHTS



Chengdu

Filled with green spaces, wooden architecture, local trades, and busy streets.



Sichuan Cuisine

Famous throughout China and the world, highly regarded for over 800 years.



Sichuan Opera

One of the most famous types of opera in China.



Yading Nature Reserve

Known for its 3 holy peaks.

CHENGDU

The capital of Sichuan Province, Chengdu is filled with green spaces, wooden architecture, local trades, and busy city streets. Many cultural and natural attractions are found in this busy city, rated as one of the most liveable in China. Visit the Wolong National Natural Reserve, a botanical garden and zoo. Mount Qingcheng is a Taoist mountain popular for its views and green surrounds. Sample some great Sichuan food at Zigong Caigua or Middle Eastern food at Sultan.



SICHUAN CUISINE

Famous throughout China and the world, Sichuan cuisine has been highly regarded for over 800 years. Often described as salty, hot and pungent, Sichuan food contains lots of spicy peppers, found to help reduce heat in humid climates. Some tasty dishes to try include Gong Bao Ji Ding, tender chicken seasoned with peanuts; fried pork with salted pepper, and stir fried tofu with minced beef in spicy bean paste. A popular dessert is Danghonggao (baked egg cake).



SICHUAN OPERA

One of the most famous types of opera in China, Sichuan Opera is distinguished by its humorous narration, acrobatics and changing faces. Always a lively, entertaining performance, you'll be pleasantly surprised even if you're not usually an opera fan. Visit Qintai Street for a live and dynamic performance.



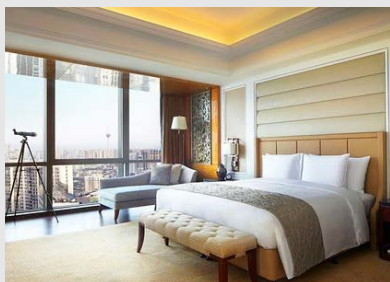
YADING NATURE RESERVE


Often referred to as 'The Last Shangri La', this exemplary nature park in the south-west of Sichuan Province is known for its 3 holy peaks. These peaks are Tibetan 'holy land', and pilgrimage to this area is a Tibetan's lifelong dream. You can take nature walks through the reserve or longer adventure treks. Also a photographer's paradise, the various lakes and peaks will create the perfect backdrop for your Sichuan experience.



SICHUAN PROVINCE

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 410 reviews


THE RITZ-CARLTON, CHENGDU

No.269 Shuncheng Main Street, Qingyang District, Chengdu, Sichuan, 116017
Tel: +862883588888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Jack K
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

We were upgraded to a room on the club level, which made all the difference during the stay. Because SiChuan cuisine, while delicious, is overwhelming spicy & oily; the club lounge offered a very welcomed respite to keep our tummies happy at all hours. Staffs were friendly & services were expedient.



 *Based on 440 reviews

FRASER SUITES CHENGDU

No.111 Zhihui Street, Jinjiang District, Chengdu, Sichuan, 610000
Tel: +862885166999

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
SweatinginNY
Reviewed 3/01/2017*

I can't take credit for picking this hotel, my dad did! This was our last stop while we were traveling in China and this hotel was awesome!

There was a washer/dryer combo in our room but we didnt need to use it. Microwave, mini fridge, walk in closet, fully stocked bathroom with great amenities.


The staff was amazing and very helpful.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

SICHUAN PROVINCE

ACCOMODATION



 *Based on 1722 reviews

SHANGRI-LA HOTEL CHENGDU


No.9 Binjiang East Road, Jinjiang District,
Chengdu, Sichuan, 610021

Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
101markturner
Reviewed 3/01/2017*

True to Brand- the Shangri-la Chengdu is at the cutting edge in terms of location and entertainment. The hotel offers its traditional lobby lounge and magnificent views over the river. The staff excel with world class hospitality which again is a hallmark of Shangri-la's attention to guest details. I cannot fault my stay which was so good and I did not want to checkout.



 *Based on 702 reviews

BUDDHAZEN HOTEL

B6-6, Wenshufang Street, Qingyang District,
Chengdu, Sichuan, 610017

Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Daniel O
Reviewed 27/12/2016*



We stay one night and it was really good, the location is perfect to walk to the monastery, the hotel is beautiful and the spa was amazing. the food was really good and the breakfast (included in the price)it's the perfect combination between a western buffet and the Chinese breakfast.

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SICHUAN PROVINCE

WINE & DINE



  *Based on 245 reviews

MIKE'S PIZZA KITCHEN



Tongzilin South Road No. 9,
Chengdu, Sichuan, 610041
Tel: +86 28 8522 6453

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Susan F

Reviewed 1/01/2017

Delicious pizza in this place. The service seemed a bit rushed a little frantic. Enjoyed our meal here.



  *Based on 130 reviews

LAZY PUG

No.48 South Renmin Road, Ground Floor
Chengdu, Sichuan, 610014
Tel: +86 138 8178 2604

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
USinChina

Reviewed 23/12/2016

The restaurant itself has a nice ambience and the waitstaff is all very friendly. I really liked the fries and the burgers looked so delicious! It's a shame I didn't have the time to try everything but I'll definitely be coming back. PSA: the Lazy Pug has a lot of promotional nights so definitely check them out!

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SICHUAN PROVINCE

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 196 reviews

CHEN MAPO TOFU (LUOMASHI)


197 Xi Yu Long St, West Jade Dragon St
Chengdu, Sichuan, 610015

Tel: +86 28 8675 4512

Review by *TripAdvisor Traveller*
Roger L
Reviewed 25/12/2016

A taste to die for. This is the original one. We were out for a business dinner and almost missed it because last order is early around 9pm, so be careful.



 *Based on 59 reviews

SHU JIUXIANG HOTPOT RESTAURANT (YULIN)

WuHou District YuLin Community NiJi-
aQiao Road 11-2, Chengdu, Sichuan

Tel: +86 28 8557 0362

Review by *TripAdvisor Traveller*
TibetCtripTravelTony
Reviewed 20/12/2016

I went here many times and the latest time was when I took some friends and classmates. The spicy hot pot is better than average, and price is among the higher end in Chengdu. However it was too busy at night, and there are always so many people. We'd better not drive due to heavy traffic, however the subway takes you to quite close stop which is called "Nijiaqiao" via Subway line 1 (from north to the south direction). If you have 4 or few more f...

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INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

Warm clothes - If you're planning on visiting during winter.

Camera - Capture the vibrant culture and stunning landscapes.

Phrase book - If you have a limited knowledge of Mandarin and Cantonese.

Money pouch - Make sure you don't lose anything in crowded cities and markets.

INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs. Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

- Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening – whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service** – allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- **Passports** – must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- **Boarding passes** – issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- **Immigration cards** – available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- **Find your departing gate** using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

RELAX

- At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.

INFORMATION

YOUR DESTINATION



**DISTANCE
FROM SYDNEY**
9,156km



WHEN TO GO
September-October
(autumn)



LANGUAGE
Mandarin, Cantonese



WEATHER
Summer: 22-31° Celsius
Winter: -9 - 10° Celsius



TIME ZONE
UTC +8



CURRENCY
Chinese Yuan Renminbi