

# Shanghai Curated: An Insider's Guide for Global Guests



## Shanghai-Style Cultural Landmarks Enjoy Shanghai-style culture and Chinese art exhibitions

### Spring Breeze and Galloping Horses: Year of the Horse Exhibition

**Location:** Shanghai Museum (People's Square)  
**Duration:** Feb 4 – Mar 17, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free (Walk-in with valid ID; no reservation required).  
**Why Visit:** A curated selection of 16 sets of horse-themed artifacts showcasing Chinese cultural depth and New Year aspirations.  
**Description:** Includes bronze, ceramics, painting, and jade from various major Chinese museums. It offers an authoritative window into understanding the significance of the "Horse" in Chinese history.

### The 15th Shanghai Biennale: "Did the Flower Hear the Bee?"

**Location:** Main Venue: Power Station of Art (PSA); City Projects: Jiayuanhai Art Museum, Beast TBH.  
**Duration:** Now through Mar 31, 2026  
**Ticketing:** 60 RMB; available via "Power Station of Art" WeChat Mini-program.  
**Why Visit:** A top-tier global contemporary art event exploring the relationship between art, nature, and society.  
**Description:** Founded in 1996, it is the most influential art event in Asia. This edition uses global curation to showcase leading edge artworks and research.

### "Echoes of Dunhuang" Cultural & Art Charity Exhibition

**Location:** Shanghai Artfront Centre (艺丰中心)  
**Duration:** Now through Mar 31, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free (Reservation required via "He Yi Dunhuang" WeChat account).  
**Why Visit:** High-fidelity replicas of Dunhuang grottoes and murals, including the massive "Central Pillar Cave."  
**Description:** Features five replicated classic Mogao Caves, along with manuscripts and sculptures, allowing visitors to experience the "Pearl of the Silk Road" without leaving Shanghai.

### Shanghai Art & Design Exhibition

**Location:** China Art Museum (formerly the Expo China Pavilion)  
**Duration:** Now through Mar 1, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free  
**Why Visit:** Visualizes the future of lifestyle through five themes: Clothing, Food, Housing, Travel, and Entertainment.  
**Description:** Showcases Shanghai's design power through global curation, brand pop-ups, and interactive museum collaborations.

### Modern Glamour: Shanghai-Style Qipao and a Century of Fashion

**Location:** Shanghai Museum (People's Square)  
**Duration:** Now through May 5, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free  
**Why Visit:** Witness the evolution of the Qipao (Cheongsam) from a traditional garment to an international fashion icon.  
**Description:** Features the collection of Mr. Jeff Chang (Zhang Xinzhe) and donations from Ms. Patricia Pei, illustrating the 100-year history of Shanghai's modern lifestyle.

### Jingju & Kunqu Opera Gala

**Location:** Tianchang Yi Fu Theatre  
**Duration:** Feb 18 – Feb 23, 2026  
**Ticketing:** 80 – 580 RMB; available via "Tianchang Yi Fu Theatre" (天蟾逸夫舞台) or Damai.cn.  
**Why Visit:** Watch "Mu Guiying Takes Command" and "The Peony Pavilion" performed by top-tier artists.  
**Description:** A high-level showcase of China's "National Treasure" performing arts featuring stars from the Shanghai Jingju Theatre and Shanghai Kunqu Opera Troupe.

### Shanghai Circus World: "ERA 2" New Year Carnival

**Location:** Shanghai Circus World and surrounding green spaces.  
**Duration:** Jan – Feb 2026  
**Ticketing:** "ERA 2" tickets range from 380 – 880 RMB.  
**Why Visit:** Award-winning international acrobatics combined with interactive circus parades and outdoor shows.  
**Description:** ERA 2 is a flagship resident show in Shanghai. The carnival expands the experience with outdoor interactions, making it a perfect family destination.

### Shanghai-Style Puppet Show: "Sun Wukong: Three Battles with the White Bone Demon"

**Location:** Cless Puppet Theatre (Shanghai Puppet Troupe)  
**Duration:** Feb 21 – Feb 23, 2026  
**Ticketing:** From 80 RMB.  
**Why Visit:** A classic Chinese myth performed with traditional Shanghai puppet techniques.  
**Description:** Features an exhibition of "Rod Puppets" from Shanghai, "String Puppets" from Europe, and Southeast Asian puppets alongside the performance.

## Modern Landmarks & Experiences Explore theme parks and modern Shanghai icons

### Disney Winter Frostival

**Location:** Shanghai Disney Resort  
**Duration:** Nov 7, 2025 – Mar 3, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Via Shanghai Disney Resort Official App or website.  
**Why Visit:** "Disney Winter Frostival Parade," snowy castle moments, and Chinese New Year-themed decorations.  
**Description:** Features characters in new festive costumes, "Zootopia" residents in snowman outfits, and exclusive winter merchandise and dining.

### LEGOLAND Shanghai: "Big Happiness for Big New Year"

**Location:** LEGOLAND Shanghai Resort  
**Duration:** Jan 24 – Mar 3, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Via LEGOLAND Shanghai official channels.  
**Why Visit:** Festive build-challenges and LEGO-themed Chinese New Year performances.  
**Description:** Features a LEGO City wish-list event, exclusive shows, and a vibrant market atmosphere where every brick can realize a dream.

### 2026 Riverside Ice Season

**Location:** North Bund Cruise Terminal (Port of Shanghai)  
**Duration:** Jan 1 – Feb 28, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Rink experience starts at 69.9 RMB.  
**Why Visit:** Shanghai's only riverside ice rink with "Snowfall Moments" and ice shows every weekend.  
**Description:** Includes a "New Year Market" with winter snacks and games, candlelit concerts, and a light-up ceremony from the rink to the Maritime Tower.

### Baoshan International Folk Art Museum

**Location:** 4788 Hutai Rd, Baoshan District  
**Duration:** Jan – Feb 2026  
**Ticketing:** 30 RMB  
**Why Visit:** A professional museum showcasing folk arts and intangible heritage from over 10 countries across five continents.  
**Description:** Uses multimedia and scene reconstruction to present global cultural diversity. A great window for understanding world heritage.

### Shanghai Museum of Glass

**Location:** 685 West Changjiang Rd, Baoshan District  
**Duration:** Jan – Feb 2026  
**Ticketing:** Multi-venue tickets (Art/Kids) 108 RMB; Single venue 60 RMB.  
**Why Visit:** Rated by CNN as one of the "Three Museums in China Most Worth Visiting."  
**Description:** Features a 1,000-year history of glass, a glass maze for "light-and-shadow hide-and-see," and live "Hot Glass" glass-blowing performances.

### Ruihong Tiandi: "Gallop Together" New Year Campaign

**Location:** Ruihong Tiandi (Ruihong Rd)  
**Duration:** Jan 30 – Mar 3, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free (Public areas)  
**Why Visit:** Features "The Ceiling of Shanghai New Year Shopping" with two major festive markets.  
**Description:** Combines traditional customs with modern interaction, non-遗 (intangible heritage) workshops, and folk performances.

### Longhua Hospital Intimate TCM Experience

**Location:** Longhua Hospital International Medical Department  
**Duration:** Jan – Feb 2026 (Closed Feb 16-19)  
**Ticketing:** Appointment via hospital's official channels.  
**Why Visit:** Add Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) to your travel list; experience acupuncture and Tui-na massage.  
**Description:** A world-renowned hospital offering professional TCM services for international visitors, including cupping and herbal consultations.

### Extreme Kung Fu (Jizhi Kung Fu)

**Location:** Rm 1502, Bldg 15, Lane 1265, West Zhongshan Rd  
**Duration:** Mon-Sat, 10:30-21:30  
**Ticketing:** Booking via official channels or Dianping.com.  
**Why Visit:** An expat-run martial arts studio teaching Tai Chi and Wing Chun in full English.  
**Description:** Flexible courses suitable for all levels, focusing on self-defense, fitness, and deep cultural immersion.

### "Journey to the New Year: A Box of Blessings" Art Installation

**Location:** Grand Gateway 66, South Atrium 1F (No. 1 Hongqiao Road, Xuhui District)  
**Time:** Now until February 24, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free to visit.  
**Reason for Listing:** Centered on the theme "Journey into the New Year," Chow Sang Sang integrates traditional customs into daily wanderings, encouraging people to collect New Year warmth while walking through Shanghai.  
**Event Introduction:** The art installation incorporates the iconic marquee design of Chow Sang Sang's YuYu series, outlining a free-swimming posture with dynamic fish-like curves. When the "Quanhe" is opened, it unfolds slowly like a flowing scroll of New Year blessings.

## Authentic Local Eats Taste authentic flavors and relax your body and mind

### Nanxiang Ancient Town Lantern & Food Festival

**Location:** Nanxiang Ancient Town (Jiefang St, Minzhu St, Guyi Garden Rd)  
**Duration:** Feb 10 – Mar 3, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free (Town access)  
**Why Visit:** The birthplace of Xiao Long Bao (Soup Dumplings); participate in riddle-solving and ceramic exhibitions.  
**Description:** Theme: "Spirit of the Steamer, Leap into the New Year." Taste authentic dumplings while enjoying horse-themed lanterns.

### Wang Jia Sha "Spring Welcoming" Food Festival

**Location:** Wang Jia Sha Flagship Store (805 West Nanjing Rd)  
**Duration:** Feb 2026  
**Ticketing:** Pay as you eat  
**Why Visit:** A one-stop "Intangible Heritage" shopping experience for traditional pastries, Eight-Treasure Rice, and Crab Meat Dumplings.  
**Description:** Observe the bustling scene of local "Aunties and Uncles" buying New Year supplies—the most authentic expression of Shanghai's commercial vitality.

### Sunya Cantonese Restaurant New Year Market

**Location:** Sunya Cantonese Restaurant (Nanjing East Rd Store)  
**Duration:** Jan 31 – Feb 13, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Pay as you buy  
**Why Visit:** Master-curated semi-finished dishes, Cantonese cured meats, and innovative pastries.  
**Description:** One of Shanghai's oldest Cantonese restaurants. The crowds here during the New Year are a vivid symbol of the city's festive spirit.

### Yu Garden (Garden Itself)

**Location:** Yuyuan Garden (inside the Mall area)  
**Duration:** Jan 30 – Feb 28, 2026  
**Ticketing:** 30 RMB  
**Why Visit:** Follow the footsteps of visiting world leaders; eat Butterfly Cookies at Lu Bo Lang and drink tea at Huxinting Tea House.  
**Description:** A Ming Dynasty classic garden. Enjoy the refined Shanghai-style tea culture amidst pavilions, rockeries, and ponds.

## Shanghai Shopping & Convenience Exclusive services for payment and travel convenience

### Shanghai Pass: Museum New Year Combo

**Location:** 20+ designated museums (including Shanghai Museum, Science & Technology Museum, etc.)  
**Duration:** Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2026  
**Ticketing:** Starts at 349 RMB (Early bird special: 299 RMB for first 299 buyers). Available via "Hu Xiao You" (沪小游) or "Shanghai City Tour Card" Mini-program.  
**Why Visit:** Incredible value; access 20 top-tier cultural venues with one pass.

### Luxury Shopping at iapm Mall

**Location:** iapm Mall (Middle Huaihai Rd)  
**Duration:** Jan – Feb 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free entry  
**Why Visit:** Dozens of Tax-Refund stores and international luxury brands (Prada, Gucci, Burberry, Canada Goose).  
**Description:** High-end shopping with late-night dining options and convenient tax-refund services for international travelers.

### Bailian Qingpu Outlets

**Location:** Qingpu Outlets (near Hongqiao)  
**Duration:** Jan – Feb 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free entry  
**Why Visit:** 400+ international brands with deep discounts and extra New Year promotions.  
**Description:** Features "Horse-themed" gifts, non-遗 (intangible heritage) parades, and even helicopter experiences for VIP members.

### Wukang Road – Anfu Road District

**Location:** Wukang Rd, Anfu Rd  
**Duration:** 24/7 (Shops usually 10:00-22:00)  
**Ticketing:** Free street access  
**Why Visit:** The "Citywalk" hotspot of Shanghai; features the Wukang Mansion, boutique coffee shops, and trendy lifestyle brands.  
**Description:** A beautiful mix of historic villas and modern "Instagrammable" spots. The district is fully decorated for the New Year.

### Inbound Consumption Gift Season

**Location:** Major malls citywide (Nanjing Rd, Huaihai Rd, Lujiazui, Xujiahui)  
**Duration:** Now through early Mar 2026  
**Ticketing:** Free to participate  
**Why Visit:** 1% extra gift on tax-refund sales; Union-Pay 20% off for foreign cards (on purchases over 100 RMB).  
**Description:** Special promotions coordinated by Bank of China and CCB to welcome international guests with tangible benefits.

