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Shanghai attractions for visitors

The Bund



The picturesque Bund, Shanghai's waterfront promenade, stretches for one mile along the bank of the Huangpu River. It is still renowned for its strip of Art Deco buildings. One of the grandest, formerly the City Communist Party headquarters, is now the home of the Shanghai Pudong Development Bank.

The wide riverfront promenade provides a captivating view of Shanghai, particularly at night. From the Bund visitors can take a river trip down the Huangpu to the mouth of the Yangtse. Boats leave regularly from the Shiliupu Pier south of the Bund. The trip takes about three hours.

Shanghai Museum



The new Shanghai Museum is situated on People's Square, the political and cultural center of Shanghai. The square itself boasts a giant musical fountain and some attractive green recreational areas where locals dance and fly kites.

The building of the Shanghai Museum, opened in 1996, is shaped like a giant bronze urn. It contains a collection of 123,000 cultural artefacts in 21 categories. Chief among the museum's collections are bronze ware, ceramics, calligraphy and art works.

Yuyuan Gardens



The Yuyuan Gardens date back to 1559 to the Ming Dynasty, and are the best example of Chinese classical gardens in Shanghai. The relatively small gardens are laid out in an intricate design with pavilions, rockeries, ponds and a traditional theatre arranged in an ornate maze.

The gardens are on Yuyuan Street in downtown Shanghai and can be reached via the Town God Temple Market, a warren of shops and stalls that is becoming increasingly popular as a tourist bazaar.