

# Shanghai, Shanghai, China

Where colonial grandeur faces a forest of supertall towers across the Huangpu River — Shanghai packs more contrast into a single skyline than almost any city on earth. One shore day barely scratches the surface.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Chinese Yuan (CNY)

Mandarin Chinese

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Wusongkou International Cruise Terminal, Baoshan — 25–30 km from city center

**Best For:** History, street food, contrasting architecture, day trips

**Walk to center:** Not walkable; taxi or ship shuttle ~45–60 min to The Bund

**Don't Miss:** The Bund waterfront promenade and Yu Garden bazaar

Getting around: **Taxi** CNY 85–100 (~\$12–16 USD) from Wusongkou; CNY 20–45 from North Bund terminal · **Rideshare** DiDi ·

**Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- The Bund & Pudong Skyline** — Stroll the 1.5 km Bund promenade along the Huangpu River, soaking up the colonial-era banking facades opposite the sci-fi Pudong skyline.
- Yu Garden & Old Town Bazaar** — Yu Garden (Yuyuan) is a 16th-century Ming Dynasty classical garden of rockeries, pavilions, and koi ponds.
- French Concession & Tianzifang** — The former French Concession retains tree-lined avenues, 1930s villas, and art galleries.
- Zhujiajiao Water Town Day Trip** — About 50 km southwest of Shanghai, Zhujiajiao is an 1,700-year-old canal town with 36 stone bridges, riverside teahouses, and gondola rides.
- Jade Buddha Temple** — One of Shanghai's most celebrated Buddhist temples, housing two carved white jade Buddha statues brought from Myanmar in 1882.

## BEST WALKS

- The Bund to Yu Garden** 3–4 km | 1.5–2 hrs | Easy flat terrain — Start at the northern end of the Bund near Waibaidu Bridge, walk the full promenade south past the Peace Hotel and Customs House, then cut inland through Nanjing Road...
- French Concession Stroll** 2–3 km | 1–1.5 hrs | Easy — Start at Fuxing Road Metro Station and wander west along Fuxing Middle Road past garden villas and plane trees.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 68° | 52°  | 10d |      |
| Jun | 82° | 70°  | 16d |      |
| Aug | 88° | 78°  | 16d |      |
| Sep | 81° | 70°  | 13d |      |
| Oct | 73° | 60°  | 7d  |      |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:26AM–6:22PM · Jun 4:49AM–6:59PM · Aug 5:19AM–6:36PM · Sep 5:38AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:57AM–5:22PM

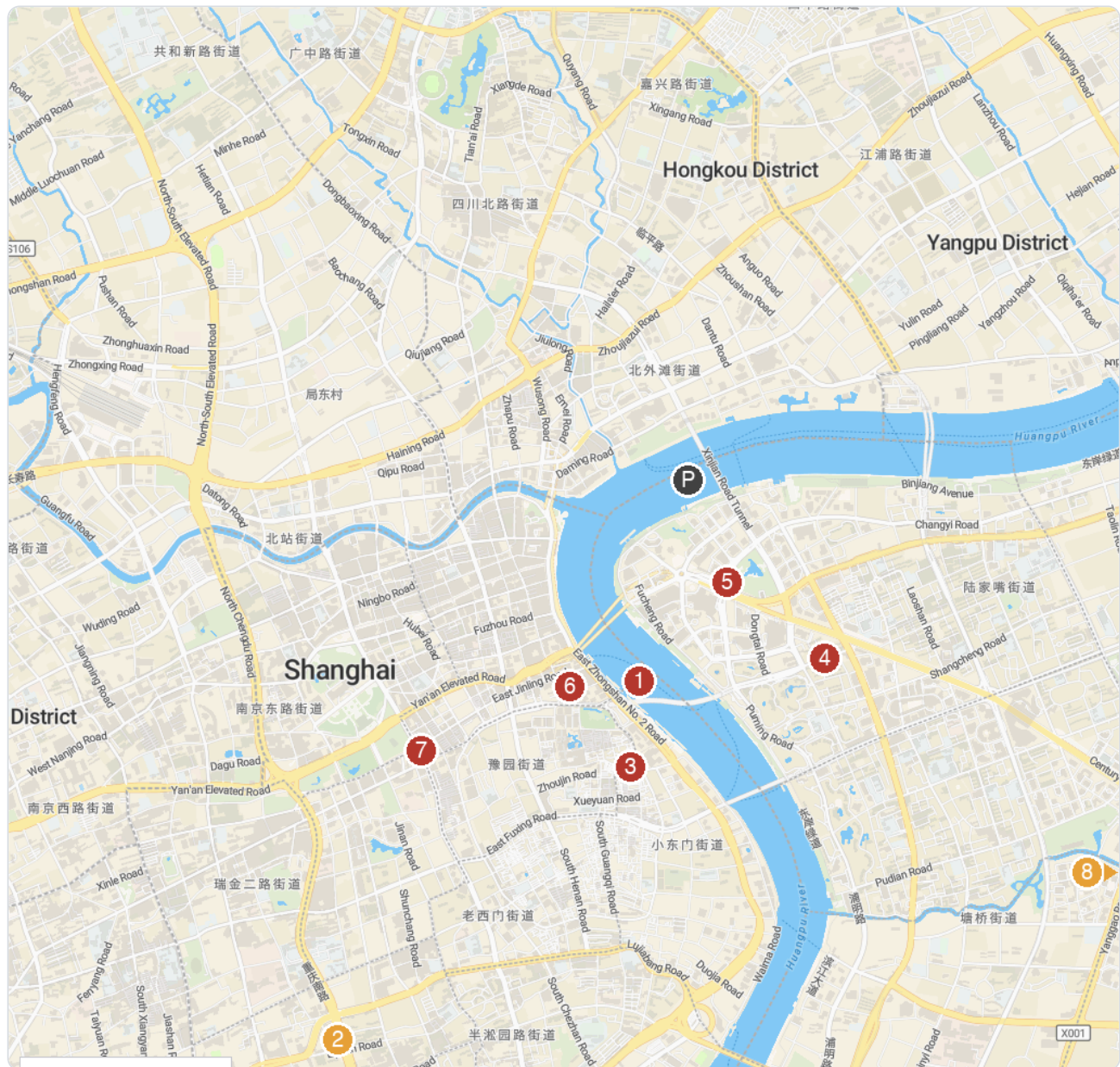
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash CNY. Shops, markets, and most restaurants in Shanghai run on WeChat Pay or Alipay — international credit cards are frequently refused. Exchange currency onboard or use an ATM at the terminal.
- VPN before you land. Google Maps, WhatsApp, and most Western apps are blocked in China. Download offline maps (Maps.me or MAPS.ME with Shanghai pack) and set up a VPN before your phone connects to Chinese networks.
- Budget 45–60 min travel each way from Wusongkou to the city center. Factor this into your departure deadline — missing all-aboard is an expensive lesson.
- Visa-free entry for cruise groups. Since May 2024, foreign tourist groups entering China by cruise at coastal ports (including Shanghai) can qualify for a visa exemption. Confirm your eligibility with your cruise line well in advance.
- Eat xiaolongbao at the source. Din Tai Fung (multiple locations) is the well-known chain, but local spots near Yu Garden do excellent versions for a fraction of the price.
- Yu Garden bazaar is a scrum. The inner garden is tranquil and worth the ticket; the surrounding bazaar market is aggressive and extremely crowded. Keep bags close.

# Shanghai, Shanghai, China — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Waitan** Historic waterfront promenade with colonial architecture and city views.
  - 2 Tianzifang** Labyrinthine alleyways with art studios, cafes, and craft shops.
  - 3 Yu Garden** Exquisite classical Chinese garden with pavilions, rockeries, and ponds.
  - 4 Shanghai World Financial Center** Iconic skyscraper offering breathtaking city views from its observation deck.
  - 5 Oriental Pearl TV Tower** Iconic TV tower with unique spheres and observation decks.
  - 6 外滩中心** Modern skyscraper on the Bund with offices and a hotel.
  - 7 Shanghai Museum** Grand museum showcasing ancient Chinese art and artifacts.
  - 8 Century Square** Large public square in Pudong, often hosting events.
- P** Cruise port / terminal