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1 The **Oriental Pearl TV Tower** is located in Pudong Park in Lujiazui, Shanghai. The tower, surrounded by the Yangpu Bridge in the northeast and the Nanpu Bridge in the southwest, creates a picture of ‘twin dragons playing with pearls’.

2 **Huangpu River**, the most important shipping artery of Shanghai, wriggles like an undulating dragon from the mouth of the Yangtze River in Wusong to the East China Sea. The River is 114 kilometers (71 miles) long, 400 meters (0.25 miles) wide and has an average depth of nine meters (30 feet).

3 The **Bund**, also called the Zhongshan Road, is a famous waterfront and regarded as the symbol of Shanghai for hundreds of years. It starts from the Baidu Bridge, which is at the connecting point of the Huangpu River and the Suzhou Creek; and to the East, Jinling Road, and winds 1500 meters. Walking along the Bund, visitors can view on the opposite river bank the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Jin Mao Tower. Being one of the Top Ten Shanghai Attractions, the Bund is a really beautiful and special place which is worth visiting.

4 Standing in the center of Lujiazui Finance & Trade Zone in Pudong, The **Shanghai World Financial Center (SWFC)**, is the

tallest comprehensive building in the world by far. It was completed in August 2008, with 101 floors and a height of 492 meters (about 1,614 feet).

5 **Yuyuan Garden** is a famous classical garden located in Anren Jie, Shanghai. The garden was finished in 1577 by a government officer of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) named Pan Yunduan. Yu in Chinese means pleasing and satisfying, and this garden was specially built for Pan’s parents as a place for them to enjoy a tranquil and happy time in their old age.

6 Located in the center of Shanghai in People’s Square, The **Shanghai Museum**, is a large museum of ancient Chinese art. The museum style presentation surround visitors with artifacts demonstrating ancient wisdom and philosophy. The exterior design of the round dome and the square base symbolizes the ancient idea of a round heaven and a square land.

7 **Jade Buddha Temple** is one of the most famous Buddhist temples to be found in Shanghai. The White Jade Buddhas were brought here from Burma in the nineteenth century. One is seated while the other is in the recumbent position of Sakyamuni symbolizing the Buddha’s attainment of enlightenment or nirvana. The temple also

has some impressive images of the Heavenly Kings. Although many people come to worship each day and burn incense at this very holy and active shrine, visitors are welcome.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Shanghai and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, guests are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: Bargaining is considered essential. Most foreigners tend to be overcharged. You can bargain in shops, hotels and with taxi drivers and with most people. In large stores prices are marked. Your goal should be to pay the Chinese price, not the foreigner’s price and do so politely.

Tipping: Tour gratuities for the guide and driver are customary in China; the amount of the gratuity is entirely subject to guest’s satisfaction with their trip experience. Tips for hotel bellhops and airport porters are a must. Taxi drivers generally expect a gratuity. Good hotels and restaurants generally add a 10% service charge, but waiters and waitresses usually expect more.

Avoiding Offense: Nude bathing at beaches is not allowed. Bathing attire should be conservative. Do not give a gift of white flowers except at funerals. Do not write anything in red ink as this conveys anger and hostility. Leaving chopsticks sticking vertically in a bowl is a bad omen as it resembles incense sticks in a bowl of ashes, a death sign. When handing someone an item, present it with both hands as a sign of respect.

Local Cuisine: Xia Zi Da Wu Shen is noted as the most famous seafood dish in Shanghai cuisine. Dried sea cucumber is immersed in water to restore its original size and then stewed with oil, yellow wine, soybean sauce, broth, sugar, shallot, starch sauce and shrimp roe. This dish is nutritious with rich protein and minerals and is said to effectively control cancer. Ba Bao La Jiang is typical among the few spicy dishes in Shanghai Cuisine. It is a Benbang dish featuring great flavor and bright color. Bean sauce and chili sauce are blended and stir-fried with shelled shrimps, chicken, chicken stock, pork, pig offal, dried small shrimps, bamboo shoots and various kinds of seasoning. This dish with such a great number of ingredients gives us some idea of how delicate Shanghai cuisine can be. You Bao He Xia is a good choice if you like sea food. Live shrimp are deep-fried and then stir-fried with a special sauce made of yellow wine, soybean sauce, sugar, shallot sauce and ginger sauce. The dish tastes fairly sweet and fresh.

Shanghai’s local snacks should not be missed. You should try the famous Nanxiang steamed stuffed buns, crab-yellow pastry, fried stuffed buns, chop rice cake, vegetable stuffed buns, Leisha dumplings and wontons. Various ‘snack streets’ in Shanghai have many restaurants and eateries to tempt you. Wujiang Road, Old Town God Temple Snack Street, South Yunnan Road and Xianxia Road are the best among them.

SHOPPING FACILITIES Shopping areas in Shanghai are clearly divided into ‘Four Streets and Four Cities’. Nanjing Road, one of the four streets, enjoys the reputation of No.1 Commercial Street in China. Parkson Shopping Center on the Huaihai Road is worth visiting. Here

you will find reasonable prices and many special offers in the form of discounts and other promotions. Even the brand-name clothing is reasonably priced here. Maison Mode, located at #99, Huai Hai Road, claims to be the aristocrat on this street. You will find the leading designer brands such as Gucci, Ferragamo, Hugo Boss, Bally, Kenzo, etc. here. Yuyuan Shopping City, Xujiahui Shopping City, New Shanghai Shopping City and Jiali Sleepless City are the bustling ‘Four Cities of Shopping’ in Shanghai.

LOCAL CURRENCY Chinese currency is called Renminbi (meaning ‘People’s Currency’) and is abbreviated to RMB. The standard unit is Yuan (referred to as Kuai in everyday speech). Foreign credit cards can be used at post office ATMs, convenience stores and some major banks.

POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES The most convenient post office is Shanghai Post Office Head Office, located at #276 Suzhou Beilu, Shanghai, which is 2 km from Gaoyanglu Pier.

Dial the following access numbers to use a personal calling card:

AT&T: 108.11

MCI: 108.12 or 108712

TRANSPORTATION Taxis are limited at the pier. Taxis cruise the streets in town and are easily found at hotels.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Mandarin is the main language used locally. English is spoken in many locations.

Hello - ni hao.

Good bye. - zai jian.

How much? – duo shao qian?

Thank-you – xie xie

You’re welcome – huan ying guang ling

I’m sorry/excuse me – dui bu qi

I don’t understand – wo bu dong

Where is the toilet? – ce suo zai na li?