

WELCOME TO SHANGHAI

Get ready to make the most of your stay in this city of captivating contrasts. Whether you're savoring the city's futuristic skyline or exploring its intimate traditional lanes, we've got you covered with the places only locals know and love.



Bar Alcocase
Room 101-A, 433 Changle Rd

The artsy bartenders of Union Trading joined forces to put up the newest bar in town that's about to rock the bartending scene in Shanghai. The bar oozes with that speak-easy vibe reflecting a very masculine yet glittery interior. Lucky's take on the cocktail menu is something noteworthy indeed. Her expertise throughout the Union Trading years is reflected in every drink curated.

INSIDER TIP Not only are their drinks topnotch, the food menu is also quite alluring.



Madame Mao's Dowry
207 Fumin Rd
10AM – 7PM, daily

Looking for that perfect gift? Madame Mao's Dowry got you covered. This quaint shop in Fumin Lu is where you'll find tiny trinkets of Chinese-inspired antique furniture, vintage maps, cellphone cases, photographs, etc. A couple of art figurines, paintings, etc. of Mao is the highlight of the store which exemplifies the contemporary art of the Cultural Revolution Era. The unusual mix of old and new items makes the trip to the store in itself worth visiting.

INSIDER TIP Quirky finds from left to right. I can't seem to find one particular item to recommend! Get them all!



Lokal by Wagas
202 Wukang Rd

The ever so popular healthy fast food joint to every Laowai in Shanghai has a new baby and they've added a little more flair with a hint of a 'bistro-feel' to it. The ambience is inviting with a courtyard of leafy shades that makes up for the perfect Pinterest-like afternoon coffee pin.

INSIDER TIP Healthy options is what you'll be expecting. But just right about the corner, you can indulge with a tasty homemade ice cream that seems to be such a hit this season!

TALK LIKE A LOCAL
Know slang from the streets.

棒棒哒 **bang bang da**
'awesome!'

Man! What you did there was super 棒棒哒
bang bang da!

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Canton Table
Three on The Bund, 5/F
3 Zhongshan Dong Yi Rd.

I wrote about Canton Table before in my previous Cool Hunter Guide, but what I missed to mention is their new Dim Sum Lunch set which is the reason why I'm writing about them again! The ambience is perfection and the dim sum selection is topnotch. What better way to impress your friends visiting to Shanghai?

INSIDER TIP Have some tea with your dim sum and see the traditional tea service right in front of your eyes.



Blackbird
Columbia Circle
1262 Yanan Xi Rd

Once used to be in the bustling streets of Wulumuqi Rd., and now spotted in the newest hotspot in Shanghai, Columbia Circle. From the makers of Oha Eatery and Bar No. 3, you get a picture of the food and drinks they're serving paired with the laid back ambience of the neighborhood, it's the perfect spot to chill and kill a whole afternoon with a good cocktail on hand.

INSIDER TIP Did I mention the drinks were conceptualized by the people behind Bar No. 3?



Sichuan Citizen
378 Wukang Rd

Word around the Laowai grapevine that the expat beloved Sichuan restaurant closed its doors in Donghu Lu and now sits in the famous alleys of Ferguson Lane. Now bigger... and better?

INSIDER TIP BASIL DROPPPPPP!



Alimentari
158 Anfu Rd

Although Alimentari recently opened their second branch in Jiaozhuo Lu, their Anfu joint is still my favorite stop over in FFC. This Deli shop has all the boxes ticked – fresh slices of prosciutto? Check! Soft chunks of brie? Check! Bottled drinks of Aperol? Double Check!

INSIDER TIP Don't judge their bottled cocktails at first glance. Believe me, I did – and how wrong I was!



UnTour Food Tour
<https://untourfoodtours.com/>

You never truly know the city until you get down and gritty with the city's local cuisine! Join UnTour Food Tour and experience how the locals eat, live and interact through their love over food. It's truly an eye opening cultural event!

WHAT'S NEW/NEXT

W Memory Capsule

Mooncake Festival is just a stone throw away and boy do we have the hippest one in town! Get your hands on your very own W Memory Capsule and catapult back in time.



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