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- **Astor House Hotel** (p193)
Old-school Shànghǎi, and endearingly eccentric.
- **Captain Hostel** (p194)
For those on a budget it's hard to beat this place. Perfect location, good facilities and its own rooftop bar with a view of the Pùdōng lights.
- **Grand Hyatt** (p198)
Stunning building, eye-popping atrium, great restaurants and the world's highest bubble bath.
- **Old House Inn** (p198)
Hip hotel with stylish rooms, elegant furniture and friendly staff.
- **Ruijin Guest House** (p196)
An oasis of green in the heart of Shànghǎi. Gaze out on the rolling lawns, or visit the restaurants and bars dotted around this former estate of a tycoon.
- **St Regis Shanghai** (p200)
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- **The Nine** (p198)
Boutique B&B for those in the know. One of Shànghǎi's best-kept secrets.

SLEEPING

Shànghǎi offers a huge and growing choice of hotel accommodation. But most places are aimed squarely at business travellers, spawning a glut of four- and five-star outfits and identical mid-range establishments with little to choose between them except location. Short-stay travellers may prefer to be based on East Nanjing Rd or near the Bund, while business visitors will need to be based wherever their work takes them, often Hóngqiáo or Pǔdōng. Location near a metro station is a definite advantage for getting around the city.

A few boutique hotels and B&Bs have started to appear, but budget options are still more limited than in many cities of Shànghǎi's size. It's best to book ahead at the more popular hostels.

Top-end places generally fall into two categories: the historic hotels of old Shànghǎi and the slick modern towers of new Shànghǎi, bursting with modern amenities. Business travellers generally aim for modern, internationally managed hotels. Those with a sense of history might want to stay at one of the more archaic options, such as the Ruijin Guest House or the Astor House, where they can wrap themselves in nostalgia. However, most of Shànghǎi's historic hotels are Chinese-managed and levels of service rarely reach international levels.

Most midrange and all top-end hotels have nonsmoking floors or rooms. Cheaper places aimed at Chinese travellers are often very smoky. Broadband access is standard in rooms too now, although you'll have to pay to use it, and almost every hotel or hostel will have some form of internet access. Where there is no internet access, it's noted in the reviews.

Top-end hotels usually list their rates in US dollars, but you will always have to pay in Renminbi (RMB). Almost all hotels change money for guests and most midrange and top-end places accept credit cards (and many have ATMs). We list standard room rates here, though deluxe and suite rooms are often available. All hotel rooms are subject to a 10% or 15% service charge, but many cheaper hotels don't bother to charge this. People's Republic of China (PRC) residents often get special rates.

When you check into a hotel you will have to fill in a registration form, a copy of which will be sent to the local Public Security Bureau (PSB; Gōngānjū) office.

LONGER-TERM RENTALS

There are several types of longer-term accommodation in Shànghǎi. One thing common to all is the need to register with the local PSB. Now that the distinction between foreigner and local Chinese accommodation has been abolished, rents have fallen for foreigners.

The cheapest way to stay in Shànghǎi is to share a flat or rent local accommodation from a Chinese landlord. Classified ads in *That's Shanghai* and other publications advertise apartments or flat-shares. The city is also staffed with estate agents (*dichān gōngsī*). A three-bedroom modern apartment in a French Concession high-rise will cost around Y6000 per month. The same further out in Minhang district will cost around Y5000. Note that advertised apartment dimensions include common parts (eg outside corridors). Standard apartments with central heating are hard to find in Shànghǎi.

Many expat residents rent serviced apartments. Most offer hotel-style facilities such as

a clubroom, gym and maid service. Shànghǎi currently has a glut of these blocks and prices have been falling in the last couple of years. In general, monthly rents vary from around Y8000 to upwards of Y40,000 for a two-bedroom apartment.

It is also worth considering living in an old-style Shànghǎi house, such as the three-floor apartment houses of the French Concession. What you gain in style, however, you often lose in suspect electricity and plumbing, poor heating and a continual need for renovations. You won't save any money by choosing an old house either, as rents range from Y8000 to Y25,000 per month.

Shànghǎi has enjoyed a tremendous property boom over the past few years, although the market has cooled down since the government imposed a 5% tax on properties sold within two years of being purchased (detering rampant property speculation). If you want to actually buy a place you will need a property agent to help you through the legal minefield.

ROOM RATES

You can find dorm beds for around Y50 to Y60, but double rooms under Y200 can be hard to find. Expect to pay from Y600 to Y700 (after a discount) for a midrange room. A bed in a top-end place will go from Y1200 (after discount). If you're landing at the airport, try the **tourist office** (☎ 6268 8899) in the international arrivals hall. It has a list of hotels offering discounts (折扣; *zhékòu*). Apart from the hotels listed here, keep an eye out for cheap guesthouses (旅馆; *lǚguǎn*), where you can get cheap, but often very basic, rooms. Some of these lurk down side roads off the main drag so it's worth hunting about to see what crops up.

With so much competition around, few hotels in Shànghǎi actually charge the full rack rate. Peak times are May to mid-October and Chinese New Year; outside of these periods you can normally get a discount of 30% to 40% if you ask – although the discounted price often includes tax, which will swallow up 15% of your discount. Newly opened hotels offer particularly good deals. You should also be able to negotiate a better rate for a longer stay, especially at top-end hotels. In this chapter we

HOTEL PRIMER

English	Chinese	Pinyin
Hotel	饭店/酒店/大酒店	fàndiàn/jiǔdiàn/dà jiǔdiàn
Youth Hostel	青年旅馆	qīngnián lǚguǎn
Guesthouse	招待所/旅馆/旅店	zhāodàisùo/lǚguǎn/lǚdiàn
Reception	总台	zǒngtái
Receptionist	服务员	fúwùyuán
Single Room	单人间	dānrénjiān
Double Room	双人间	shuāngrénjiān
Triple Room	三人间	sānrénjiān
Quad	四人间	sìrénjiān
Suite	套房	tàofáng
Deposit	押金	yājīn
Bathroom	卫生间	wèishēngjiān
Breakfast	早餐	zǎocān
TV	电视	diànshì
Telephone	电话	diànhuà
Air-con	空调	kōngtiáo
Taxi	出租车	chūzūchē
Check Out	退房	tuìfáng
Discount	折扣	zhékòu
Toilet Paper	卫生纸	wèishēngzhǐ
Passport	护照	hùzhào
Visa	签证	qiānzhèng

PRICE RANGE FOR HOTELS

YYY	over Y1000 a night
YY	Y500-1000 a night
Y	under Y500 a night

list the rack rate and then indicate whether discounts are generally available and how much you can expect, although these rates are not guaranteed. Prices are generally at their most flexible in the dead of winter.

It's also worth noting that travel agencies and websites can get you sizable discounts at the top-end hotels. Sites such as www.shanghai-hotel.net, www.shanghaihotels.com.cn and www.asia-hotels.com offer reviews and advanced booking at good discounted rates. The special internet rates offered by hotels are normally much the same as the discounted rate offered to walk-in guests.

For an explanation of the symbols used in this chapter to describe room types, see the Quick Reference page on the inside front cover.

THE BUND & EAST NANJING ROAD 外滩、南京东路

This is the natural centre of gravity for tourists. It's close to the historic highlights of the Bund, has lavish views of Pǔdōng and comes with a surprising range of budget sleeping options. Hotels on East Nanjing Rd are right in the heart of the commercial action and therefore can be a bit noisy, but they're close to metro line No 2, which makes getting anywhere else in town a breeze.

WESTIN SHANGHAI Map p62 YYY
威斯汀大饭店 **Wèisītīng Dàfàndiàn**
☎ 6335 1888; www.westin.com/shanghai; 88 Central Henan Rd; 河南中路88号; d Y3800; ☎ East Nanjing Rd

Part of the Bund Centre and the best hotel in the area, with top-of-the-line facilities that include the Thai-style **Banyan Tree spa** (p178), an imported food store and deli, and some excellent restaurants – including the Stage and the Italian Prego. All rooms come with rainforest showerheads, trade-mark heavenly beds, deep baths, broadband and a fax machine. Corner doubles have spacious side

rooms. The staff are polite and efficient and there's a swimming pool. Don't be put off by the price of the rooms; hefty 40% to 50% discounts are commonly available.

SOFITEL HYLAND HOTEL Map p62 YYY

海仑宾馆 *Hǎilún Bīnguǎn*

☎ 6351 5888; 505 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路 505号; r from Y2000; ☉ East Nanjing Rd

A favourite with tourists, right at the pedestrianised commercial heart of East Nanjing Rd, this slick and dependable four-star hotel is a solid choice, run by the French Accor group and dating from 1993. The rooms could be bigger given the prices here, but this is a professional place with a large choice of restaurants and good facilities, including broadband in all rooms. Discounts of around 25% are available.

HOWARD JOHNSON PLAZA HOTEL YYY

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古象大酒店 *Gǔxiàng Dàjiǔdiàn*

☎ 3313 4888; www.hojo.china.com; 595 Jiujiang Rd; 九江路595号; d Y1900; ☉ People's Sq, East Nanjing Rd

This modern 27-storey tower is a good choice, especially with the 40% discounts available in the slow seasons. The location between Renmin Square and the Bund is excellent, the rooms have the latest facilities, including broadband, and they have decent-sized bathrooms. There's a choice of restaurants and bars, plus an indoor pool.

RAMADA PLAZA Map p62 YYY

南新雅华美达大酒店 *Nán Xīnyǎ Huáměidá Dàjiǔdiàn*

☎ 6350 0000; www.ramadainternationalhotel.com; 719 East Nanjing Rd/700 Jiujiang Rd; 南京东路 719号/九江路700号; d from Y1680; ☉ People's Sq

The four-star Ramada offers tourists a supreme location. Although the lobby (dripping with marble) is overpowering, the impressive hidden inner atrium makes up for it. Rooms are modern and pleasant and service has improved. The hotel has Chinese, Thai and Western restaurants. There's a pool, health club and wi-fi internet access in all rooms. Discounts run to around 20%.

CENTRAL HOTEL Map p62 YYY

王宝和大酒店 *Wángbǎohé Dàjiǔdiàn*

☎ 5396 5000; www.centralhotelsanghai.com; 555 Jiujiang Rd; 九江路555号; d Y1588; ☉ East Nanjing Rd

A modern hotel in an excellent location built by the group that owns [Wang Bàohe Jiùjī restaurant \(p150\)](#). There's a fitness centre and the rooms are good value with the 30% discount that's routinely available. Broadband access.

RADISSON HOTEL SHANGHAI NEW WORLD Map p62 YYY

上海新世界丽笙大酒店 *Shànghǎi Xīnshìjìè Lìshēng Dàjiǔdiàn*

☎ 6359 9999; www.radisson.com/shanghai_newworld; 88 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路88号; d Y1460; ☉ People's Sq

Like so much modern architecture in Pūxī (the area west of the Huangpu River), the UFO on top of the Radisson Hotel has its genesis in surrounding building motifs; in this case, the clock-tower dome of the Pacific Hotel and the cupolas of the adjacent New World. Equally over-the-top is the lobby, a splurge of roll-top furniture and occasional Art Deco features drenched in a golden glow. Despite the eclectic interior design being devoid of any real style, the standard rooms (with free broadband) in this brand-new hotel are excellent and have great, comfy beds. There's a pool and the location is superb. The spaceship on top houses Epicure on 45, which is a revolving restaurant. Above Epicure is a bar.

BUND HOTEL Map p62 YYY

金外滩宾馆 *Jīnwàitān Bīnguǎn*

☎ 6352 2000; www.thebundhotel.com; 525 Guangdong Rd; 广东路525号; s/d Y1320/1500; ☉ People's Sq

Despite the cheeky name – it's a good 15-minute hike to the Bund – this newish 22-storey business hotel has decent rooms, keen-to-impress smiley service and a fine location just east of Renmin Square. There's a Chinese restaurant, a Western-style café and a Russian restaurant on the 3rd floor with a house band. On the 2nd floor there's a spa and fitness centre. There's broadband, and discounts of up to 40% are available.

PEACE HOTEL Map p62 YYY

和平饭店 *Héping Fàndiàn*

☎ 6321 6888; 20 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路 20号; ☉ East Nanjing Rd

Shànghǎi's most iconic hotel, where the distinctive pyramid-shaped rooftop penthouse was the former eyrie of tycoon Sir

Victor Sassoon, was closed for extensive refurbishment at the time of research. It's expected to re-open in the spring of 2009, and the owners have promised to maintain the Art Deco features and styling that gave the place its unique character. The national suites, the only rooms which overlook the Bund, were deservedly famous for being laid out in the style of different countries. In the past, the hotel coasted on its reputation and both the facilities and service didn't match the prices charged. Hopefully, that won't be the case in the future. Nostalgia buffs will also be hoping that the septuagenarian jazz band will once again be on duty every night in the bar. As part of the new look, the old, separate south wing of the hotel, sometimes known as the Peace Palace Hotel, will become an art centre.

BROADWAY MANSIONS Map p62 YYY

上海大厦 *Shànghǎi Dàshà*

☎ 6324 6260; www.broadwaymansions.com; 20 North Suzhou Rd; 苏州北路20号; r Y1070; ☉ East Nanjing Rd

Looming over Suzhou Creek is this classic Orwellian brick pile, with classy views over the northern part of the Bund, the Huangpu River and Pūdong. Built to great fanfare in the 1930s as an apartment block, it was later used to house American officers after WWII. Aim for the pricier Bund-facing doubles (with the best views) on higher floors, or one of the tastefully furnished executive guest rooms. All rooms have broadband, although it's pricy here. Discounts of 30% are commonly available.

PACIFIC HOTEL Map p62 YYY

金门大酒店 *Jīnmén Dàjiǔdiàn*

☎ 6327 6226; fax 6372 3634; 108 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路108号; s Y1000, d Y1500-1300; ☉ People's Sq

Capped by a distinctive clock tower, this historic three-star hotel is strong on both character and style and is popular with visiting Chinese. The staff are helpful, the rooms are decent sized and clean, and the location is great. Angle for the pricier doubles overlooking Renmin Park rather than the cheaper ones round the back. The [travel service](#) (CTI; ground fl; ☎ 8.30-11.30am & 1-4.30pm) can be useful for scraps of travel info and ticketing. Broadband. Discounts of 30% to 40% are normally available.

YANGTZE HOTEL Map p62 YYY

扬子饭店 *Yángzǐ Fàndiàn*

☎ 6351 7880; www.e-yangtze.com; 740 Hankou Rd; 汉口路740号; s & d/tr Y980/1280;

☉ People's Sq

The Yangtze was built in 1934 and the exterior, including the wonderful Art Nouveau balconies, is largely unchanged. Inside it is more of a standard Chinese hotel, with unspacious rooms, the faint aroma of cigarette smoke and dim lights. Still, singles and doubles are good value (Y650/750 after discount) and come with broadband, there's a pleasant café and most rooms have a balcony. 'A' rooms are bigger and better. The Yangtze is just off Renmin Park, next to the brick Moore Memorial Church. Discounts of 30% are routinely available.

PARK HOTEL Map p62 YY

国际饭店 *Guójí Fàndiàn*

☎ 6327 5225; www.parkhotel.com.cn; 170 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路170号; s/d Y910/1245; ☉ People's Sq

Erected in 1934, and Shànghǎi's tallest building until the 1980s, the Park is one of Shànghǎi's best examples of Art Deco architecture. It's looking its age a bit, but the lobby is still impressive. Rooms come with broadband and are OK, if a little gloomy, and service is efficient. Book ahead to get a fine view of Nanjing Rd and Renmin Park. For more on this famous hotel see [p71](#). Discounts of 30% are available.

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL Map p62 YY

浦江饭店 *Pūjiāng Fàndiàn*

☎ 6324 6388; fax 6324 3179; www.astorhousehotel.com; 15 Huangpu Rd; 黄浦路15号; d Y880-1080; ☉ East Nanjing Rd

This distinguished old gentleman dates from 1846, when it was Shànghǎi's first hotel, and the list of former guests includes Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell and Charlie Chaplin. Rooms once occupied by such famous folk cost Y1580. With its thick lacquered walls, high ceilings, wooden floorboards and winding corridors, it has a feel that's somewhere between a Victorian asylum and an English boarding school. But the rooms are huge (although you'll have to go to the business centre to access the internet) and there's an eccentric style to the place. And how can you not love a hotel that makes its male staff dress in spats, kilts and black tailcoats?

NEW ASIA HOTEL Map p62

新亚大酒店 Xīnyà Dàjiǔdiàn

☎ 6324 2210; www.newasiahotel.com;
422 Tiantong Rd; 天潼路422号; d Y580-780; taxi
This place may be on the wrong side of Suzhou Creek, but it's within walking distance of the Bund and it has a faded, 1930s-era charm. The rooms are clean, if a little dark, with reasonable bathrooms and broadband. The superior rooms are more spacious and less smoky. It's near the North Sichuan Rd shopping district. Discounts of up to 50% are available.

EAST ASIA HOTEL Map p62

东亚饭店 Dōngyà Fàndiàn

☎ 6322 3223; 680 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路680号; d Y400; ㊟ People's Sq
Bizarrely located on the 2nd floor of the Shanghai Fashion Store, identifiable by its tall clock tower on Nanjing Rd, the two-star East Asia Hotel has decent doubles (with broadband and kettle) and polite staff. Rooms looking onto Nanjing Rd start at Y460, and 25% discounts are available. Access is by a lift or stairs to the 2nd floor.

SEVENTH HEAVEN HOTEL Map p62

七重天宾馆 Qīchóngtiān Bīnguǎn

☎ 6322 0777 ext 701; 7th fl, 627 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路627号7层; d Y380-460, ste from Y550; ㊟ People's Sq/East Nanjing Rd
Given the excellent location the rooms here are very good value, albeit small and slightly tatty. They're clean and have broadband and the suites with views onto Nanjing Rd (Y440 after discount) are a steal. The hotel is to the west of Century Square, inside the Overseas Clothing store (look up to see the sign), or you can access it round the rear from Jiujiang Rd. Discounts of 20% are available and all major credit cards are accepted.

JINJIANG INN Map p62

锦江之星 Jīnjiāng Zhīxīng

☎ 6326 0505; fax 6355 5180; 33 South Fujian Rd; 福建南路33号; s/d Y219/259; ㊟ People's Sq, East Nanjing Rd
This central hotel has bright but uninspired and functional doubles, some boasting views over a small park on Fujian Rd (which is noisy). But the price and location are sound and the staff are more amenable towards foreigners than they once were. There's internet access in a small business centre.

top picks**HISTORIC HOTELS**

- **Astor House Hotel** (p193) Crazy costumes, old-world charm and the ghosts of celebrities past.
- **Hengshan Moller Villa** (p197) An almost Addams Family-inspired whimsy, one of the most remarkable buildings in Shanghai.
- **Okura Garden Hotel Shanghai** (opposite) The former Cercle Français Sportif has some lovely Art Deco touches.
- **Radisson Plaza Xingguo Hotel** (opposite) Musty garden villas frequented by the ghosts of British taipans and Chinese communist leaders, now a five-star Radisson hotel.
- **Ruijin Guest House** (p196) The former Morriss family residence, with a lovely garden setting and excellent restaurants.

JINGYUN HOTEL Map p62

京云旅馆 Jīngyún Lǚguǎn

☎ 6339 1075; 290 East Beijing Rd; 北京东路290号; s Y158-198, d Y168-198; ㊟ East Nanjing Rd
The doubles at this budget option are spacious, clean and good value and you might get a 10% to 15% discount if the staff, who don't speak English, are in the mood. Some rooms don't have windows. The hotel is up the stairs adjacent to a hairdresser, found along an alley about 100m east of the intersection between Central Henan Rd and East Beijing Rd. There's a sign in English to guide you. No internet access.

CAPTAIN HOSTEL Map p62

船长青年酒店 Chuánzhǎng Qīngnián Jiǔdiàn

☎ 6323 5053; www.captainhostel.com.cn; 37 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路37号; dm Y70, r Y400-1200; ㊟ East Nanjing Rd
Affiliated to Youth Hostels International (YHI), this busy and popular hostel is situated in an old turn-of-the-century building a stone's throw from the Bund. Dorms (five to 10 per room) are neat and clean with maritime-inspired pine bunk beds and personal lockers. The clean communal bathrooms have 24-hour hot water. The double rooms (with shower) are nothing special. Facilities include a noticeboard, internet access (Y5 per 15 minutes; four terminals) and free use of a microwave and washing machine. The top-floor **Captain's Bar** (p183) has reasonably priced drinks, a nice deck

and fine views over the Huangpu River. The lobby café offers breakfast (Y25), pizza, sandwiches and coffee (Y10). A taxi service runs to both airports (maximum four people; to Púdōng Y180, to Hóngqiáo Y90). A YHI card gets you a Y5 discount on the dorm beds.

MING TOWN HIKER YOUTH HOSTEL

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明堂上海旅行者青年旅馆

Míngtáng Shànghǎi Lǚxíngzhě Qīngnián Lǚguǎn
☎ 6329 7889; 450 Central Jiangxi Rd; 江西中路450号; dm Y45-55, s Y150, d Y200-300; ㊟ East Nanjing Rd

This justifiably popular hostel offers tidy four- and six-bed dorms with pine bunk beds, clean communal shower facilities, a bar, free movies and an excellent location – a stroll away from the Bund, on the southern corner of the grand old Hengfeng Building. There is a variety of dorm set-ups: four-bed bunk dorms with windows and no toilet (Y55), the same without a window (Y45), or windowless six-bed dorms with toilet (Y50). The foyer features green leatherette sofas and a useful noticeboard, plus there's 24-hour hot water, bike rental and wi-fi internet access (as well as three terminals that are free to use). There's also twin (Y200) and single rooms (Y150, shared bathroom) and three luxury doubles (Y300). YHI members qualify for a Y5 discount on dorm beds.

FRENCH CONCESSION**法租界**

Leafy, tree-lined streets, excellent restaurants and good shopping make this the most aesthetically pleasing district in which to be based. It also has the largest collection of historic villa hotels.

88 XINTIANDI Map pp80-1

新天地

☎ 5383 8833; www.88xintiandi.com; 380 South Huangpi Rd; 黄陂南路380号; s & d Y3000-3200; ㊟ South Huangpi Rd

Discreetly located in Xintiandi, this 53-room hotel at the heart of the French Concession has considerable charm, although some rooms can be noisy and the service is a little hit and miss. The building is modern, and the well-appointed Chinese-styled rooms – some offering lake views – include free broadband, a large work desk, full kitchen

facilities (including large fridge, microwave, cutlery, pots and pans), a panic button and a humidifier (despite Shànghǎi's steamy weather). All rooms come with a balcony and double beds are pleasantly enclosed with lace curtains. Discounts of 30% are available and there's an indoor pool.

RADISSON PLAZA XINGGUO HOTEL

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兴国宾馆 Xīngguó Bīnguǎn

☎ 6212 9998, toll-free reservation in China 800-3333 3333; www.radissonasiapacific.com; 78 Xingguo Rd; 兴国路78号; s Y2800-2950, d 2960-3120
Overlooking manicured lawns, this somewhat stranded 16-storey hotel comes with a lobby decorated with classical European motifs, and fully equipped rooms (including broadband). The hotel is luxurious, with a swimming pool and a full range of facilities, but it is the gorgeous garden setting – ornamented with pines, palms and magnolias – that steals the show. It's an oasis of green punctuated with elegant villas, some of which were built for Butterfield & Swire in the 1920s. The villas are moatly rented out to long-term residents in Shanghai. Discounts of up to 40% are available.

JINJIANG HOTEL Map pp80-1

锦江饭店 Jīnjiāng Fàndiàn

☎ 6258 2582; fax 6472 5588; 59 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路59号; Cathay Bldg r Y2500, Grosvenor Villa d Y8000; ㊟ South Shanxi Rd

This historic 1931 complex underwent massive renovations in 1999 and retains a flavour of old Shanghai. It consists of the main Georgian-style Cathay Building and the lavish Grosvenor Villa (Guibin Lóu) in the southernmost part of the complex. The rooms still have some of their original features and come with big bathrooms and broadband. All rooms include access to the gym and indoor pool. Discounts of almost 50% are available. Opposite the main building is the Jinjiang Gourmet Street, where the excellent **Yin** (p157) is located.

OKURA GARDEN HOTEL SHANGHAI

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花园饭店 Huāyuán Fàndiàn

☎ 6415 1111; www.gardenhotelsanghai.com; 58 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路58号; s/d Y2100/2500; ㊟ South Shanxi Rd

The elegant Japanese-run five-star Okura Garden boasts lovely grounds, on the site

of the old French Club, and an excellent location, across from the Jinjiang Hotel and near Central Huaihai Rd. Popular with Japanese visitors, it has an indoor pool, four restaurants and three bars. The newly renovated rooms are pleasant, with broadband, but the bathrooms are small. An extra ¥200 on the room rate gets you a garden view. Service is excellent and blue dots on the employees' uniforms reveal their language ability, with three dots the best. There are 15% discounts.

CITY HOTEL Map pp80-1 YYY

城市酒店 Chéngshì Jiùdiàn
☎ 6255 1133; reserve@cityhotelshanghai.com; 5-7 South Shanxi Rd; 陕西南路5-7号; r ¥1350; ④ South Shanxi Rd

A lot of the staff here wear badges identifying them as members of the CCP's Young Pioneer organisation, but don't let that put you off this central, nicely set-up hotel. Rooms are on the small side but they're modern and comfortable with broadband and the views over the French Concession are great. There's an indoor swimming pool, Chinese and Thai restaurants and karaoke rooms. Discounts of 30% are available.

HILTON HOTEL Map pp80-1 YYY

静安希尔顿饭店 Jìng'ān Xī'ěrdùn Fàndiàn
☎ 6248 0000; www.hilton.com; 250 Huashan Rd; 华山路250号; s/d ¥1280/1900; ④ Jing'an Temple

Now spruced up after extensive refurbishment, the Hilton remains popular with business travellers and overseas tour groups. The rooms are spacious with broadband. Other facilities extend to an indoor swimming pool, tennis and squash courts, and a wi-fi internet zone in the hotel lobby. Dining options are plentiful, including People on the Water, a Níngbō seafood restaurant in the basement, and Síchuan and Italian restaurants. Staff are courteous and efficient. Tense business travellers can dissolve away the stress in the excellent hotel spa. Discounts are a measly 10% here.

HENGSHAN HOTEL Map pp80-1 YYY

衡山宾馆 Héngshān Bīnguǎn
☎ 6437 7050; www.hotelhengshan.com; 534 Hengshan Rd; 衡山路534号; d from ¥1200; ④ Hengshan Rd

These former Picardie Apartments (1934) still retain considerable Art Deco charm.

The reception area of this four-star hotel is smart (with a blue glass counter) and the staff are well attired. The rooms also have character; the 'A' Superior Rooms (¥1300) are voluminous, especially if you get a corner one. But some are a tad gloomy and the furniture and bathrooms are distinctly old-school. They all have broadband. The staff are helpful and the location, between Hengshan Rd and the Xújiāhuì shopping district, is good. Discounts of 30% are available.

RUIJIN GUEST HOUSE Map pp80-1 YYY

瑞金宾馆 Ruìjīn Bīnguǎn
☎ 6472 5222; www.shedi.net.cn/outedi/ruijin; 118 Ruijin No 2 Rd; 瑞金二路118号; d ¥1200, ste ¥3200; ④ South Shanxi Rd

Another historic option, the Ruijin has elegant grounds and a series of old mansions converted into pleasantly renovated, if unspectacular, rooms with broadband. Building No 1 was the former Morriss estate and communist stalwarts Liu Shaoqi, Zhou Enlai and even Vietnamese revolutionary Ho Chi Minh all stayed here at some point. Some of Shànghǎi's most romantic and stylish restaurants (Lan Na Thai, p155) and bars (Face, p185) are nestled in the grounds. The website offers good online discounts. Service can be haphazard.

TAIYUAN VILLA Map pp80-1 YYY

太原别墅 Tàiyuán Biéshù
☎ 6471 6688; fax 6471 2618; 160 Taiyuan Rd; 太原路160号; d ¥1200; ④ Hengshan Rd

The people behind the Ruijin Guest House also run this villa. The peaceful complex includes the historic former residence of General Marshall. At the time of writing, the villa and gardens were undergoing extensive refurbishment and were scheduled to re-open in late 2007. The Marshall Residence was once Madame Mao's favourite place to stay in Shànghǎi and is now mostly booked out months in advance by government officials.

CROWNE PLAZA SHANGHAI Map pp120-1 YYY

银星皇冠酒店 Yínxīng Huángguān Jiùdiàn
☎ 6280 8888; www.shanghai.crowneplaza.com; 400 Fanyu Rd; 番禺路400号; standard/deluxe ¥1099/1259; ④ Xujiahui

A comfortable but unspectacular accommodation choice, the Crowne Plaza has a

pleasant location (off tree-lined and historic Xinhua Rd), although it is a bit out of the way. There's an indoor swimming pool and decent-sized rooms with broadband access, and the dining options are provided by Cantonese, Italian and Shanghaiese restaurants. Then there's the 1st-floor Charlie's Bar with live sports and a Filipino band. Rates here change every month, so it's worth calling to see what's on offer.

MASON HOTEL Map pp80-1 YYY

美臣大酒店 Měichén Dàjiùdiàn
☎ 6466 2020; 935 Central Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路935号; s/d ¥1050/1280; ④ South Shanxi Rd

This small and intimate hotel is easy to miss as you walk down Huaihai Rd, so look out for the 24-hour HSBC ATM next door. It's neat and tidy, with reasonably recently restored double rooms facing onto Huaihai Rd (a bit noisy) and to the rear, overlooking a splendid backdrop of red brick *lòngtáng* (alleyway) housing. All rooms have broadband. There's a 2nd-floor lounge, a rooftop beer garden, a billiards room and a Starbucks. Discounts of 25% are available.

HOTEL EQUATORIAL Map pp80-1 YYY

国际贵都大酒店 Guójí Guìdū Dàjiùdiàn
☎ 6248 1688; www.equatorial.com/sha; 65 West Yan'an Rd; 延安西路65号; r ¥1000; ④ Jing'an Temple

The location alongside the roaring Yan'an Rd is hardly romantic and it's rather characterless, but this is a cheap and well-managed four-star option popular with business travellers. The standard (superior) rooms could be bigger but the beds are comfortable. There's broadband and wi-fi internet access in the lobby, an indoor swimming pool and Cantonese and Japanese restaurants. Discounts of 10% are available.

JINCHEN HOTEL Map pp80-1 YY

金辰大酒店 Jīnchén Dàjiùdiàn
☎ 6471 7000; www.jinchenhotel.com; 795-809 Central Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路795-809号; s & d from ¥980; ④ South Shanxi Rd

With the 40% discounts that are frequently available here, this is a very good, centrally located choice. The rooms are big and tastefully furnished, if a little heavy on the pink, and all have wi-fi internet access. The bathrooms are spick-and-span, with

deep baths. The staff are helpful. Try and avoid the rooms that face onto the busy and noisy Huaihai Rd. The price includes breakfast.

HENGSHAN MOLLER VILLA YYY

Map pp80-1
衡山马勒别墅饭店 Héngshān Mǎlè Biéshù Fàndiàn
☎ 6247 8881; www.mollervilla.com; 30 South Shanxi Rd; 陕西南路30号; d new/old block ¥850/2500; ④ South Shanxi Rd, West Nanjing Rd

With its gothic fairyland architectural motif, the Moller House is one of Shànghǎi's most idiosyncratic and distinctive structures. The building was off-limits for years until 2002, when the Hengshan group renovated it as a peaceful boutique hotel. The main house is the place to stay, as opposed to the much cheaper but dull new block next door. Most features of the main-house rooms are original, from the wood panelling and staircases to the fireplaces. Singles are small but fair value; business rooms are much larger and come with huge balconies overlooking the garden. See p86 for details about the house. At the time of research the hotel was closed for a complete refit and was scheduled to re-open in late 2007. Expect changes, while prices may well go up.

ANTING VILLA HOTEL Map pp80-1 YY

安亭别墅花园酒店 Āntíng Biéshù Huāyuán Jiùdiàn
☎ 6433 1188; 46 Anting Rd; 安亭路46号; s/d ¥780/1180; ④ Hengshan Rd

On a quiet tree-lined street, this pleasant hotel shares its grounds with a 1936 colonial Spanish-style villa. It offers bright, comfortable rooms, with broadband access, some of which have a view over the neighbouring area. Most of the guests are middle-class Chinese and the garden is a popular spot for weddings on the weekends. There's a restaurant and a bar, and discounts of up to 25% are available.

DONGHU HOTEL Map pp80-1 YY

东湖宾馆 Dōnghú Bīnguǎn
☎ 6415 8158; www.donghuhotel.com; 70 Donghu Rd; 东湖路70号; s/d from ¥760/1135; ④ South Shanxi Rd/Changshu Rd

Set back off Central Huaihai Rd and once the home of famous Shànghǎi gangster Du Yueheng (boxed text, p28), the historic Donghu is divided into several areas and

buildings. The gorgeous fenced-off green enclave with lawns on the southwest corner of Donghu Rd has the hotel health facilities and long-lease villas, but no guestrooms. To the north is the new white-tile and featureless modern **No 6 Building** (Map pp80-1), with its inexpensive single rooms. Building No 1 across the road, an austere, grey building over five floors with spacious and elegant double rooms lovingly furnished with traditional Chinese furniture, has old-style bathrooms. Rooms overlooking the front garden are pricier than those to the rear. Suites are housed in Building No 2 just east of Building No 1. There's a gym, sauna and outdoor swimming pool. All rooms have broadband.

THE NINE Map pp80-1

☎ 6471 9950; 355 West Jianguo Rd; 建国西路355号; s/d Y700/1000, penthouse Y1300; ☉ Hengshan Rd

Walk down a lane of traditional Shànghǎi housing, turn left and push open the heavy wooden gates marked with a '9' to enter one of the finest places to stay in the city. This is Shànghǎi's most exclusive B&B and it has a serene, soothing atmosphere that's instantly relaxing. Owned by a Taiwanese furniture designer, the ground floor is full of glorious antique tables and statues and has comfortable sofas to sink into. Everything from the bathrooms to the small bar area has been cleverly thought out and artfully designed. There are only five rooms here, all with wi-fi internet access and one of which has a small separate study, so you need to book well ahead. The upstairs rooms are brighter and the penthouse has its own kitchen and terrace. There's a small garden area as well.

OLD HOUSE INN Map pp80-1

老时光酒店 Lǎoshíguāng Jiǔdiàn
☎ 6248 6118; No 16, Lane 351, Huashan Rd; 华山路351弄16号; s Y580, d Y720-1000; ☉ Changshu Rd

That rare thing in Shànghǎi, a boutique B&B, this hip, stylish place is nestled down an old lane. The wood-floored rooms are furnished in traditional Chinese style and are comfortable, if a little small, and have wi-fi internet access. It's a quiet place and feels exclusive, despite the cheap rates. Breakfast is served in the attached restaurant/bar **A Future Perfect** (p156), which has a

lovely courtyard garden. There are only a dozen rooms, so book ahead.

HOTEL 101 Map pp80-1

澳天101时尚旅店
Aotiān Yǎolíngyāo Shíshàng Lǚdiàn
☎ 5383 1199/1888; 18 Gaolan Rd; 皋兰路18号; r Y230-560; ☉ South Shanxi Rd
China's first and only gay hotel is cheap and cheerful and part of the complex that houses the club **Pink Home** (p173). Rooms are spacious for the price, albeit a little spartan and noisy, and come with broadband. There are plans to open a restaurant in the near future. All beds are queen-sized.

MOTEL 168 Map pp80-1

莫泰连锁旅店 Mòtài Liánsuǒ Lǚdiàn
☎ 5117 7777; www.motel168.com; 1119 West Yan'an Rd; 延安西路1119号; r Y198-328; ☉ Jiangsu Rd

There are now 30 of these budget hotels across Shànghǎi and they're an excellent choice for those travelling on the cheap. Standard twins are well designed, with clean and compact shower rooms. The overall effect is functional but not off-putting. There's internet access in the lobby and a restaurant. These hotels are extremely popular with Chinese travellers, so booking ahead is essential. There's a reservation hotline: ☎ 6316 8168. Check the website for details of the other locations.

PŪDŌNG 浦东

Hotels in Pŭdōng cater mostly to business people, but it's not a bad tourist option, especially if you stay in the Lùjiāzui district which is only a metro stop away from the Bund.

GRAND HYATT Map p90

金茂君悦大酒店 Jīnmào Jūnyuè Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 5049 1234; http://shanghai.hyatt.com; 88 Century Ave; 世纪大道88号; d from Y4100; ☉ Lujiazui

This is one of the brightest stars on the Shànghǎi hotel horizon. Not the place for those with a fear of heights, the Hyatt begins on the 53rd floor of the Jinmao Tower and goes up another 34 storeys (make sure you take in the head-spinning atrium). The lobby is on the 54th floor. Everywhere from the hair salon to the bathtubs has stunning views. Described as 'contemporary Art

Deco with Chinese touches', the hotel is very much design-led, with endless attention to detail – from the original art on the walls to the custom-made glassware. The rooms are packed to the steel rafters with hi-tech gadgets such as fog-free mirrors, three-jet showers and sensor-operated reading lamps, as well as broadband. Good discounts, sometimes 50%, are available, but the hotel is often full, so book well ahead.

PUDONG SHANGRI-LA Map p90

浦东香格里拉大酒店
Pūdōng Xiānggǒlílā Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 6882 8888; www.shangri-la.com; 33 Fucheng Rd; 富城路33号; s/d Y2650/2850; ☉ Lujiazui

With its muted Chinese motifs, the 28-floor Shangri-La is a solid luxury choice in the heart of Lùjiāzui. The Shangri-La formula produces a restrained elegance without the gaudiness of some top-league Shànghǎi hotels, and doubles are elegantly modern, with both shower and bath. Facilities include an indoor pool, tennis court, deli and the BATS bar (with live music). The lobby window offers some excellent views of the Bund. The striking Tower Two to the rear adds a further 375 gorgeous rooms (at 54 sq m, its premier rooms are the roomiest in Shànghǎi, bristling with the latest equipment), bringing the total to just under 1000 rooms, all with broadband access. Tower Two has a separate lobby and its own driveway and is also home to **Jade on 36** (p162), Shànghǎi's most exclusive eaterie.

ORIENTAL RIVERSIDE HOTEL

Map p90
东方滨江大酒店 Dōngfāng Bīnjiāng Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 5037 0000; www.shicc.net; 2727 Riverside Ave; 滨江大道2727号; d Y2400-2600; ☉ Lujiazui

WORLD'S HIGHEST BUBBLE BATH

The Grand Hyatt is the highest hotel above ground level in the world (not the world's tallest hotel – that accolade goes to a place in Dubai), and so begins an endless line of somewhat pointless boasts – the highest gym above ground level, the world's highest minibar, the world's highest swimming pool etc. The hotel also boasts the world's longest laundry chute (420 vertical metres) and an impressive 61 elevators, which shoot high rollers up into the air at 9m per second. The interior atrium is the world's tallest, at an impressive 33 storeys, and it only *starts* on the 55th floor. It's hard not to believe that the post office on the 88th floor wasn't put there deliberately to make it the world's highest.

To ensure its stability in Pŭdōng's boggy soil, the building rests on 429 steel pipes rammed 65m into the ground. Still, in case of a freak typhoon you'll need to hold onto your coffee; the pinnacle is designed to swing a stomach-churning 75cm.

Instantly recognisable for its gaudy glass globes, the Oriental Riverside Hotel is situated on the east bank of the Huangpu River facing the Bund, and is attached to the Shanghai International Convention Centre. Facilities include a 9th-floor swimming pool and health club, and an 11th-floor bar with panoramic river and Bund views. All rooms are equipped with broadband. It's used mostly by people on conventions, but the views are decent and it's not a bad tourist choice. It's close to the Bund and Pŭdōng sights without the noise and traffic, and with the metro and tourist tunnel nearby. Discounts of around 30% are available.

ZHONGDIAN HOTEL Map p90

中电大酒店 Zhōngdiàn Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 5879 8798; 1029 Nan Quan Rd; 南泉路1029号; d Y500-600; ☉ Shiji Av

A cheaper Pŭdōng option, this place is close to the shopping on Zhangyang Rd and the ferry to Pŭxī, and 15 minutes' walk from the subway. The rooms are clean and have broadband access, and there are Chinese and Japanese restaurants (a fair few Japanese stay here). Discounts of 25% often apply, making the rooms good value. It can get a little noisy.

CAPTAIN HOSTEL Map p90

船长青年酒店 Chuánzhǎng Qīngnián Jiǔdiàn
Tel: 5836 5966; 527 East Laoshan Rd; 崂山东路527号; www.captainhostel.com.cn; dm Y60, r Y198-Y360; ☉ Shiji Av

The Pŭdōng branch of Captain Hostel makes for a good budget option for those outpriced by the high-end hotels of Pŭdōng. It's cheaper than the Fuzhou Rd branch, but doesn't have a bar offering views of the Huangpu and the lights of Pŭdōng.

CENTURY AVENUE AREA

ST REGIS SHANGHAI Map p95 YYY

瑞吉红塔大酒店 Ruijì Hóngtǎ Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 5050 4567; www.stregis.com/shanghai;
889 Dongfang Rd; 东方路889号;
s/d Y3230/3313; ④ Pudian Rd

This super-luxurious offering mixes hi-tech gadgets (such as Bose radios and funky lift buttons mounted on glass pillars) with old-style service. The 24-hour personal butlers will record your pillow preference for your next visit, just before fixing your laptop and getting your coffee ready. The gracefully designed and clutter-free lobby is a taster for the flawless double rooms, which are particularly spacious at 48 sq m. Generous bathrooms (with both shower and bath) are accessed via swish sliding doors, the taps are lined along the side of the bath and the shower has a rainforest shower head. Broadband comes free, plus you get four, not two, bottles of mineral water. Women can check into the Ladies Only floors if they prefer. The St Regis' Italian restaurant is excellent and, unlike most other hotels in Shanghai, all guests can use the executive club facilities. The Imperial Suite – with room number 8888 – is also a first, roomily ranging over two floors. The Shangri-La's location might be better, but in all other aspects this is Shanghai's very best hotel.

HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PUDONG Map p95 YYY

锦江汤臣洲际大酒店
Jinjiāng Tāngchén Zhōujì Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 5835 6666; www.intercontinental.com; 777 Zhangyang Rd; 张杨路777号; d Y2366-2666;
④ Shiji Av

The former Asia Thompson, in the heart of Pudong near the Nextage department store, has a spectacular atrium and decent facilities which include an indoor pool, a bar, sushi and Chinese restaurants, a Western buffet and a casual noodle bar. The bathrooms look a bit tired, but rooms are OK. There's a wireless hot spot in the lobby, free broadband on executive floors and discounts of up to 30% are available.

NOVOTEL ATLANTIS Map p95 YYY

海神诺富特大酒店
Hǎishén Nuòfùtè Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 5036 6666; www.novotel.com; 728 Pudong Ave;
浦东大道728号; d Y1500-1700; ④ Pudong Av

This bright and breezy modern hotel is popular with tour groups and business travellers, even if the rooms are rather anonymous. But they're a reasonable size, comfortable and have broadband, while there are 10 restaurants to choose from, a health club and an indoor swimming pool. One plus point is that there's no extra charge for rooms with a view. Discounts of up to 40% can apply.

HOLIDAY INN PUDONG Map p95 YYY

浦东假日酒店 Pūdōng Jiànrì Jiǔdiàn
☎ 5830 6666; www.holiday-inn.com;
899 Dongfang Rd; 东方路899号; d Y1300-1630;
④ Pudian Rd

Right alongside the St Regis, the four-star Holiday Inn features uninspiring décor and design but is very popular with business travellers. The rooms are big and have broadband access, while there's an indoor swimming pool, Cantonese and Japanese restaurants. On the ground floor Flanagan's offers pints of Guinness and a nightly Filipino band. Decent discounts of 33% are available.

JING'AN & WEST NANJING ROAD 静安区、南京西路

The business and shopping district of Jing'an, focused around bustling West Nanjing Rd, is deservedly popular among business people. It has a useful location, halfway between the Bund and Hongqiao, and it's close to the major office towers and embassies, with good restaurants nearby and easy access to the metro.

There are several hotels near the train station which offer good value. It's not a bad place to be based, as it's near the starting point of the metro line, but the neighbourhood isn't the best and can be noisy, so check for double-glazing.

FOUR SEASONS Map pp98-9 YYY

四季酒店 Siji Jiǔdiàn
☎ 6256 8888; www.fourseasons.com; 500 Weihai Rd; 威海路500号; d from Y3600;
④ West Nanjing Rd

The Four Seasons is a very classy place with a lobby decorated with huge art works, warm golden tones and 5m-tall

palm trees. The simple but elegant rooms come with voicemail, broadband and 24-hour butler service. An extra Y500 gets you a deluxe room; a premier double is only Y500 more. Restaurants include one of the best steakhouses in Shanghai, plus Shanghainese and Cantonese options, and a top-floor jazz bar.

PORTMAN RITZ-CARLTON YYY

波特曼丽嘉酒店 Bōtèmàn Lǐjiā Jiǔdiàn
Map pp98-9
☎ 6279 8888; www.ritzcarlton.com; 1376 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1376号; s/d Y3150/3320;
④ Jing'an Temple

This is the cream of the business hotel crop in Puxi, as well as the biggest export hang-out since the Peace Hotel c1931. Top-notch facilities include the 7th-floor health club with swimming pools, squash courts, tennis courts and a top-of-the-line gym. The hotel is part of the Shanghai Centre, with a medical clinic, supermarket, Starbucks, Long Bar (p188) and more. Discounts of 35% are sometimes available, but don't apply when the Formula 1 crowd is in town. All rooms have broadband.

JW MARRIOTT TOMORROW SQUARE YYY

明天广场JW万怡酒店
Míngtiān Guǎngchǎng JW Wànyí Jiǔdiàn
Map pp98-9
☎ 5359 4969, toll-free 10 800-228 9290;
www.marriott.com; d Y2875; 399 West Nanjing Rd;
南京西路399号; ④ People's Sq

Housed in one of Shanghai's most unmistakable and dramatic towers, the JW Marriott boasts marvellously appointed rooms with full amenities, including broadband, and spectacular views. Taking a leaf from the Grand Hyatt's book, the JW Marriott Tomorrow Square Hotel has the highest library in the world. It may only be a reading room for the sole use of guests, but at 230.9m above sea level it is enough to put a bibliophile's head truly in the clouds.

JC MANDARIN SHANGHAI YYY

上海锦沧文华大酒店
Shànghǎi Jīncāngwénhuá Dàjiǔdiàn
Map pp98-9
☎ 6279 1888; www.jcmandarin.com; 1225 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1225号; r Y2400-2875;
④ West Nanjing Rd, Jing'an Temple

Peer pressure among the overcrowded five-star Shanghai hotel market has resulted in a giant overhaul of this impressive hotel. Facilities include tennis and squash courts and an indoor pool, and rooms have broadband. The hotel was built on the ruins of the old 1930s Burlington Hotel. Discounts of 35% are available.

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN YYY

上海广场长城假日酒店 Shànghǎi Guǎngchǎng Chángchéng Jiànrì Jiǔdiàn
Map pp98-9
☎ 6353 8008; www.holiday-inn.com; 285 West Tianmu Rd & 585 Hengfeng Rd; 天目西路285号、恒丰路585号; d Y1328;
④ Shanghai Train Station

Near the train station (and so not downtown at all), this bizarrely structured hotel consists of two wings in separate buildings. Room rates are the same in both wings and include breakfast and service charge. The Great Wall wing has the deluxe rooms and a larger fitness centre. Rooms are double-glazed but the area can still be noisy. There's one room adapted for people with disabilities. Discounts of up to 30% are available.

RUITAI JINGAN HOTEL Map pp98-9 YY

瑞泰静安大酒店 Ruitài Jing'an Dàjiǔdiàn
☎ 6272 2222; fax 6218 4778; 178 Taixing Rd; 泰兴路178号; d Y880-1080; ④ West Nanjing Rd
This professional hotel has well-trained staff, comfortable, clean rooms with broadband and a great location, just off West Nanjing Rd and near the metro. There are also a few unadvertised economy rooms for Y455 (with discount) on offer, though these have no windows and can feel a bit claustrophobic. Rooms are slightly smaller on the West Nanjing Rd side of the hotel. Discounts of 30% available.

ZHAO'AN HOTEL Map pp98-9 YY

兆安酒店 Zhào'an Jiǔdiàn
☎ 6317 2221; fax 6317 0338; 195 Hengtong Rd; 恒通路195号; d Y668-838; ④ Hanzhong Rd
The location (close to the metro stop) makes for easy transport, and helpful staff, pleasant rooms and clean bathrooms mean this a decent choice for an OK price. But it's an unprepossessing part of town to spend much time in. Deluxe rooms (Y838) are much more spacious and you get free broadband. Reasonable discounts are available.

ZHONGYA HOTEL Map pp98–9

中亚饭店 Zhōngyà Fàndiàn

☎ 6317 2317; www.zhongyahotel.com; 330 Meiyuan Rd; 梅园路330号; d Y378-468;

📍 Shanghai Train Station

This budget place has OK standard rooms equipped with broadband, clean shower rooms and kettles. There's also a billiards room, a sauna, wheelchair access, a mezzanine bar and a good bit of character. It's a decent choice if you want to be close to the train station.

MING TOWN E-TOUR YOUTH HOSTEL

Map pp98–9

明堂青年旅社

Míng Táng Qīngnián Liǔshè

☎ 6327 7766; www.mingtowntown.com; 57 Jiangyin Rd; 江阴路57号; dm/s/d Y50/180/220;

📍 People's Sq

This place has really upped its game recently. The setting and location – just west off Renmin Square in a historic building – is superb and there's a pleasant courtyard out back, along with a bar/café and a little roof terrace. The dorms, rooms and shower areas are clean and there's an informative noticeboard, free internet access at terminals and a pool table. It has a backpacker feel now, which it lacked in the past, and is increasingly popular.

HÓNGKǒU & NORTH SHANGHAI**虹口区、北上海**

There are several good-value budget options in the northwest of town. They are a little out of the way, and there's no metro out here, but it's only a short Y10 to Y15 taxi ride to the Bund.

DAMING FOUNTAIN GARDEN HOTEL

Map p104

大名星苑酒店 Dà míng Xīngyuàn Jiǔdiàn

☎ 6537 3399; daming@sfc.com.cn; 1191 Dongdaming Rd; 东大名路1191号; s/d Y650/850;

📍 Yangshu Pu

This place has clean, small but acceptable rooms with broadband access and a couple of restaurants, including a top-floor Western restaurant and bar with excellent panoramas over the Huangpu River. Discounts of up to 50% are available.

LINTONG HOTEL Map p104

临潼宾馆 Lín tóng Bīnguǎn

☎ 6546 5060; fax 6537 3903; 188 Lintong Rd; 临潼路188号; d Y280; 📍 Yangshu Pu Rd

The location (near the old Jewish area) is inconvenient for sure, but it's also interesting, with lots of scope for local exploration on foot. The rooms are good value and there's broadband. Discounts of 20% available.

NANXINYUAN HOTEL Map p104

南馨园酒店 Nánxīnyuán Jiǔdiàn

☎ 5696 1178; 277 Shanyin Rd; 山阴路277号; r Y280; 📍 Hongkou Stadium

Situated along charming Shanyin Rd, just east of Luxun Park, this three-floor hotel has smart doubles with small, clean bathrooms and broadband. English skills are not the staff forte, but room rates are low.

SHANGHAI E-BEST HOTEL Map p104

上海一假百酒店

Shànghǎi Yībǎi Jiǎrì Jiǔdiàn

☎ 6595 1818; fax 6595 3093; 687 Dongdaming Rd; 东大名路687号; s/d Y168/228; 📍 Hailun Rd

This relatively new hotel in Hóngkǒu has a range of cheapish rooms. The cheapest singles have no external windows and are a bit claustrophobic. Nicer doubles are more spacious and come with broadband access, and there are river-view rooms from the 5th floor. Rooms are clean with wooden floors, but have irritatingly dim lighting.

CHÁNGNÍNG & GǔBĒI**长宁、古北**

There's a small cluster of hotels in Chángníng, mainly aimed at expats and business people working in the area. The zone is close to Hongqiao Airport but a very long way from Pudong International Airport. Reaching most hotels in this area will require a journey by taxi.

SHERATON GRAND TAIPINGYANG

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喜来登豪达太平洋大饭店 Xǐláidēng Hádá Tàipíngyáng Dàfàndiàn

☎ 6275 8888; www.sheratongrand-shanghai.com; 5 South Zunyi Rd; 遵义南路5号; r Y2550; taxi

From the fastidiously attired and ever-helpful staff, to the Chinese ceramics and furniture (the manager is an antiques aficionado), this is one of Shànghǎi's most elegant and professional hotels. The guest-relations

managers, waiting discreetly in the lobby help guests, make all the difference. The lobby invokes a tremendous sense of scale and the excellent rooms come with broadband and nice touches to make you feel at home (teddy bears on the bed at night and rubber ducks perched on the bathtub). Look for the old rickshaw up the stairs from the lobby and peruse the huge deli.

XIJIAO STATE GUEST HOUSE

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西郊宾馆 Xījiāo Bīnguǎn

☎ 6219 8800; www.xijiao.net; 1921 Hongqiao Rd; 虹桥路1921号; d Y1909; taxi

This quiet, sleepy hotel has simply enormous grounds and is an excellent place to flee the concrete jungle. Facilities include broadband in all rooms, a separate sports complex, a football pitch and squash courts. Discounts are available.

HONGQIAO STATE GUEST HOUSE

Map pp120–1

虹桥迎宾馆 Hóngqiáo Yíngbīnguǎn

☎ 6219 8855; www.hqstateguesthotel.com; 1591 Hongqiao Rd; 虹桥路1591号; d from Y1527; taxi

The elegant five-star Hongqiao State Guest House is a civilised sleeping option, decked out in splendid marble surrounded by lovely grounds. Refurbished deluxe rooms in the main building are not particularly spacious, but they are bright and come with balcony, broadband and small, clean bathrooms. Facilities here include a Clark Hatch Fitness Centre and a 24-hour café.

MANPO BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Map pp120–1

万宝大酒店 Wànbǎo Dàjiǔdiàn

☎ 6280 1000; 660 Xinhua Rd; 新华路660号; d Y1280; 📍 West Yan'an Rd

It's not really a boutique hotel, but the Manpo does have 76 smart rooms with broadband tucked away down tree-lined Xinhua Rd. It's a bit of a trek to the action, but Hongqiao Airport is not far and the West Yan'an Rd light-rail station plugs you right into Shànghǎi's transport matrix. Breakfast is included and there's a small gym.

SHANGHAI HUI'EN BUDGET MOTEL

Map pp120–1

上海惠恩旅馆 Shànghǎi Huī'en Lǚguǎn

☎ 5258 0666; 917 Fahuazhen Rd; 法华镇路917号; s/d Y98/198; 📍 West Yan'an Rd

There are better budget options closer to town, but if you don't mind the roar of the West Yan'an Rd flyover and the matchbox-sized singles, this is one of Shànghǎi's cheapest hotels. All rooms come with shower units and the quieter 'deluxe' standard rooms face the rear of the building. Note that some rooms come without windows and can be claustrophobic. There's no English sign, but seek out the red placard that says 'Budget Motel'.

HONGQIAO AIRPORT AREA**MARRIOTT HOTEL HONGQIAO**

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万怡虹桥大酒店 Wànyí Hóngqiáo Dàjiǔdiàn

☎ 6237 6000; www.marriott.com; 2270 Hongqiao Rd; 虹桥路2270号; s & d Y2700; taxi

The excessive use of marble doesn't lend much intimacy to this hotel, but the business clientele appreciate the broadband, voicemail, pool, tennis court, steakhouse and Champions sports bar (happy hour is from 5pm to 8pm). Low-season discounts bring room prices down by almost 50%.

CYPRESS HOTEL Map p123

龙柏饭店 Lóngbǎi Fàndiàn

☎ 6268 8868; cypress@stn.sh.cn; 2419 Hongqiao Rd; 虹桥路2419号; d Y1280; taxi

This may be out in the boonies, but it comes with a pleasant garden (part of the former Sassoon country estate) and a health club complete with a driving range, tennis and squash courts and an indoor pool. Discounts of 40% are available. All rooms have broadband.

XÚJIĀHUÌ & SOUTH SHANGHAI**徐家汇、南上海**

华庭宾馆 Huátíng Bīnguǎn

☎ 6439 1000; fax 6255 0830; 1200 North Caoxi Rd; 漕溪北路1200号; r Y2100; 📍 Shanghai Stadium

Formerly known as the Sheraton, this was the first 'modern' hotel to appear in Shànghǎi, in 1987. It has since been completely handed over to local management but the

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original five-star facilities (an indoor pool, a tennis court and a gym) remain. Discounts of up to 50% are available here. The attached **Huating Guest House** (☎ 6439 1818; fax 6439 0322; 2525 West Zhongshan Rd; 中山西路2525号) is a three-star annexe with rooms for Y728. Both places have broadband in the rooms.

REGAL SHANGHAI EAST ASIA

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富豪东亚酒店 Fùháo Dōngyà Jiùdiàn

☎ 6426 6888; <http://regal-eastasia.com/shanghai>; 800 Lingling Rd; 零陵路800号; d Y1500;

📍 Shanghai Indoor Stadium

The Regal International's sister hotel has one less star, but it's cheaper and if you're lucky and things aren't too busy, they may just upgrade you to a deluxe room. The hotel has an interesting location; it's built into the western side of Shanghai Indoor Stadium. There's a decent gym, a sports bar, a 24-hour restaurant, broadband in the rooms and 40% discounts are available.

JIANGUO HOTEL

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建国宾馆 Jiànguó Bīnguǎn

☎ 6439 9299; www.jianguo.com; 439 North Caoxi Rd; r Y998; 漕溪北路439号; 📍 Xujiahui

The salmon tile exterior of this four-star business hotel is a real eyesore, but at least

the piecemeal Jesuit charms of Xújiāhuì will be on your doorstep, along with the area's first-rate shopping options. The crisp lobby area comes with an ATM, a water feature and the obligatory lashings of marble and brass. Rooms have phones in the sparkling bathrooms, sliding-door access to the bathroom, compact bath, broadband and access to an indoor swimming pool. Discounts of 20% are available.

QIXIANG HOTEL

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气象宾馆 Qìxiāng Bīnguǎn

☎ 6439 3510; fax 6438 8323; 166 Puxi Rd; 蒲西路166号; d Y300; 📍 Xujiahui

The Qixiang Hotel is an ugly six-storey duckling, resembling a 1960s London council block, but the spectacular location (practically shoulder-to-shoulder with the St Ignatius Cathedral) puts it in exclusive company. This is a typical budget Chinese hotel, with female assistants (*fúwùyuán āyí*) on every floor and no English sign, but it's quiet, and the rooms (which have dial-up internet access) and shower rooms are clean. Look for the building featuring a cream and beige exterior with dark wood and glass doors, just south of the cathedral. Discounts of 20% are generally available.

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