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## DRINKING

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Laidback drinking spot with a delightful garden.
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Friendly, down-to-earth local bar with cheap drinks and live music.

Drinking is a key part of the Shànghǎi experience, with more and more locals flocking to bars and pubs to keep the foreigners company. Expats tend to go out more than their contemporaries at home and as their numbers increase, so do the number of bars. But Shànghǎi's bar scene is a fickle animal, with places going in and out of fashion quicker than you can down a drink. In this parallel universe, places shift location or open and close before anyone even knew they were there, as streets are demolished and backers run out of money and/or interest.

Nor is Shànghǎi a cheap place to drink. With so many bars trying to outdo each other with ever-more extravagant locations and fancy designs, there are few places where you can settle in for a night of cheap boozing. But lots of bars run happy hours (generally from 5pm to 8pm) or weekly specials, such as ladies nights, and if you look hard you can find somewhere that won't break the bank. Mostly though, a bottle of local beer will cost in the region of Y30 to Y40, while cocktails and mixed drinks start at Y50.

Those who prefer a nice cup of green tea to the hard stuff will be disappointed at the dwindling number of teahouses. In contrast, there are increasingly more contemporary cafés appearing on Shànghǎi's streets, as well as western staples like Starbucks, so caffeine addicts will find plenty of places for their daily fix.

Most bars get going in the late afternoon, although many open earlier, and they call time around 2am. On weekends, some stay open later. Opening hours are listed in the following reviews. For the latest hotspots, check expat mags like That's Shanghai or www.smartshanghai.com.

## THE BUND & EAST NANJING ROAD

### 外滩、南京东路

The Bund is home to some of Shànghǎi's premier drinking spots that jump at the weekends. These are places to get dressed up for and the drinks don't come cheap. But a trip to at least one of these bars is obligatory, if only for the stunning night time view of the Huangpu River and the glittering lights of Pūdōng. Remember though, the lights are switched off at 11pm unless it's a national holiday.

#### ATANU Map p62 Bar

阿塔努 Ātānù

☎ 3313 0871; No 1 East Zhongshan No 2 Rd; 中山东二路一号; beers from Y35, cocktails from Y45; ☎ 10am-1.00am; ☉ East Nanjing Rd Housed in the 1907 Signal Tower building, this low-key newcomer to the Bund bar scene offers contrasting views of old and new Shànghǎi from its roof terrace. On one side is the shuddering East Yan'an Rd intersection, on the other you get a river-level view of the Huangpu and Pūdōng, while straight ahead the Bund itself stretches out. If it gets too noisy, then retreat down the winding stairs to the comfortable, wood-panelled 2nd-floor bar.

#### BAR ROUGE Map p62 Bar

☎ 6339 1199; 7th fl, Bund 18, 18 East Zhongshan No 1 Rd; 中山东一路18号7楼; cocktails from Y60; ☎ 6pm-2am Mon-Thu & Sun, 6pm-4.30am Fri & Sat; ☉ East Nanjing Rd Hip, but slightly tiresome, Bar Rouge attracts Americans, Eurotrash and cashed-up locals. The swish, red-curtained booths are reserved for big spenders, and ordinary mortals can sometimes struggle to get served on busy nights. But the terrace does offer fantastic views, and big-name European DJ's are frequently flown in to provide the soundtrack. If one of them is on the decks, expect to pay Y300 to get in. Otherwise, it's Y100 on Fridays and Saturdays.

#### BARBAROSSA Map p62 Bar

芭芭露莎会所 Bābālùshā Huisuǒ  
☎ 6318 0220; Renmin Park, 231 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路231号人民公园内; beers Y50, cocktails Y65-85, hookah Y100; ☎ 11am-2am Sun-Thu, 11am-3am Fri & Sat; ☉ People's Sq Set back in Renmin Park alongside a mini-lake, Barbarossa is all about escapism. Forget Shànghǎi, this brash and flash concept bar is like Morocco as imagined by Hollywood set designers. The action gets steadily more intense as you ascend to the roof terrace, via the ground floor dining area and the cushion-strewn 2nd floor, where the hordes

## ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

The most famous domestic brand of beer is Qingdao (青岛; Tsingtao), a beer that has been brewed up in the Shāndōng port since 1903. The cheapest local brand is Reeb (Libō).

Foreign beers have flooded the Shànghǎi market, with Budweiser (百威; Bǎiwēi) leading the way. The German beer Becks (贝克; Bèikè) has a brewery in China, and the Japanese beers Suntory and Kirin and Denmark's Carlsberg all have breweries in Shànghǎi. Foreign bars have a selection of Bitburger, Guinness, Kilkeny, Coopers, Tetleys and Steinlager – mostly on tap.

The dinnertime poison of choice for many Shanghainese is *báijǔ* – a shockingly potent, colourless fuel with an aroma hovering between nail-polish remover and turpentine. More pleasant is Shàoxīng rice wine, which tastes vaguely like sherry. It's traditionally served warm.

puff on fruit-flavoured hookahs. Happy hour is from 5pm to 8pm, when all drinks are half price, there's a strong music policy and tasty, if expensive, food.

#### CAPTAIN'S BAR Map p62 Bar

船长青年酒吧 Chuánzhǎng Qīngnián Jiǔbā  
☎ 6323 7869; 6th fl, 37 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路37号6楼; beer Y30, cocktails from Y40; ☎ 11am-2am; ☉ East Nanjing Rd Don't let the crummy lift up to this bar on the top floor of the Captain Hostel (p194) put you off. This is the only bar in the area that offers both a decent, if slightly restricted, view of Pūdōng's lights from the outside terrace and drinks that don't cost a bomb. It's also less crowded and far more laid-back than the other Bund bars. They serve American-style food too.

#### GLAMOUR BAR Map p62 Bar

魅力酒吧 Mèilìjiǔbā  
☎ 6350 9988; 6th fl, 5 The Bund (cnr of Guangdong Rd); 外滩广东路5号6楼; cocktails from Y75; ☎ 5pm-2am Mon-Thu & Sun, 5pm-late Fri & Sat; ☉ East Nanjing Rd Not as glamorous as it was when it first opened, nor particularly exclusive, the Glamour Bar is still one of Shànghǎi's most popular watering holes. The faux-Art Deco styling and massive bar give the place a pleasingly retro feel and the martinis are particularly good. Get here before midnight on weekends or be prepared to queue to get in. It also hosts monthly jazz and classical concerts (p174) and Sunday afternoon readings (Y50).

#### LIN BAR AND GRILL Map p62 Bar

林 Lin  
☎ 6329 4686; basement, 20 Guangdong Rd; 外滩广东路20号B1; beer from Y30, cocktails from Y50; ☎ 10am-late; ☉ East Nanjing Rd

Formerly known as Number Five, the only view from this easy-going Bund basement bar is of people's shoes on the pavement outside. But it makes up for that with its buy one, get one free drink policy that stretches from 5pm to 2am. Then there's the free pool, darts, big leather armchairs, live music on the weekends and a good selection of Asian and Western pub food. It's a nice place to kickback and relax after a busy day of seeing the sights.

#### NEW HEIGHTS Map p62 Bar

新视角 Xīnshìjiǎo  
☎ 6321 0909; 7th fl, Three on the Bund, 3 East Zhongshan No 1 Rd; 中山东一路3号7楼; cocktails from Y60; ☎ 11am-1.30am; ☉ East Nanjing Rd The most amenable of the big three Bund bars, this splendid roof terrace offers the best views of the Huangpu River and Pūdōng. It's easy to become mesmerised by the seductive lights across the way, and time tends to lose its meaning here, especially after a few of their properly mixed cocktails. Inside, it's slightly less appealing, but the DJ and fine nibbles are some consolation.

#### BUND 12 CAFÉ Map p62 Café

外滩12号 Wàitān Shí'èrhào  
☎ 6329 5896; Room 226, 2nd fl, 12 Zhongshan East No 1 Rd; 中山东一路12号226房间; coffee Y20, sandwiches from Y22; ☎ 8am-7pm; ☉ East Nanjing Rd If you find yourself in need of a caffeine fix while pounding the Bund, then head for this café located on the second floor of the old HSBC building. Take the aged lift and then traverse the Whitehall-like corridors that have hardly changed since the 1930s. The café itself has a charming terrace and is a great spot to recharge.

## WHERE SHÀNGHǎI'S DIFFERENT TRIBES DRINK

Shànghǎi's foreign residents have always been notoriously thirsty. Even in the 1920s there were drinking dens to satisfy all tastes, whether you were a taipan, remittance man, sad-eyed Russian exile or a sailor on shore leave. Nothing's changed since then, except there are now so many places to choose from that it can be hard to find the bar that'll best suit your tastes.

For those in search of beautiful people sipping elegant cocktails in designer-chic surroundings, the big three Bund bars, **Bar Rouge** (p182), **Glamour Bar** (p183) and **New Heights** (p183), are beloved by both tourists, who can goggle at the spectacular night-time vista below them, and the banker/lawyer/Eurotrash expat crowd. The atmosphere is not quite as rarefied as the prices might suggest, but these are still perfect places for posing.

Less precious are the bars housed in colonial-era villas in the French Concession. **Cotton's** (opposite), **Face** (opposite) and **Sasha's** (p186) are all delightful in the summer, when their gardens come into their own, and attract a varied crowd of younger expats and locals.

Sports fans and older expats are drawn like moths to the big screen TVs and pints on tap at the **British Bulldog** (opposite), **Big Bamboo** (p188), **Blarney Stone** (below) and **O'Malley's** (p186), while Shànghǎi's slackers and students head for **Logo** (opposite), **Pirates** (p186) and **Time Passage** (p186), which are too far off the beaten track to attract the dressed-up crowd. The gay and lesbian scene remains limited, but **Eddy's Bar** (opposite) is still going strong, while **Arch** (p187), **Bar Rouge** (p182) and **YY's** (p187) are all gay-friendly.

More raucous are the bars that line Tongren Rd. Places like **Judy's Too Tongren** (p188) are a good place to observe the cross-cultural communication between western gents and the local ladies, or to dance and drink the night away.

Finally, if you want to go where the real Shanghainese drink, then the bars in the French Concession that line Hengshan Rd south of the South Wulumuqi Rd intersection offer a quick introduction to the differences between east and west. It's dice and drinking games galore here, but Westerners are not always welcomed with open arms. Try **Mural** (opposite) for a genial introduction to the scene.

## OLD TOWN 南市

### OLD SHANGHAI TEAHOUSE

Map p74

老上海茶馆 **Lǎo Shànghǎi Cháguǎn**  
☎ 5382 1202; 385 Central Fangbang Rd;  
方浜中路385号; tea from Y45;  
☎ 9am-9pm; taxi

Visit a wonderfully decrepit 2nd-floor teahouse, overlooking Old St. It's a sort of shrine to the 1930s, with period typewriters, sewing machines, electric fans and even an ancient fridge. It's a great place to put your feet up after a day spent wandering the Old Town.

## FRENCH CONCESSION

### 法租界

Home to the biggest concentration of bars, cafés and teahouses in the whole of Shànghǎi, the French Concession offers drinkers a choice between elegant bars housed in colonial-era villas, the foreign pubs around the north end of Hengshan Rd, the more dubious delights of the Julu Rd strip, as well as a brand new crop of places springing up in the far west section of the Concession.

### BLARNEY STONE Map pp80-1

Bar  
上海岩烧 **Shànghǎi Yánshāo**  
☎ 6415 7496; 5A Dongping Rd; 东平路5号A座;  
pints Y65; ☎ 11am-1.30am; ☎ Changshu Rd  
More intimate than O'Malley's (p186) and more authentically Irish, the low ceilings, stone floor, and wood panelling give the Blarney Stone a genuine pub feel. It's a friendly place that attracts a slightly older expat crowd, who enjoy the fish and chips (Y85) and pints of Guinness and Kilkenny. There's also a small roof terrace, live Irish music every night except Tuesday and lots of sport on the telly.

### BLUE FROG Map pp80-1

Bar  
蓝蛙 **Lánwā**  
☎ 6445 6634; 207 South Maoming Rd;  
茂名南路207号; beers from Y40; ☎ 11am-late;  
☎ South Shanxi Rd  
There are six Frogs around Shànghǎi, and their mix of western bar food, sports TV and English-speaking waitresses mean they're perennially popular. On Tuesday nights drinks are Y25, but if you can down all 100 of the shots they list, then you'll get a free one every day for life and your name on their wall of fame. The branch at Tongren Lu (p188) is busier.

### BRITISH BULLDOG Map pp80-1

Bar  
英国斗牛犬俱乐部  
**Yīngguó Dòuniúquǎn Jùlèbù**  
☎ 6466 7878; 1 South Wulumuqi Rd; 乌鲁木齐南路1号; pints Y65, cocktails from Y50; ☎ 11am-2am; ☎ Hengshan Rd  
With its Filipina barmaids and by-the-book English pub styling, this place is not so much British as firmly located in expat land. Nevertheless, it pulls in sports fans when there's a big game on, thanks to the big screen, while the upstairs pool table has a loyal following. The pub food is so-so, but there's McEwan's Ale, Kilkenny and cider on tap. Happy hour is 11am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 6pm to 7pm on the weekend.

### COTTON'S Map pp80-1

Bar  
棉花酒吧 **Miánhuā Jiǔbā**  
☎ 6433 7995; 132 Anting Rd; 安亭路132号;  
beers from Y35, cocktails from Y45; ☎ 11am-2am;  
☎ Hengshan Rd  
This excellent bar is perhaps the most pleasant spot in the Concession for a libation or three. Situated in a converted 1930s villa, the interior has cosy sofas and fireplaces to snuggle around in the winter and a tiny outdoor terrace on the 2nd floor. The real draw, though, is the garden, which is intimate yet still big enough not to feel cramped. The drinks and bar snacks, pizzas, burgers, salads and sandwiches are reasonably priced and the crowd is a good mix of locals and expats. You'll have to get here early on weekends to grab a table outside, or book ahead.

### EDDY'S BAR Map pp80-1

Bar  
嘉浓休闲 **Jiānóng Xiūxián**  
☎ 6282 0521; 1877 Central Huaihai Rd (entrance Tianping Rd); 淮海中路1877号(近天平路);  
beers Y30, cocktails from Y40; ☎ 8pm-2am  
Mon-Thu, to 3am Fri-Sun; ☎ Hengshan Rd  
Shànghǎi's longest-running gay bar is a friendly place with a flash, square bar to sit around, as well as a few corners to hide away in. It attracts both locals and expats, but it's mostly for the boys rather than the girls.

### FACE Map pp80-1

Bar  
兰纳泰 **Lánàtài**  
☎ 6466 4328; Bldg 4, Ruijin Guest House, 118 Ruijin No 2 Rd; 瑞金二路118号瑞金宾馆内4号楼; beer Y45, cocktails from Y65;  
☎ noon-2am; ☎ South Shanxi Rd  
A contender for most beautiful bar in Shànghǎi and certainly one of the most

popular, Face is located on the ground floor of a 1936 mansion and has Southeast Asian antiques and a Chinese opium-bed set against persimmon-coloured walls. Outside is a glorious lawn, around which it's easy to idle away a summer afternoon or evening. Just don't try walking on the grass. Happy hour (half-price drinks) is from 5pm to 8pm.

### GOODFELLAS Map pp80-1

Bar  
☎ 6466 5312; 907 Julu Rd (near cnr of Changshu Rd); 巨鹿路907号(常熟路角); drinks Y40;  
☎ 6.30am-5am; ☎ Changshu Rd/Jing'an Temple  
A good old-fashioned dive bar with no pretensions to be anything else, Goodfellas grungy vibe makes it a refreshing change from most of Shànghǎi's bars and it's virtually open 24 hours. Happy hour is between 7pm and 10pm.

### LOGO Map pp80-1

Bar  
☎ 6281 5646; 13 Xingfu Rd (by Fahuazhen Rd); 幸福路13号(法华镇路附近); beers from Y10;  
☎ 6pm-late; ☎ Xujiahui  
On the far southwestern edge of the Concession, Xingfu Rd is developing its own night-life scene for the alternative/student crowd. Logo is basic, cramped and smoky, but the drinks are cheap and the Friday night reggae session is jammed with the sort of people who like to roll their own cigarettes.

### MANIFESTO Map pp80-1

Bar  
☎ 6289 9108; 748 Julu Lu; 巨鹿路748号; cocktails from Y58; ☎ 11am-2am; ☎ Jing'an Temple  
Upstairs from Mesa restaurant is this swing, sophisticated bar. The cocktails are strong, if pricy, but it's the large outside terrace, one of Shànghǎi's best, that make this place. Happy hour is from 4pm to 8pm.

### MURAL Map pp80-1

Bar  
摩视酒吧 **Móyǎn Jiǔbā**  
☎ 6433 5023; basement, 697 Yongjia Rd; 永嘉路697号底层; open bar Y100;  
☎ 6pm-2am; ☎ Hengshan Rd  
If those crazy Buddhist monks ever had a raging 8th-century party out in Dūnhuáng's Thousand Buddha Caves, this is probably what it would have looked like, minus the funky beats and DJ of course. Mural's big claim is not really the Silk Road décor, but the all-you-can-drink Y100 bar every Friday night (10pm to 2am). There's a fun reggae night on Thursday. It's more popular with locals than expats, which is another reason to check it out.

**O'MALLEY'S** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 欧玛莉爱尔兰酒吧 Ōumǎlì Ài'èrlán Jiǔbā  
 ☎ 6474 4533; 42 Taojiang Rd; 桃江路42号; pints  
 Y65; ☎ 11am-1.30am Mon-Sat, 1pm-1am Sun;  
 ☉ Changshu Rd

With an all-you-can-eat barbecue on Tuesdays (Y60), an all-you-can-eat European-style brunch on Sundays (Y85), a Thursday night quiz, good (but expensive) pub food and non-stop sport on the many TVs, O'Malley's spares no effort to pack in the punters. Families like the lawn area and kids playground. Happy hour is from 5pm to 8pm, when pints of Guinness and Kilkeny are Y44.

**PEOPLE 7** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 人间奕七 Rénjiānyīngqī  
 ☎ 5404 0707; 803 Julu Rd; 巨鹿路803号; cocktails from Y50; ☎ 11.30am-2pm, 6pm-midnight;  
 ☉ Jing'an Temple

Getting into this super-stylish bar/restaurant is an achievement itself. That's not because there's a door policy, rather it's because the shiny steel doors will only open if you insert your hand (twice) into one of the nine holes set into the wall (we're not saying which one). Once inside, there's a backlit, long steel bar on which to rest the oddly shaped glass your cocktail will arrive in. With white armchairs scattered throughout the darkly lit interior and bathrooms that are even harder to work out than the front door, this place could be oppressively trendy. But it isn't. They do surprisingly affordable minimalist fusion food too.

**PIRATES** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 ☎ 6280 9326; 137 Xingfu Rd; 幸福路137号; drinks from Y35; ☎ 9pm-2am Sun-Thu, to late Fri & Sat; ☉ Xujiahui

This out of the way bar is one of the best in town and attracts dressed-down hipsters, who could be called the anti-Bar Rouge crowd. The front room is a cool white space to drink in, while on weekends the back room hosts DJs who play the sort of cutting-edge sounds you won't hear anywhere else in Shanghai. It gets busy on Fridays and Saturdays, when it's Y40 to get in.

**SASHA'S** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 萨沙 Sàshā  
 ☎ 6474 6628; House 11, 9 Dongping Rd (cnr of Hengshan Rd); 东平路9号11 (幢衡山路口); cocktails Y80; ☎ 11am-1am Sun-Thu, to 2am Fri & Sat; ☉ Changshu Rd

Housed in a fine old villa that once belonged to the Soong family, Sasha's large garden is one of Shanghai's most splendid summer spots. Inside, there's a vague French colonial feel with wicker furniture, wood floors and a cosy bar to perch at. Upstairs there's an expensive restaurant offering Western food. Given the prices here, it's worth checking out the happy hour, from 5.30pm to 7pm, when all drinks are half-price.

**SENSES WINE LOUNGE** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 龙聚苑 Lóngjùyuàn  
 ☎ 5492 1655; 515 West Jianguo Rd; 建国西路515号; glass/bottle wine from Y70/290; ☎ 11am-2am; ☉ Hengshan Rd

Shanghai isn't the best city in the world for fans of the grape. Senses does its best to make up for that by offering a strong selection of mostly imported wine and champagne and by holding regular wine-tasting events and discount nights. The setting is pleasant, there are plenty of sofas and a decent garden complete with fountain, but it's not cheap.

**TIME PASSAGE** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 昨天今天明天 Zuótiān Jīntiān Míngtiān  
 ☎ 6240 2588; 183 Lane 1038, Caojiayan Rd; 曹家堰路1038弄183号; beers from Y25; ☎ 2pm-2am; ☉ Jiangsu Rd

Tucked down a small street Time Passage is that rare thing in Shanghai, a pub that could be your local back home. With friendly staff, cheap drinks and a faithful clientele of local musos, students and expat teachers, it's a businessman-free zone. There's live music on Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays, wi-fi access and a daily happy hour from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

**TMSK** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 透明思考 Tòumíng Sīkǎo  
 ☎ 6326 2227; 11 Lane 181, Taicang Rd; 太仓路181弄11号楼; cocktails from Y60; ☎ 1.30pm-1.30am; ☉ South Huangpi Rd

A place to visit as much for the décor as for the drinks, TMSK is designed to within an inch of its life. The whole place is full of glass 'art', or more specifically, pieces of swirled pastel-coloured glass. There's a cool water feature too, but the interior design pales into insignificance once the house band get going with their unholy fusion of techno and traditional Chinese

music. The local crowd who drink here seem to like it, though.

**VELVET LOUNGE** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 ☎ 5403 2976; 913 Julu Rd; 巨鹿路913号; cocktails from Y50; ☎ 5pm-3am Sun-Thu, to 5am Fri & Sat; ☉ Changshu Rd/Jing'an Temple

An anomaly amongst the girlie bars of Julu Rd, Velvet Lounge is a relaxed nightclub that attracts an eclectic crowd. There's a circular bar to sit around, or sofas to sink into, while on weekends the old-school party tunes will lure you towards the small dance floor.

**YY'S** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 轮回酒吧 Lúnhuìjiǔbā  
 ☎ 6466 4098; 125 Nanchang Rd; 南昌路125号; drinks from Y40; ☎ 24hrs; ☉ South Shanxi Rd  
 This place isn't as popular as it was a few years ago, when it was a key hangout for the alternative crowd (try the basement late on weekends), but they never close and it occasionally swings.

**ZAPATA'S** Map pp80-1 Bar  
 ☎ 6474 6166; 5 Hengshan Rd; 衡山路5号; margaritas Y40; ☎ 5.30pm-2am; ☉ Changshu Rd  
 Zapata's owes its place in Shanghai's nightlife pantheon to its ladies night on Wednesday. So popular is it that the crowds spill into Sasha's (opposite) next door garden. Meanwhile inside, the small dance floor seethes as the potent margaritas loosen inhibitions. Not exactly classy, but fun.

**ARCH** Map pp80-1 Café  
 玖间酒吧 Jiǔjiān Jiǔbā  
 ☎ 6466 0807; 439 Wukang Rd; 武康路439号; sandwiches from Y38, mains from Y75, coffee Y25, cocktails from Y40; ☎ 7.30am-1.30am;  
 ☉ Hengshan Rd

One of Shanghai's coolest hangouts, Arch is an artfully designed café-bar and restaurant located on the ground floor of Shanghai's

very own Flatiron building. It's busy day and night, with people hunched over their laptops (there's wi-fi access), or chatting over one of the fine and strong cocktails they serve here. The basement has a DVD player, big screen and sofas, if you're in the mood for a movie. There's also second outlet (☎ 5403 2125; 115 Changshu Rd, cnr Changle Rd; 常熟路115号).

**BOONNA CAFÉ** Map pp80-1 Café  
 布那咖啡 Bùnà Kāfēi  
 ☎ 5404 6676; 88 Xinle Rd; 新乐路88号; coffee Y10; ☎ 7am-1am; ☉ South Shanxi Rd  
 Boonna is an excellent boho café with changing art exhibitions on the walls, a book exchange and wi-fi. The coffee, juices, shakes and food are shockingly inexpensive. There's also another outlet (Map pp80-1; ☎ 6433 7142; 57 West Fuxing Rd; 复兴西路57号甲).

## PŪDŌNG 浦东

Pūdōng is a wasteland when it comes to drinking spots and most of its bars are in hotels.

**CLOUD 9** Map p90 Bar  
 九重天酒廊 Jiǔchóngtiān Jiǔláng  
 ☎ 5049 1234; 87th fl, Jinmao Tower, 88 Century Ave; 世纪大道88号金茂大厦87层; beer Y60, cocktails Y90; ☎ 6pm-1am Mon-Fri, 11am-2am Sat & Sun; ☉ Lujiazui  
 Officially the highest bar in the world, you take three lifts to get to Cloud 9. As long as it's a clear day or night, it's worth the trip as the views are spectacular. The Bund looks small from this high up, and at night the lights of East Nanjing Rd curve away into the distance towards Renmin Park. The cocktails are decent, and there's a nonsmoking section. After 8pm there's a Y120 minimum (plus 15% service charge), which is sometimes compensated for by the appearance of fortune tellers and magicians.

## COFFEE & TEA

A wide range of teas are available, including *lǜchá* (绿茶; green tea), *mòlihuā* (茉莉花; jasmine), *júhuā chá* (菊花茶; chrysanthemum), *lóngjīng* (龙井; longjing), *wūlóng* (乌龙; oolong) and *hóng chá* (红茶; black tea). Some backstreet Chinese restaurants still serve complimentary tea with meals. Bottled ice teas (Y5) are available everywhere, and are generally very thirst-quenching (go for either Kirin, Suntory or Tongyi). Look out for sweet bubble tea (*zhēnzhu nǎichá*). Sold all over town, it comes either hot or cold in a sealed plastic cup, into which you poke a thick straw.

Shanghai has been swamped with cafés, but coffee is still not that cheap. A decent cup is easily Y25 to Y30. But City Diner (p163) offers free refills.

**DUBLIN EXCHANGE** Map p90

Bar

都柏林 Dübólin

☎ 6841 2052; 2nd fl, HSBC Tower, 101 East Yincheng Rd; 银城东路101号汇丰大厦2层; pints Y65; ☎ 10am-11pm Mon-Fri; 🍷 Lujiazui

Those still in Púddōng when the sun sets will be relieved to know they can always take solace in a pint of Guinness at this Irish pub. It's closed at weekends.

**JING'AN & WEST NANJING ROAD****静安区、南京西路**

Now that Tongren Rd has taken over from South Maoming Rd as Shànghǎi's party strip, this area is much busier at night than it once was. On Fridays and Saturdays, the Tongren Rd bars pump out party tunes and are packed with those looking for a good time and/or company. But if that doesn't appeal, there are more sedate options nearby.

**BIG BAMBOO** Map pp98-9

Bar

☎ 6256 2265; 132 Nanyang Rd; 南阳路132号; beers from Y35, cocktails from Y50; ☎ 11am-2am; 🍷 Jing'an Temple

Popular sports bar on two floors that serves up decent western food, while offering pool and darts. There's another branch in Hóngqiáo called **Baby Bamboo** (Map p123; ☎ 6465 9099; No 26, Lane 3338, Hongmei Rd Entertainment Street; 虹梅路3338弄虹梅休闲步行街26号).**BLUE FROG** Map pp98-9

Bar

蓝蛙 Lánwā

☎ 6247 0320; 86 Tongren Rd; 铜仁路86号; beers from Y40

This branch of Blue Frog is busier than its French Concession sibling (p184).

**JUDY'S TOO TONGREN** Map pp98-9

Bar

☎ 6289 3715; 78-80 Tongren Rd; 同仁路78-80号; beer Y35, cocktails Y45; ☎ 5pm-late; 🍷 Jing'an Temple

All sorts end up in this place, especially after midnight when it really gets going. It's a great place for people-watching, as well as for getting utterly hammered and dancing like a fool. Guys, bear in mind it's not your undoubted charisma and good looks that are attracting the attention of the

many ladies who gather here. Until 9pm, there's a two-for-one drink deal.

**LONG BAR** Map pp98-9

Bar

长廊酒吧 Chángláng Jiǔbā

☎ 6279 8268; 2nd fl, Shanghai Centre, 1376 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1376号上海商城2层; pints Y65; ☎ 11am-2am; 🍷 Jing'an Temple

Taking its name from the bar at the old British Club, this place is rather less sophisticated but still popular with the after-work crowd, who are drawn in by the easy-going atmosphere, sports TV and occasional model contests, in which young women parade around the bar in bikinis. Happy hour is from 5pm to 8pm on weekdays and 3pm to 8pm on weekends.

**HONGKOU & NORTH SHANGHAI****虹口区、北上海****OLD FILM CAFÉ** Map p104

Café

老电影咖啡馆 Lǎodiànyǐng Kāfēiguǎn

☎ 5696 4763; 123 Duolun Rd; 多伦路123号; coffee from Y22, tea from Y35; ☎ 10am-1am; 🍷 Dongbaoxing Rd

With the golden age of Shànghǎi cinema as its theme, this place makes for a pleasant pit stop if you're touring the Duolun Rd area. Movie buffs will enjoy the photos of the vintage Chinese movie stars and the screenings of classic films from the '30s. Spread over three floors, there's also a small outside area. There's a wide range of teas available and they serve alcohol too. Look for the statue of Charlie Chaplin out front.

**HONGQIAO AIRPORT AREA**With so many expats resident in the Hongqiao Airport Area and Gǔběi, the area now has its own bar/restaurant strip, the Hongmei Rd Entertainment Street, for those who don't want to make the trek to the French Concession or Bund. There's an outlet of the **Blue Frog** (Map p123; ☎ 5422 5119; No 30 Lane 3338, Hongmei Rd Entertainment Street) bar here, as well as various other places that are OK for a local drink.

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