3 Days Shanghai Private Tour

Trip overview

Step into the "Paris of the East" with this comprehensive **3-day Shanghai private tour**. Shanghai is a city of stunning contrasts, where futuristic skyscrapers pierce the clouds just steps away from serene Ming Dynasty gardens and elegant colonial-era facades. This tour is designed to showcase the very soul of the city, blending its rapid modern pulse with its deep historical roots.

Your journey begins at the iconic **Bund**, offering a front-row seat to the world-famous skyline across the Huangpu River. You'll dive into China's artistic heritage at the **Shanghai Museum**, find spiritual tranquility at the **Jade Buddha Temple**, and wander through the labyrinthine beauty of **Yu Garden**. From the bird's-eye view atop the **Jinmao Tower** to the trendy shikumen alleys of **Xintiandi**, this curated itinerary ensures you won't miss a single highlight of China's most cosmopolitan metropolis.

- **Durations:** 3 Days
- **Destinations:** Shanghai
- **Tour inquiry:** https://www.asiachinatour.com/3-days-shanghai-private-tour/

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Shanghai & First Impressions

Welcome to the luminous metropolis of Shanghai, where historic charm meets futuristic ambition.

Arrival & Warm Welcome: Upon your arrival at Shanghai Pudong (PVG) or Hongqiao (SHA) Airport—or any of the city's major train stations—your **private local guide and driver** will be waiting at the arrival hall to greet you. You will be escorted in a comfortable, private vehicle directly to your hotel for a seamless check-in process. Our team will assist with your luggage and provide an orientation of the local neighborhood.

A Relaxing Introduction: The rest of the day is yours to unwind from your travels. Depending on your hotel's location, you may choose to relax or take a preliminary stroll through the surrounding streets. Whether you find yourself amidst the colonial architecture of the former French Concession or the towering skyscrapers of Pudong, you will immediately feel the unique, cosmopolitan energy that defines China's most dynamic city.

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai
Meals: / (Self-arranged)

Expert Tips for Day 1:

Please note that Shanghai is a massive transport hub; our team monitors your flight or high-speed train status in real-time to ensure your driver is waiting, regardless of delays. If you arrive early, we recommend a leisurely walk to a nearby local bakery or coffee shop—Shanghai is the world's leading coffee city with a vibrant cafe culture. For your first evening, a simple stroll towards the nearest park will give you a great glimpse into the local lifestyle as residents gather for evening activities.

Day 2: From Historic Landmarks to Futuristic Heights

Today offers a deep dive into the soul of Shanghai, spanning thousands of years of art and a breathtaking skyline that defines the future.

Morning: Cultural Treasures & Vibrant Streets: Your exploration begins at **People's Square**, the city's green heart. Here, you will visit the **Shanghai Museum**, a world-class sanctuary of ancient Chinese art. Wander through galleries housing exquisite bronzes, ceramics, and calligraphy that date back to the Old Stone Age. Next, take a stroll down **Nanjing Road**, China's premier shopping street. Feel the city's pulse as you walk through this bustling pedestrian thoroughfare, leading you directly to **The Bund**. Stand along the riverbank to admire the "Gallery of Nations"—a stunning row of colonial-era buildings that have watched over the Huangpu River for over a century.

Afternoon: River Breezes & Skyline Views: After a local lunch, see the city from two spectacular perspectives. First, embark on a **Huangpu River Cruise**, passing between the historic Bund on the west and the soaring skyscrapers of Pudong on the east. Following the cruise, you will head into the heart of Lujiazui's financial district. Ascend to the **88th-floor Observation Deck of the Jinmao Tower** in one of the world's fastest elevators. From this staggering height, enjoy a mind-blowing, panoramic view of the river, the Oriental Pearl Tower, and the endless urban sprawl of the world's most vibrant metropolis.

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai
Meals: Hotel Breakfast, Lunch

Expert Tips for Day 2:

To ensure the best experience at the Shanghai Museum, your guide will help navigate the most significant galleries to match your interests, as the collection is vast. For the Jinmao Tower, we recommend bringing a light sweater even in summer, as the high-altitude observation deck is fully climate-controlled and can feel quite cool. If you are interested in photography, the best light for "The Bund" is during the mid-morning, while the Huangpu River cruise offers the most dramatic views of the contrasting architecture on both banks.

Day 3: Spiritual Serenity & Modern Heritage

On your final day, experience the peaceful side of Shanghai's bustling streets and explore the artistic fusion of old and new.

Morning: Sacred Jade & Ming Dynasty Elegance: Your day begins with a visit to the **Jade Buddha Temple**, an active spiritual sanctuary in the heart of the city. Marvel at the two magnificent Buddha statues carved from single blocks of white jade, brought over from Myanmar in the 19th century. Next, step into the "Crown Jewel" of Shanghai's Old City—the **Yu Yuan Garden**. This masterpiece of Ming Dynasty design offers a serene escape with its intricate rockeries, winding bridges, and lush greenery reflecting in quiet ponds. It is a perfect example of classical Chinese landscaping tucked away in a modern metropolis.

Afternoon: Shikumen Style & Onward Journey: After a delicious lunch, explore **Xintiandi**, a trendy pedestrian district that epitomizes the "East meets West" spirit of Shanghai. Wander through the narrow "Shikumen" stone-gate alleys, where traditional 1920s architecture has been elegantly repurposed into high-end boutiques and charming cafes. Depending on your travel plans, you may enjoy some free time for last-minute shopping before your **private transfer** to the airport or train station for your departure.

Accommodation: / (End of Service)
Meals: Hotel Breakfast, Lunch

Expert Tips for Day 3:

The Old City area surrounding Yu Yuan Garden is a fantastic place to find traditional silk and local snacks, though it can be quite busy; your guide will help you navigate the best paths to enjoy the scenery peacefully. For your departure, please note that Shanghai's traffic can be unpredictable during the afternoon rush hour. We always monitor road conditions in real-time and will adjust your hotel departure time to ensure you arrive at the airport or station with a comfortable buffer. If you have an evening flight, we can assist with secure luggage storage so you can enjoy your final hours in the city hands-free.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge

- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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