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## SHOPPING

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- **Amy Lin's Pearls & Jewellery** (p142)  
More pearls than the South Seas.
- **Henry Antique Warehouse** (p143)  
Whatever you're looking for, they are likely to have it.
- **Hong Qi Xiang Fabric Market** (p137)  
The cheapest place in town for silk and other fabric.
- **Propaganda Poster Art Centre** (p140)  
Socialist art at capitalist prices.
- **Shirt Flag** (p139)  
Idiosyncratic and ironic T-shirts.
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Fantastic, quirky ceramics.
- **Suzhou Cobblers** (p136)  
The cutest slippers in town.

# SHOPPING

There's something about Shànghǎi that brings out the consumer in everyone. Perhaps it's the sheer number of malls that dot the landscape, the trendy new shops and boutiques that are springing up in the French Concession, or the bargains that are still available if you search, and haggle, hard. Whatever the reason, there has never been a better time to go shopping in Shànghǎi, and that includes the halcyon days of the 1920s and '30s, when the city was the undisputed shopping capital of China.

Leading the way are the Shanghainese themselves. Having been deprived of the pleasures of retail therapy for almost 40 years by those tiresome politicians, they've been making up for it with a vengeance ever since. In other Chinese cities, many malls are half-empty for much of the time and only come to life at weekends. Not in Shànghǎi. During lunch breaks and after work, the city's shopping centres swarm with people. The women in particular are super-stylish by Chinese standards and follow the latest fashion trends slavishly.

That's good news for visitors, who can sometimes find Western clothes cheaper here than back home. But shopping in Shànghǎi is not for the faint-hearted. Even in the more upmarket malls like Grand Gateway (p144), the press of people when a sale is on can be intimidating. And watching a crowd of Shanghainese pick their way through a pile of discounted items is like watching a plague of locusts devour a field of crops. There's nothing left at the end.

If you're just in town for a couple of days, head to the Old Town for interesting souvenirs and the French Concession for cool little boutiques. The notorious Xiangyang market on Central Huaihai Rd in the Concession, which specialised in knock-off goods, is now no more. But the surrounding area is still haunted by people who materialise out of nowhere promising pearls and Prada. The major department stores will satisfy those who shop strictly for necessity.

Those interested in silk and fabrics should head to the Hong Qi Xiang Fabric Market (p137) and East and West Nanjing Rd. In any case it's worth strolling down East Nanjing Rd, once the premier shopping street in China, to get a sense of Shànghǎi's retail history. Try and make time too for a visit to the Qipu Market (p135), where Shànghǎi's masses buy their clothes. Prepare to push and be pushed, watch out for flying elbows and marvel at the sight of people who literally fight for their right to shop.

## SHOPPING TIPS

Most shops in this chapter are open from 10am to 9pm daily, though government-run stores often close at 6pm. Opening hours are also listed in the reviews. Yuyuan Bazaar and Dongtai Road Antique Market are both best visited early in the day.

In larger stores, after you've selected an item the sales assistant will write a ticket, then send you to the cashier, who will collect your money and send you right back to the salesperson, who will have your items bagged. It rarely happens that the wrong item ends up in the bag, but it's worth checking.

Most department stores will exchange items with a receipt, though smaller shops and markets have an 'every sale is final' clause. To save yourself a headache, make sure you scrutinise the item carefully. Always try on clothing before buying. Also make sure you have a legible receipt and get a business card.

## HAGGLING

While prices in formal stores are supposed to be standardised, it never hurts to ask for a discount. In the markets, haggling over prices is all part of the shopping experience. In fact, many vendors are genuinely upset when shoppers refuse to partake in the bargaining game.

The most common method of haggling is for the vendor to display the price on a calculator and hand the calculator to you. You then laugh and punch in 25% to 30% of their price, the vendor shakes their head and emits a cry that suggests you just insulted their ancestors, comes down a little and gives the calculator back to you. This goes on until the price drops by about 50%. At some of the more touristy places, like Yuyuan Bazaar, vendors will go as low as 30% of the original price. A lot of vendors have learned to say 'final price', but this rarely holds true.

If you're short on patience, offer around 35% to 40% of the asking price and when it is

refused, smile, shrug and walk away to a nearby stall selling exactly the same thing. Most times the vendor will chase you down and agree to your price, but you could walk away empty-handed. If you're bargaining for fake goods, then haggle hard. It's always best to conduct business with one person and not a group; no Chinese is going to be out-bargained and lose face in front of a crowd of their own.

Do bear in mind though, that the point of the process is to achieve a mutually acceptable price and not to screw the vendor into the ground. It's always best to smile, which will help keep negotiations light even if you don't ultimately agree on a price. Get angry, and you not only lose face but give foreigners a bad name. Remember that the Y10 you're haggling over is just over US\$1 and probably worth spending if you're taken with the item.

If negotiating in pidgin Chinese, be very careful of similar-sounding numbers, like 14 (*shisi*) and 40 (*sishi*), and 108 (*yibǎiliǔbā*) and

180 (*yībǎibā*), as these offer great potential for misunderstanding, deliberate or otherwise. Note that Chinese shops advertise the final sale price and it is marked as a proportion; for example, a 20% discount will be marked as 打8折. But given the prices in China, you get ripped off only if you end up buying something you didn't really want in the first place.

## SHIPPING & CUSTOMS

Most reputable shops will take care of insurance, customs and shipping for larger items, though find out first exactly what the dealer covers. Separate charges may materialise for handling, packaging, customs duty and quarantine, driving the shipping charges above the price of the item! Also consider how much it will cost to get the goods from the shipping port to your home.

Technically, nothing over 200 years old can be taken out of China, but you'll be very lucky

## BEST BUYS

Seekers of curios are warned that many of those to be found in the Chinese city are excellent imitations of the authentic article.

*All About Shanghai; A Standard Guidebook, 1934*

Antiques are the most popular purchases, but genuine antiques are not as abundant as dealers would like you to believe. In Shànghǎi the majority of goods have been leached from the countryside, artificially antiqued, refurbished and sold at astoundingly high prices. Look carefully to see how much of the piece is original. Until recently antiques were required to have a red-wax seal affixed, and though customs seems to have loosened up on this, you may still see antiques with globs of wax stuck to them.

Silk and tailored clothing are excellent buys and are a fraction of the price you'd pay abroad. Silk King (p136) and the Hong Qi Xiang Fabric Market (p137) have the widest selection and will also custom-tailor clothing, making everything from jackets to shirts to *qipáo*. Also known as cheongsams, *qipáo* are the beautiful sleeveless Chinese dresses with high collars and slits up the thigh. They started as Manchurian dresses, and gained popularity during the Manchu Qing dynasty and later in the swinging 1930s. They are now firmly back in fashion. There are several small boutiques on South Maoming Rd, such as *Huā Yǎng Nián Huá* (p138) and *Peace Qipao* (p139), which will run you up one for between Y1000 and Y1200.

Pearls from Lake Tai can be a good buy, but you need to know what you are looking for. There are several ways to check for fakes: if you rub the pearl along your teeth you should feel a grating; a fake pearl will turn black when you put a flame to it. *Amy Lin's Pearls & Jewellery* (p142) has the genuine article.

Tea and teapots are definitively connected with China in Western minds. The dark-coloured Yixing ware is the most valued of all Chinese teapots. Prices range from Y10 for mass-produced pots on bargain tables at Yuyuan Bazaar to Y20,000 in exclusive tea shops. You'll see tea shops all over the city — check for a snug-fitting lid, and if you can, a nondrip spout. The *Huifeng Tea Shop* (p141) has a tasteful selection.

A less common purchase is one of China's lovely musical instruments, which include the *èrhu* (vertical fiddle), *pípá* (lute) and *gǔzhēng* (zither). Visit *Hángzhōu Yáyùn Qínzhēng Gōngsī* (杭州雅韵琴筝公司; Map p62; 302 East Jinling Rd; 金陵东路302号; ☎ East Nanjing Rd); music lessons are often held in the display room.

If you are setting up home in Shànghǎi, household appliances, crockery, bedding and furniture can be found in most department stores, as well as in Carrefour and Ikea (宜家家居; Map p126; ☎ 5424 6060; 126 North Caoxi Rd; 漕溪北路126号).

if you come across any antiques in Shànghǎi that old. If you are buying a reproduction, make sure the dealer provides paperwork stating that it is not an antique. Dealers should also provide the proper receipts and paperwork for any antiques. Keep the receipts along with the business card of the dealer, just in case.

Shipping clothing, curios and household items on your own is generally not a problem and China Post has an excellent packing system for airmailing light items.

## THE BUND & EAST NANJING ROAD 外滩、南京东路

East Nanjing Rd, formerly known as Nanking Rd, was once the most famous shopping street not just in China, but in Asia. In the 1920s the department stores Sincere, Wing On, Sun Sun and Da Sun imported luxury goods from London, Paris and New York. These days, it's less exclusive and can no longer compete with the upmarket malls and department stores in other areas, or the luxury shops of West Nanjing Rd. At night it gets a little tacky as the touts for massage parlours emerge. But millions of Chinese continue to visit the wide array of shops here and a good hunt can lead to some intriguing purchases.

**DUOYUNXUAN ART SHOP** Map p62 Art  
朵云轩 Duōyún Xuān  
☎ 6360 6475; 422 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路422号; ☎ 9.30am-9.30pm; ⑨ East Nanjing Rd  
A multistorey traditional-looking building (look for the two enormous calligraphy brushes outside) with an excellent selection of art and calligraphy supplies. The 2nd floor is one of the best places for heavy art books, both international and Chinese, and the 3rd floor houses antiques and some excellent calligraphy and brush-painting galleries. You can get your own chop made here.

**SHANGHAI MUSEUM ART STORE** Art  
Map p62  
上海博物馆艺术品商店  
Shànghǎi Bówùguǎn Yìshùpìn Shāngdiàn  
☎ 6327 2829; 201 Renmin Ave; 人民大道201号;  
☎ 9am-4pm; ⑨ People's Sq  
Attached to the Shanghai Museum, this high-priced but high-quality store offers

some variety from the usual tourist souvenirs. Apart from the excellent range of books on Chinese art, architecture, ceramics and calligraphy, there is a good selection of quality cards, prints and slides. The annexe shop sells fine imitations of some of the ceramic pieces on display in the Ceramics Gallery (as well as scarves and bags) but these come at a hefty price. The store has its own currency exchange.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES BOOKSTORE** Bookstore  
Map p62  
外文书店 Wàiwén Shūdiàn  
☎ 6322 3200; 390 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路390号;  
☎ 9.30am-6pm Sun-Thu, 9.30am-7pm Fri & Sat;  
⑨ East Nanjing Rd  
Ignore dire predictions of what you can or can't get here. The days when the selection of titles at these government-sponsored bookstores ran from Dickens to Sherlock Holmes are long gone. Now, there's an ever-expanding range of fiction and nonfiction, as well as an impressive selection of Lonely Planet guides and phrasebooks, on the ground floor. It's a good place to come for titles and maps on Shànghǎi. There are smaller branches in Gǔběi (Map pp120-1; 71 South Shuicheng Rd; 南水城路71号; taxi) and in Xújiāhuì (Map p126; ☎ 5459 0553; 60 Hongqiao Rd; 虹桥路60号; ⑨ Xujiahui).

**BLUE SHANGHAI WHITE** Map p62 Ceramics  
海晨 Hǎi Chén  
☎ 6352 2222; Room 103, 17 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路17号103室; ☎ 10.30am-6.30pm;  
⑨ East Nanjing Rd  
Just off the Bund, this little boutique is a great place to browse for a contemporary take on a traditional art form. It sells a tasteful selection of hand-painted porcelain tea cups, teapots and vases, displayed together with the store's ingeniously designed wooden furniture; inquire about shipping if you find a chair or table you really like. There's a bigger showroom near People's Square (☎ 6359 6897; Room 23, 1060 East Yan'an Rd; 延安东路1060号23室).

**YUNHONG CHOPSTICKS SHOP** Chopsticks  
Map p62  
韵泓筷子店 Yùnhóng Kuàizi Diàn  
☎ 6357 9938; 387 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路387号; ☎ 9am-11pm; ⑨ East Nanjing Rd  
The Běijīng arts-and-crafts people have opened up this smart little shop selling

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### MARKETS

Shànghǎi doesn't have the best markets in China, but a few are worth a visit. The most atmospheric places in town are the neighbourhood produce markets (*cài shìchǎng*), commonly known as 'wet markets'. One is located south of the former Xiangyang Market on Central Huaihai Rd, and another along Dajing Rd in the Old Town (p77). The top specialised markets include the following:

- **Old Town Gods Temple Antique Market** (p137) A spray of antique shops offer almost anything you could want, though you will have to sort the junk from the good stuff.
- **Dongtai Road Antique Market** (p136) Antiques old and new make this a fun place to shop, where the French Concession meets the Old Town.
- **Flower, Bird, Fish & Insect Market** (万商花鸟鱼虫市场; Wànshāng Huāniǎoyúchóng Shìchǎng; Map p74) Near the Dongtai Road Antique Market; creepy crickets, bug-eyed goldfish and chattering birds rule the roost here.
- **Fuyou Antique Market** (p137) Local peasants empty their attics at the Fuyou Antique Market on Sunday mornings – show up at dawn.
- **Hong Qi Xiang Fabric Market** (p137) Fancy having your favourite shirt, dress or trousers redone in material you'd never find at home? How much? Y80 max.

designer chopsticks (from Y48 to Y1650) for everyone from your five-year-old to the sophisticated aunt who loves to throw extravagant dinner parties. You might even find a set for yourself.

**QIPU MARKET** Map p62 Clothes  
七浦服装市场 Qīpǔ Fúzhǎng Shìchǎng  
168 & 183 Qipu Rd; 七浦路168 & 183号;  
☎ 9am-5pm; ⑨ Baoshan Rd  
Qipu Market is where ordinary Shànghǎi goes shopping for clothes. Consisting of two rundown, rabbit warren-like department stores surrounding the North Henan Rd intersection, it's one big 'everything must go now' sale here. This ain't Plaza 66 (p142), so do as the locals do and push through the hordes of people searching for T-shirts, shoes, tank tops, dresses, shorts, pretty much any item of clothing you can find for around Y50. It's exhausting and exhilarating in equal measure and very

Shànghǎi. Haggle here; you should be paying at least 50% below the asking price.

**SHANGHAI NO 1 DEPARTMENT STORE** Map p62 Department Store  
上海市第一百货商店  
Shànghǎi Shì Dìyī Bǎihuò Shāngdiàn  
800 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路800号;  
☎ 9.30am-10pm; ⑨ People's Sq  
Worth a visit from an anthropological viewpoint, if nothing else. This is the quintessential Chinese department store, averaging 150,000 shoppers a day over 11 levels of merchandise.

**CYBERMART** Map p62 Electronics  
赛博数码广场 Sàibó Shùmǎ Guǎngchǎng  
☎ 6390 8008; 282 Central Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路282号; ☎ 10am-8pm; ⑨ South Huangpi Rd  
Cybermart is the most central and reliable location for all sorts of gadgetry, including DVD players, iPods, laptops, digital cameras and camcorders, as well as blank CDs, DVD-Rs, memory sticks and software. China though, is not the best place in Asia for discount electronics. Expect to pay the same, or sometimes more, than you'd pay back home. Nor will haggling help you much here.

**ELECTRONICS MARKET** Map p62 Electronics  
电子市场 Diànzǐ Shìchǎng  
Qiujiang Rd; 虬江路; ⑨ Baoshan Rd  
If you want to put together your own computer, soup up an MP3 player or score a pair of speakers for the apartment, try this market located right under the elevated railway tracks that lead into Baoshan Rd metro. It's a Cybermart for people who don't mind the lack of a guarantee or receipt. Prices are low and negotiable (DVD players go from Y150 up), but how long everything will last is another matter.

**D-MALL & HONG KONG SHOPPING PLAZA** Map p62 Mall  
迪美购物中心 Díměi Gòuwù Zhōngxīn  
Basement Renmin Sq; 人民广场地下;  
☎ 10am-10pm; ⑨ People's Sq  
Located in an old bomb shelter under Renmin Park, D-Mall and Hong Kong Shopping Plaza are a merging maze of boutiques with mid- and low-end Japanese, Chinese and Western clothing styles, as well as a plethora of cosmetics and manicure shops. It's more downmarket and affordable than

many of the other malls in town, which makes it popular with the locals. There are two entrances on the south side of Renmin Ave.

### RAFFLES CITY Map p62 Mall

来福士广场 **Láifúshì Guǎngchǎng**  
 ☎ 6340 3600; 268 Central Xizang Rd; 西藏中路268号; ☎ 10am-10pm; 📍 People's Sq  
 A seven-floor, non-smoking, Singapore-owned mall that specialises in medium-level Western brands like Levi's, Miss Sixty and Quiksilver. There are also electronics and toy shops here, as well as a food court with noodle and pizza places, and a Watson's in the basement.

### SUZHOU COBBLERS Map p62 Shoes

上海起想艺术品 **Shànghǎi Qǐxiǎng Yìshùpǐn**  
 ☎ 6321 7087; Room 101, 17 Fuzhou Rd; 福州路17号101房; ☎ 10am-6.30pm; 📍 East Nanjing Rd  
 This cute boutique, right off the Bund, sells exquisite, hand-embroidered silk slippers. Patterns and colours are based on the fashions of the '30s, and as far as the owner, Huang Mengqi, is concerned, the products are one of a kind. Her shop also sells hand-made bags, hats and toys.

### SILK KING Map p62 Silk

真丝大王 **Zhēnsī Dàwáng**  
 ☎ 6352 2398; 588 East Nanjing Rd; 南京东路588号; 📍 East Nanjing Rd  
 The city's largest fabric chain sells attractive silks from Y138 per metre, although prices go far higher depending on what you want. Most branches have in-store tailors who can make you a custom-fit *qípáo* (or a shirt or jacket) in three to 10 days for around Y1000. Twenty-four hour rush jobs are also possible. There are several branches across Shànghǎi, including one on West Nanjing Rd (Map pp98-9; ☎ 6215 3114; 819 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路819号; 📍 West Nanjing Rd), and two on Central Huaihai Rd (Map pp80-1; 588 Central Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路588号; 📍 Changshu Rd) and Central Huaihai Rd (Map pp80-1; 1226 Central Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路1226号; 📍 South Huangpi Rd).

## OLD TOWN 南市

Although it wasn't originally set up as a shopping district, Yuyuan Bazaar (Map p74) has become exactly that. All souvenirs can be found here or on the bordering Old Street, along

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## SHOPPING STRIPS

In the tradition of an Asian bazaar, Shànghǎi still has concentrations of goods in specific streets.

- **Changle Rd, South Shanxi Rd & Xinle Rd, French Concession** (Map pp80-1) Home to Shànghǎi's trendiest boutiques and the places where the city's twentysomethings shop.
- **Fenyang Rd, French Concession** (Map pp80-1) Musical instruments, both Chinese and Western.
- **Fuzhou Rd, the Bund** (Map p62) Traditional art and calligraphy supplies as well as Chinese books of all kinds.
- **Taikang Road Art Centre** (Map pp80-1) Hip clothing and accessory stores, as well as art galleries and design firms. See p79.
- **South Maoming Rd, French Concession** (Map pp80-1) South of Huaihai Rd is custom-tailored traditional women's clothing; north of Huaihai Rd is high-end men's clothing (also some tailoring) and shoes.

with some alleged antiques and some interesting shops specialising in things such as fans, scissors and walking sticks. The **Hong Qi Xiang Fabric Market** (opposite) is a fine place to go in search of cheap silk and other material.

### DONGTAI ROAD ANTIQUE MARKET

Map p74 Antiques  
 东台路古玩市场 **Dōngtái Lù Gǔwán Shìchǎng**  
 ☎ 5582 5254; Dongtai Rd; 东台路; ☎ 9am-6pm; 📍 South Huangpi Rd

A block west of South Xizang Rd, this market street has over 100 stalls spread over both Dongtai Rd and Liuhe Rd. The 'antique' stalls sell some interesting items among the inevitable Mao memorabilia, including ceramics, old Shànghǎi poster advertisements, pocket watches, paintings and a host of other collectables. You can even find the tiny embroidered shoes made for women with bound feet. Haggle hard here as it's all vastly overpriced – prices fold to half almost immediately. Only about 5% of the items sold here really qualify as antique, and a lot of it is mass-produced for the market. A good rule of thumb: if you like the look of something and can get a fair price for it, buy it for what it is and not as an antique.

### FUYOU ANTIQUE MARKET

Map p74 Antiques  
 福佑工艺品市场 **Fúyòu Gōngyìpǐn Shìchǎng**  
 459 Central Fangbang Rd; 方浜中路459号; 📍 South Huangpi Rd

There's a permanent antique market here on the 1st and 2nd floors, but the place really gets humming for the 'ghost market' on Sunday at dawn, when sellers from the countryside fill up all four floors and then some. The range is good, but again, there's a lot of junk, so you need a shrewd eye if you don't want to pay too much over the odds.

### OLD TOWN GODS TEMPLE ANTIQUE MARKET Map p74 Antiques

老城隍庙古玩市场  
**Lǎo Chéng huángmiào Gǔwán Shìchǎng**  
 Huabao Bldg, Yuyuan Bazaar; 豫园; ☎ 8.30am-8.30pm; 📍 South Huangpi Rd  
 The basement of the Huabao Building, slap bang in the centre of the bazaar, houses a collection of established antique shops. These are the kind of antique stalls that accept all major credit cards and there's a real mish-mash of stuff here, from old mah-jong sets and watches to porcelain and pottery, as well as the opium pipes found in every Chinese antique market. The 1st floor has silk and scarves. On the 2nd and 3rd floor, there's jade and crystal. The sales staff are a bit pushy here and you need to haggle.

### CHATERHOUSE Map p74 Books

☎ 6391 8237; Shop B1-E, Times Square, 93 East Huaihai Rd; 淮海中路93号, 上海时代广场B1-E; ☎ 10am-10pm; 📍 South Huangpi Rd  
 The arrival of this chain in Shànghǎi was greeted with a cheer by bookworms. There's a good range of new Western fiction and nonfiction, including Lonely Planet titles, and it is particularly strong on children's books. There's a reasonable selection of magazines too. There's another branch on the 6th floor of the Superbrand Mall (p141).

### TONG HAN CHUN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE STORE Map p74 Chinese Medicine

童涵春堂 **Tóng Hán Chūn Táng**  
 ☎ 6355 0308; 20 Yuyuan New Rd; 上海豫园新路20号; ☎ 8am-9pm; 📍 South Huangpi Rd  
 A fantastic old emporium of elixirs, potions and remedies, this place has been in busi-

ness since 1783. There's a huge range here, including modern medication, but it's all labelled in Chinese and there's not much English spoken so you'll need a translator. On the 3rd floor, traditional-Chinese-medicine doctors offer consultations.

### HONG QI XIANG FABRIC MARKET Map p74 Fabric

鸿琦祥 **Hóng Qí Xiáng**  
 ☎ 6330 1043; 168 Dongmen Rd; 东门路168号; ☎ 8.30am-6.30pm; 📍 South Huangpi Rd  
 Shànghǎi's fabric market has been shifting locations around town in recent years, but has now hopefully settled permanently near Yuyuan Bazaar. It's a far cheaper source of silk than places like Silk King (opposite), with prices no higher than Y200 per metre. There are many other types of fabric here, both natural and synthetic, but the quality of the material does vary. Nevertheless, with over 100 stalls you should be able to find what you want. Most places will do tailoring as well, or they'll know someone nearby who does.

### OLD STREET Map p74 Souvenirs

老街 **Lǎo Jiē**  
 Central Fangbang Rd; 方浜中路; 📍 South Huangpi Rd  
 This renovated Qing dynasty stretch of Fangbang Rd is lined with specialist tourist shops. This is an excellent place for souvenirs, particularly because the vendors here are less pushy than at Yuyuan Bazaar, although there's a surfeit of Mao memorabilia. The wide range of best finds include PLA army supplies (at No 361); Jinshan-style folk paintings and Hu Yongkai water-colour prints (No 372); old illustrated books and calligraphy manuals (No 408); calligraphy scrolls (No 415); Yixing teapots (Nos 399 and 419); old poster advertisements and bank notes (No 423); brushes, ink stones and chops (No 424); and Tibetan jewellery (also No 424). There's also a strange selection of carved and sculpted rocks at No 448.

## FRENCH CONCESSION 法租界

Huaihai Rd in the French Concession area is definitely *the* modern shopping street in Shànghǎi. Shops start in the east (near South Huangpi Rd metro) with a succession



of towering department stores that seem to be multiplying. From here, Dongtai Road Antique Market and Xintiandi are only a short walk away. The central section is mostly local brand stores, concentrating on fashion and fast food. But off here, on South Shanxi Rd, Changle Rd and Xinle Rd, are the boutiques and shops where young Shànghǎi goes shopping for clothes and shoes, while South Maoming Rd has traditional Chinese clothing.

### MANDARAVA Map pp80-1 Carpets

曼陀罗 Mǎn Tuó Luó  
☎ 6215 4233; 38 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路38号; ☎ 11am-9pm; 📍 South Shanxi Rd  
Walking into this shop is like entering an Aladdin's cave piled high with quality kilims and tribal carpets from Afghanistan, Iran, Kashmir, Turkmenistan and Xinjiang. Prices start at Y550 and can go as high as Y45,000. The owner, a Uighur from far-off Kashgar, speaks good English and is amenable to a bit of haggling.

### SPIN Map pp80-1 Ceramics

旋 Xuán  
☎ 6279 2545; No 3, 758 Julu Rd; 巨鹿路3, 758号; ☎ noon-10pm; 📍 Jing'an Temple  
Chinese porcelain hasn't developed artistically since at least the Qing dynasty, and much of what you see for sale these days is clunky, soulless and devoid of originality. Fortunately, a new generation of designers has started picking up the

slack, trying to restore artistic integrity to Jingdézhen ceramics. Spin, which provides the chinaware for restaurants Shintori Null Li (p155) and People 6 (p157), does an excellent job of vaulting China into the 21st century with its oblong tea cups, twisted sake sets and all manner of cool plates, chopstick holders and exquisite vases (from Y220). The prices are surprisingly reasonable too.

### HUÀ YÀNG NIÁN HUÁ Map pp80-1 Clothes

花样年华  
☎ 6415 6765; 145 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路145号; ☎ 11am-9pm; 📍 South Shanxi Rd  
This shop takes its name from the Chinese title of the Wong Kar Wai movie *In The Mood For Love*, which featured Hong Kong actress Maggie Cheung in an array of stunning *qipáos*. Appropriately, they make fine tailor-made *qipáos* here, from Y1200, but there's no guarantee you'll look like Ms Cheung once you slip one on.

### INSH Map pp80-1 Clothes

玩场 Wán Chǎng  
☎ 6466 5249; 200 Taikang Rd; 泰康路200号; ☎ 11.30am-9pm; 📍 South Shanxi Rd  
Contemporary fashion with a bohemian twist is what's on offer at this trendy place. Come here for cute patterned bags (Y398), T-shirts (Y158) and stylish jackets. The designs are fun and aimed firmly at the younger crowd.

## HUAIHAI ROAD DEPARTMENT STORES

There are too many department stores to mention on Central Huaihai Rd, but the following are worth a look. Almost all have restaurants and an entertainment arcade somewhere inside, and the basement and top floors often have bargain tables.

**Hong Kong Plaza** (香港广场; Xiānggǎng Guǎngchǎng; Map pp80-1; 📍 South Huangpi Rd) More a giant food court than a shopping destination. There are branches of Megabite (boxed text, p163) and Ajisen Ramen, a gym and the Rojam disco on the top floor.

**Isetan** (伊势丹; Yìshìdān; Map pp80-1; 📍 South Huangpi Rd) Six floors of great brand-name shopping.

**New Hualian Commercial Building** (新华联大厦; Xīn Huálián Dàshà; Map pp80-1; 📍 South Shanxi Rd) The place to go for kids, with brands like Cherokee, Sesame Street, Pooh, Lego and Silverlit spread out over three floors.

**Parkson Department Store** (百盛购物中心; Bǎishèng Gǒuwù Zhōngxīn; Map pp80-1; 📍 South Shanxi Rd) Midpriced foreign (Nike, Elle, Esprit, Revlon) and upscale Chinese brands. The basement has a well-stocked supermarket with foreign goodies and access to South Shanxi Rd metro. The ground floor has an ATM.

**Times Square** (时代豪庭; Shídài Háo tíng; Map p74; 📍 South Huangpi Rd) Upmarket mall anchored by Lane Crawford and featuring all the glossies – Dolce & Gabbana, Givenchy, Gucci, Versace and Zara, as well as Chaterhouse for books. There's a City Shop (p166), a Watson's in the basement and a cinema on the 6th floor.

### INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS' FACTORY Map pp80-1 Clothes, Handicrafts

艺术创作设计中心  
Yìshù Chuàngzuò Shèjì Zhōngxīn  
No 3, Lane 210, Taikang Rd; 泰康路210弄3号; taxi  
Despite the grandiose name, this place, which is located in the hip and happening Taikang Road Art Centre (p79) in Lane 210, is really a design and art centre with a handful of fashion boutiques. Shops worth a lazy meander include Jooi Design (Room 201) for cool bags, cushions and Japanese-style asymmetrical shirts (from Y800) and L'Atelier Mandarine (Room 318) for kiddies clothes.

### LA VIE Map pp80-1 Clothes

生织坊 Shēng Zhī Fāng  
☎ 6445 3585; Courtyard 7, Lane 210, Taikang Rd; 泰康路210弄院子坊7号; ☎ 10.30am-8.30pm; 📍 South Shanxi Rd  
Local designer Jenny Ji has made a name for herself with her stylish take on street fashion, including patterned jeans and nicely cut shirts. This shop is the flagship for her own brand, La Vie. But none of it comes cheap. The jeans start at Y6900 and even the T-shirts go for Y3200. There is another branch on the 2nd floor of Bund 18 (Map p62; 18 East Zhongshan Rd; 外滩18号2楼).

### PEACE QIPAO Map pp80-1 Clothes

和平旗袍专卖店 Héping Qípào Zhuānmài Diàn  
☎ 6473 9043; 161 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路161号; ☎ 9.30am-9.30pm; 📍 South Shanxi Rd  
This tiny store offers cheaper tailor-made *qipáos* than most of its nearby competitors. It does silk shirts, dresses and jackets as well. Most of the patterns incorporate large embroidered flowers in their design. Custom-fit clothing only takes two to three days to make, and the *qipáos* start at Y880.

### SHANGHAI TANG Map pp80-1 Clothes

上海滩 Shànghǎi Tān  
☎ 6384 1601; www.shanghaitang.com; 15 North Block, 181 Taicang Rd, Xintiandi; 太仓路181弄新天地北里15号; ☎ 10am-midnight; 📍 South Huangpi Rd  
Hong Kong-based Shanghai Tang flies the flag for the Middle Kingdom in the world of high-end fashion. The designs are classic Chinese with a twist, incorporating fluorescent colours, traditional motifs and

## CLOTHING SIZES

The measurements below are approximate. Remember that Chinese sizes are far smaller than Western ones; an extra large in China is equivalent to a size 10 in the US or size 12 in the UK. Always try on clothes before buying them.

### Women's clothing

Aus/UK	8	10	12	14	16	18
Europe	36	38	40	42	44	46
Japan	5	7	9	11	13	15
USA	6	8	10	12	14	16

### Women's shoes

Aus/USA	5	6	7	8	9	10
Europe	35	36	37	38	39	40
France only	35	36	38	39	40	42
Japan	22	23	24	25	26	27
UK	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	8½

### Men's clothing

Aus	92	96	100	104	108	112
Europe	46	48	50	52	54	56
Japan	S	M	M	M	L	L
UK/USA	35	36	37	38	39	40

### Men's shirts (collar sizes)

Aus/Japan	38	39	40	41	42	43
Europe	38	39	40	41	42	43
UK/USA	15	15½	16	16½	17	17½

### Men's shoes

Aus/UK	7	8	9	10	11	12
Europe	41	42	43	44½	46	47
Japan	26	27	27½	28	29	30
USA	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½

luxury fabrics like silk and cashmere into the clothes and accessories. More affordable items include the slinky tops (from Y1500) and the scarves (Y3000), but if you have to ask the price of an item here you can't afford it. There are other branches in the Jinjiang Hotel complex (p195) and Pudong Shangri-La (p199).

### SHIRT FLAG Map pp80-1 Clothes

衫旗帜 Shān Qí Zhì  
☎ 5386 0591; 296 Changle Rd; 长乐路296号; ☎ 10.30am-10pm; 📍 South Shanxi Rd  
Purveyors of the finest T-shirts on the mainland, Shirt Flag specialise in witty designs, such as its Angry Panda series, and giving an ironic twist to Maoist propaganda and later party slogans such as the

'Four Modernisations'. Prices start at Y99 and unlike many Chinese T-shirts, these ones are made of good-quality cotton and won't shrink two sizes the first time you wash them.

**CHINESE PRINTED BLUE NANKEEN EXHIBITION HALL** Map pp80-1 Fabric  
中国蓝印花布馆 Zhōngguó Lán Yīnhuābù Guǎn  
☎ 5403 7947; No 24, Lane 637, Changle Rd; 长乐路637弄24号; ☎ 9am-5pm; ㊟ Changshu Rd  
Follow the blue signs through a maze of courtyards until you see bolts of blue cloth drying in the yard. Originally produced in Jiāngsū, Zhèjiāng and Guizhōu provinces, this blue-and-white cotton fabric (sometimes also called blue calico) is similar to batik, and is coloured using a starch-resist method and indigo dye bath. This museum and shop, started by Japanese artist Kubo Mase, displays and sells items made by hand, from the cloth right down to the buttons. It has been in business for 20 years, takes pride in quality, and does not give discounts. You could visit as part of the French Concession walking tour (p87).

**SKYLIGHT** Map pp80-1 Handicrafts  
天籁 Tiān Lài  
☎ 6473 5610; 28 West Fuxing Rd; 复兴西路28号; ☎ 9.30am-9pm; ㊟ Changshu Rd  
Sneak into this lovely little incense-perfumed nook opposite the Iranian Consulate for its small haul of hand-crafted Tibetan jewellery, antiques and furniture. There are also a few exquisite *thangka* – sacred Buddhist paintings on silk – and colour photographs taken by the owner during his voyages across the Tibetan plateau.

**TAIKANG ROAD ART CENTRE** Map pp80-1 Handicrafts, Clothes  
泰康路艺术中心、田子坊  
Tàikāng Lù Yìshù Zhōngxīn, Tiánzǐfāng  
Lane 210, Taikang Rd; 泰康路210弄;  
㊟ South Shanxi Rd  
Burrow into the *lilong* off the main drag of this art centre for a rewarding haul of cafés and shops, from hip jewellery shops to small *lilong* houses selling Tibetan sacred objects. Jip (☎ 6445 4479; Lane 248, Taikang Rd) comes in with eye-catching, modern jewellery designs, while Not Just Silver (☎ 9.30am-6.30pm) sells its jewellery from a lovely old residence with a magnificent tiled floor. The vibrant and colourful selection of crafts

at **Esydragon** (☎ 10am-7pm Sun-Thu, to 8.30pm Fri & Sat) makes for excellent gifts while **Feel Shanghai** (☎ 10am-8pm) is *the* place to pick up a traditional *fēngyī* (long traditional Chinese coat), *wàitào* (short Chinese jacket) or *qípào* (cheongsam). For a Tibetan *thangka* (silk paintings) or mandala, try **Amidu**, with prices from around Y500. Other *shikūmén* were being feverishly redecorated at the time of writing to be redeployed as fashionable boutiques.

**SIMPLY LIFE** Map pp80-1 Home Design  
逸居生活 Yìjū Shēnghuó  
☎ 6387 5100; Xintiāndi, Unit 101, 159 Madang Rd; Unit 101, near Taicang Rd; 新天地马当路159号101单元; ☎ 10.30am-11.30pm;  
㊟ South Huangpi Rd  
Come here for upmarket household knick-knacks, including hand-painted tea sets, crockery and pottery, all of which is locally made. There's a smaller branch on **Dongping Rd** (Map pp80-1; ☎ 3406 5509; 9 Dongping Rd; 东平路9号; ㊟ Changshu Rd).

**MADAME MAO'S DOWRY** Map pp80-1 Memorabilia  
毛太太设计 Máo tài Shèjì  
☎ 5403 3551; 207 Fumin Rd; 富民路207号;  
☎ 10am-7pm; ㊟ Changshu Rd  
Everyone needs some Revolution-era collector's items somewhere in the house. What better way to brighten up the foyer than with a bust of the Chairman? Or why not make a statement in the kitchen with a poster of happy socialist workers? If all that brings you just a little too close to Mao's reign of terror, there's also some apolitical memorabilia, like dumpling moulds, antique ceramics and vintage clothing. Despite the store's proletarian theme it's not particularly cheap, with posters starting at Y1000.

**PROPAGANDA POSTER ART CENTRE** Map pp80-1 Memorabilia  
上海宣传画艺术中心 Shànghǎi Xuānchuānhuà Yìshù Zhōngxīn  
☎ 6211 1845, 1390 184 1246; Room B-0C, 868 Huashan Rd; 华山路868号B-0C房间;  
admission Y20; ☎ 9am-4pm; taxi  
If socialist art is your thing, check out this gallery which houses a huge collection of propaganda posters. Increasingly prized by collectors, some of them are very rare and prices are correspondingly high. The

cheapest start at around Y1000. But there are also lots of cartoons and memorabilia, which are more affordable. Mr Yang, who runs the place, speaks good English and will show you around. Ask to see his collection of *dàzìbào*, the hand-written posters used to denounce people during the Cultural Revolution. This is the only place on the mainland you'll see them; most young Chinese have never seen one. The beautiful calligraphy makes for a huge contrast with the violence of the language the writers used. See p84 for more details.

**YÈ HUǒ HÙWÀI YÒNGPÍN DIÀN** Map pp80-1 Outdoor Gear  
野火户外用品店  
☎ 5386 0591; 296 Changle Rd; 长乐路296号;  
☎ 10.30am-10pm; ㊟ South Shanxi Rd  
This is a great store for outdoor gear. Osprey packs and Asolo boots are available, in addition to quality Gore-Tex gear, tents, sleeping bags and ice axes (for those planning an Everest ascent). If you need a break from the big city, sign up for a weekend hiking trip to the surrounding countryside.

**HUIFENG TEA SHOP** Map pp80-1 Tea  
汇丰茶庄 Huìfēng Cházhuāng  
☎ 6472 7196; 124 South Maoming Rd; 茂名南路124号; ☎ 9am-9.30pm; ㊟ South Shanxi Rd  
It may be a rather clichéd choice, but there's no doubt that a Yixing teapot and half a *jin* of oolong tea makes for a convenient gift. This friendly shop has good-quality clay teapots, tea cups and, of course, plenty of Chinese tea. You can ask to sample various teas, which are prepared in an elaborate and fascinating process. Some of the different types of tea for sale include oolong (*wúlóng*), green (*lǚ*) and flower (*huā*) – true connoisseurs have a different teapot for each type of tea. The price varies considerably, depending on the type and quality of tea.

**TOTS** Map pp80-1 Toys  
原创玩具 Yuánchuàng Wánjù  
☎ 6358 1109; 77 Ruijin No 2 Rd; 瑞金二路77号甲; ☎ 9.30am-9.30pm; ㊟ South Shanxi Rd  
This is one of Shànghǎi's smallest but best kids' stores, with thought-provoking puzzles, educational toys and games aimed at children under five. There are other

branches on the 3rd floor of the **Grand Gateway mall** (p144) and on the 5th floor of the **Pacific Department Store** (Map pp80-1).

## PŪDŌNG 浦东

As the district heats up, more and more strip malls and department stores are opening along South Pudong Rd, Zhangyang Rd and Century Ave. Further out, several remote megastores (like Carrefour) cater to the growing Pūdōng expat community.

**NEXTAGE** Map p90 Department Store  
新世纪商厦 Xīn Shìjì Shāngshà  
☎ 5830 1111; 501 Zhangyang Rd; 张杨路501号; ☎ 9.30am-10pm; ㊟ Dongchang Rd  
This giant department store on the corner of Pudong Rd and Zhangyang Rd has 150 retail outlets selling from 100,000 sq metres of floor space. The 10-storey monster is owned by the Shanghai No 1 Department Store, and there's a cinema and internet café on the top floor. The food court has branches of **Bì Fēng Táng** (p166), **Pizza Hut** and **Taiyō** (p159). Across the street is Times Square where an increasing number of high-end Western brands, including Dunhill and Givenchy, jostle for space with lots of Chinese labels. The food court is on the 8th floor.

**SUPERBRAND MALL** Map p90 Mall  
正大广场 Zhèngdà Guǎngchǎng  
☎ 6887 7888; 168 West Lujiiazui Rd; 陆家嘴西路168号; ☎ 10am-10pm; ㊟ Lujiiazui  
It's not as upmarket as the Pūxī-side malls, but the many locals who flock here don't seem to be crying over the lack of top-end Western labels. It's always busy and the 5th-floor food court makes a good place for a cheap lunch if you're in the area. For more sophisticated dining try the 10th-floor restaurant **South Beauty** (p162), which has Bund views. There's a supermarket in the basement and a cinema on the 8th floor.

## JÌNG'ĀN & WEST NANJING ROAD

West Nanjing Rd is more upmarket and elitist than the eastern end. It's home to the high-end Western fashion brands and luxury items, as well as Shànghǎi's most pricey malls.

**ZHANG'S TEXTILES** Map pp98-9 Crafts  
花张 Huā Zhāng  
☎ 6279 8587; Suite 202A, Shanghai Centre, 1376 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1376号上海商城202A; ☎ 10am-9.30pm; ☉ Jing'an Temple  
The Shanghai Centre address means that this top-end shop caters to flush expats, offering a sublime collection of antique and framed embroidery, dragon robes and shoes for bound feet. Strangely enough, Bill Clinton prefers the Běijīng branch, but then everyone has the right to a different opinion.

**PLAZA 66** Map pp98-9 Mall  
恒隆广场 Hénglóng Guǎngchǎng  
☎ 6279 0910; 1266 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路1266号; ☎ 10am-10pm; ☉ West Nanjing Rd  
The poshest mall in Shànghǎi, this place is not just home to long-established superstar labels like Dior, DKNY, Lagerfeld and Prada, but also Alexander McQueen, Stella McCartney, Paul Smith and Anna Sui. Fashionistas will think they have died and gone to heaven. Everyone else may well expire at the sight of the prices. The 5th-floor restaurants are top-notch too, including a huge Lùlù Jiùjiǎ (p164) and Zen (p164).

**AMY LIN'S PEARLS & JEWELLERY** Map pp98-9 Pearls  
艾敏林氏珍珠 Àimǐn Línshì Zhēnzhū  
☎ 139 16 313466; Room 30, 3rd fl, 580 West Nanjing Rd; 南京西路580号3层30号; ☎ 9am-8.30pm; ☉ West Nanjing Rd  
The most reliable source in town for pearls of all colours and sizes. Both freshwater pearls, including prized black Zhèjiāng pearls (from Y3000) and saltwater pearls (from Y200), are available here. They do jade and jewellery too. The staff speak English and will string your selection for you. The other two floors of this building house a lot of stalls selling knock-offs of Western clothes, bags and shoes. They're worth a browse but bargain hard.

**JINGDEZHEN PORCELAIN ARTWARE** Map pp98-9 Porcelain  
景德镇艺术瓷器 Jǐngdézhèn Yìshù Cíqì  
☎ 6253 8865; 1175 West Nanjing Rd, cnr North Shanxi Rd; 南京西路1175号, 陕西北路北角; ☎ 10am-10pm; ☉ West Nanjing Rd  
This is one of the best places for traditional Chinese porcelain. Blue and white vases, plates, teapots and cups are some of the

many choices available. Credit cards are accepted, and shipping overseas can be arranged.

## HÓNGKǒU & NORTH SHANGHAI

### 虹口区、北上海

Head for the area north of Suzhou Creek to see where the masses shop.

**DUOLUN ROAD CULTURAL STREET** Map p104 Souvenirs  
多伦文化名人街 Duōlún Wénhuà Míngrén Jiē  
Duolun Rd, off North Sichuan Rd; 多伦路; ☉ Dongbaoxing Rd  
This rehabilitated pedestrian street in the north of town has a nice collection of curio and specialist shops, offering such offbeat gems as collectible revolutionary comic books, Tibetan 'zee' stones and antique radios. Visit No 166 for a collection of shadow puppets, No 100 for calligraphy and No 181 for a great collection of nostalgia from both old Shànghǎi and the Cultural Revolution (strong on maps, posters and old 45s). For more on Duolun Rd, see p103.

## CHÁNGNÍNG & Gǔběi

### 长宁、古北

The western part of town boasts the city's best selection of antique furniture shops. Many of these can direct you to even larger warehouses further west on the Huqíng-ping Hwy. The shops listed in this section all offer a certificate of authenticity, accept credit cards and can handle shipping and customs for you. In this area you'll also find the biggest and best-stocked Carrefour (p167) in Shànghǎi.

**CHINE ANTIQUES** Map pp120-1 Antiques  
☎ 6270 1023; 1660 Hongqiao Rd; 虹桥路1660号; ☎ 9am-5pm; taxi  
This is one of the glossiest antique stores, with prices at the higher end of the spectrum. This branch is at the Liu Haisu Art Gallery (p122) and there's a warehouse on the western outskirts. A small branch office in the Old Town (Map p74; ☎ 6387 4100; 38 Liuhekou Rd; 浏河口路38号), just off Dongtai Rd, can

direct you to another warehouse a couple of minutes' walk away.

## HONQIAO AIRPORT AREA

**GUYI ANTIQUE FURNITURE** Map p123 Antiques  
古意古典家具有限公司  
Gūyì Gǔdiǎn Jiājù Yóuxiàngōngsī  
☎ 5422 2479; 2nd fl, Block 6, 3155 Hechuan Rd; 合川路3155号6区2楼; ☎ 9.30am-6pm; taxi  
There aren't many genuine antiques here, but there are a lot of good-quality reproductions and it's especially strong on screens, cabinets and desks. They speak English and have two other branches nearby.

**HENRY ANTIQUE WAREHOUSE** Map p123 Antiques  
亨利古典家具 Hènglì Gǔdiǎn Jiājù  
☎ 6401 0831; www.h-antique.com; 3rd fl, Bldg 2, 359 Hongzhong Rd; 虹中路359号2号楼3层; ☎ 9am-6pm; taxi  
This enormous showroom, with more than 2000 high-quality antique pieces, both large and small, is a good first stop for antique hunters. It's down a lane off Hongzhong Rd in a not-so-obvious location; look for the signs. The Traditional Furniture research department of Tongji University is based here.

**ZHONGZHONG JIAYUAN GONGSI** Map p123 Antiques  
中国古典家具艺术精品总汇  
☎ 6406 4066; 3050 Hechuan Rd; 合川路3050号; ☎ 8am-8pm; taxi  
There are more pieces, including hundreds of wooden screens, here under one roof than anyone can take the time for. Ask to see all the rooms (about 15!), including the unrestored pieces in the warehouse, but only if you have a spare day or two. The sales staff are slicker and prices slightly higher than some other places in town, but if you're looking for something specific, they might just have it.

**HONGQIAO INTERNATIONAL PEARL CITY** Map p123 Pearls  
☎ 6465 0183; 2nd fl, Hongqiao Craft Market, 3721 Hongmei Rd; 虹梅路3721号虹桥市场2楼; ☎ 10am-9pm; taxi

Popular with the local expats, the 2nd floor of this market has a smaller selection of freshwater and saltwater pearls than Amy Lin's (opposite), but is worth a browse. It's a relaxed atmosphere and you can bargain here. On the 1st floor, there are clothes and golf gear, on the 3rd floor carpets and luggage.

## XÚJIĀHUÌ & SOUTH SHANGHAI

### 徐家汇、南上海

Xújiāhuì is best known for its collection of department stores and malls that ring an insanely busy intersection. Don't try crossing the roads; use the underground metro tunnels to get to the stores.

**JIM DANDIES** Map p126 Clothes  
☎ 139 168 16177; 165-167 113 Caoxi Rd; 漕溪路113号; ☎ 9am-8pm; ☉ Caoxi Rd  
This cool boutique owned by the artist Yurika Nakae is bizarrely hidden away in a downmarket mini-mall that sees few foreign faces. The funky knitwear, tops, jeans and belts make for a big contrast with the tat on sale in the shops around it. Prices start at Y300 but go far higher for some items. The shop is inside the Liangzhuang shopping market, which is just south of Caoxi Rd metro and opposite Ikea.

**HUI JIN DEPARTMENT STORE** Map p126 Department Store  
汇金百货 Huìjīn Bǎihuò  
☎ 6431 0118; Zhaojiabang Rd; 肇嘉浜路; ☎ 10am-10pm; ☉ Xujiahui  
This often-overlooked store is worth a visit for sales on Chinese and foreign brand names; the basement has a decent super-market with some imported items. Next door is Shanghai No 6 Department Store (第六百货; Dìliù Bǎihuò), which is popular with the locals and thus usually crowded.

**METRO CITY** Map p126 Electronics  
美罗城 Měiluó Chéng  
☎ 6426 8380; 1111 Zhaojiabang Rd; 肇嘉浜路1111号; ☎ 10am-10pm; ☉ Xujiahui  
Half of this mall is about technology, selling electronics, computers and software; the other half is all about fun, with a Sega

arcade and a **Megabite** (boxed text, p163) in the basement and **Kodak Cinema World** (柯达电影世界; Kēdá Diànyǐng Shìjiè; ☎ 6426 8181; tickets ¥45-90) on the 5th floor. Next door is the **Pacific Digital Plaza** (1117 Zhaojiabang Rd), another electronics emporium that spreads across two buildings.

**GRAND GATEWAY** Map p126

港汇广场 Gǎnghuì Guǎngchǎng

☎ 6407 0111; 1 Hongqiao Rd; 虹桥路1号;

🕒 10am-10pm; 📍 Xujiahui

Mall

Possibly the most popular mall in the city, Grand Gateway is a vast airy space with a decent range of Western brands like Agnes B, Benetton, Diesel, DKNY, Jack Jones and Levi's, as well as big selection of cosmetics. You can also find sports gear here. The complex also has an excellent range of restaurants on the 5th and 6th floors and on an outside food street, including outlets of **Crystal Jade** (p160), **Element Fresh** (p164) and **Zen** (p164). But there's pizza, kebabs, Thai, Vietnamese and Japanese places too, as well as Starbucks and other cafés.