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# Nanjing

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The provincial capital of Jiangsu, Nanjing, has served as the country's capital for six dynasties and has long occupied a prominent place in Chinese history and culture. The overwhelming neon lights along Qinhuai River, the abundance of greenery in Zhongshan Mountain Tourist Resort, and the remnant architecture from the time of the fledgeling republic are all facets of the richness of various stages in Nanjing's development.

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## THE CITY



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Nanjing is situated on the bank of Yangtze river with its beautiful branch Qinhuai flowing through the city. It prides itself in the Confucius Temple (Fuzimiao) with its market: a melting pot of local culture, customs and cuisine. The Zhongshan Mountain, featuring nationalist hero Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum, Ming Xiaoling, tomb of the founder of the Ming Dynasty, and the abundant greenery in the surroundings, are both a history buff´s and a nature lover's paradise.

Downtown and the Xinjiekou Business Center will reveal a modern and prosperous city, attracting international and as well as domestic shopping malls and supermarkets. At the end of an exciting day, unwind at the 1912 leisure and entertainment area to a mysterious and dazzling night out in Nanjing.

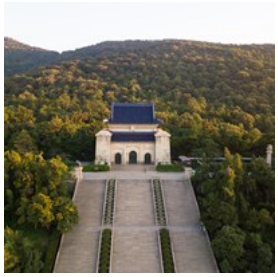
## DO & SEE



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Nanjing has numerous scenic spots both in and around the city. Internationally well known Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum or the Ming Tombs and its surrounding complex is an UNESCO cultural heritage and highly recommended. Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum and its surrounding forest area - nicknamed by locals as the green lung of Nanjing – offer a respite from the city, while the glamorous nights and the indigenous snacks of Fuzi Miao (Temple of Confucius) and Qinhuai River are also worth sampling.

### Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum /



Dr. Sun Yat-sen was one of the pioneers at the forefront in the struggle to transform China from a dynastic feudal state to a republic for the people. He continues to be celebrated and the plan of his mausoleum is in a shape of an alarm bell, signifying the "perpetual ringing of the alarm bell to arouse people". Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum is a classic building of the architectural style used during the early days of the Republic of China.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h30 - 17h
Phone: +86 40 0928 8312

Tickets: Free to the public
Internet: kehu.71nc.cn/zsl/new/english/

### Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum /



The tomb of Zhu Yuanzhang, the first emperor of the Ming dynasty, is the first of the imperial tombs of the Ming and Qing dynasties. It took 38 years to complete the construction of the Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum which, through a history of over 600 years, was incorporated into the UNESCO World heritage list in 2003.

Photo: Joshua Davenport/ Shutterstock.com
Address: Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum, Nanjing
Opening hours: 6h30 - 18h30
Phone: +86 25 8444 6111
Tickets: 70 RMB (2019)
Internet: kehu.71nc.cn/zsl/new/english/

### Fuzi Miao (Temple Of Confucius) /



During the imperial times, Fuzi Miao was a place where scholars would come to take royal examinations, testing them on their knowledge of Confucius' teachings. Upon passing, the top students would go on to work in the royal courts and aides, and govern state affairs. This historical aspect is just one of the reasons why this newly reconstructed area is popular with visitors. Other attractions along the Qinhuai River include the Bailu Zhou Gard, Zhanyuan Garden, Zhonghua Gate and a boat ride on the Qinhuai River in the evening.

Photo: Joshua Davenport / Shutterstock.com
Address: Confucius Temple Scenic Area Pedestrian St, Qinhuai District, Nanjing
Public Transport: Routes of public transport: 1, 4, 7, 40, 44, 49, 62 and 304 can all reach the scenic area
Opening hours: 9h - 22h
Phone: +86 25 5285 5680
Tickets: 30 RMB (2019)
More Info: Fuzi Miao is the name of the temple, and it also referrers to the surrounding area of the temple.

### Qixia Mountain /



Qixia Mountain is located in northeastern Nanjing, 22 kilometres from downtown. A notable scenic spot, the Qixia temple has a carved Buddhist rock from the Southern Dynasty and dagoba (built in the manner of a solid hemispherical dome enshrining religious relics or the remains of kings) from the Sui Dynasty. The maple trees on the mountain are fiery red in the autumn, a fascinating treat for anyone daring the high climb to the mountain top.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com
Address: Qixia Mountain, Nanjing
Opening hours: 07h30 - 17h30
Phone: +86 25 8576 6979
Tickets: 25 RMB (2019)

### Zifeng Tower /



The sixth highest in China and the fourteenth in the world, Zifeng Tower has reshaped the city's skyline. The skyscraper has an observation platform, from where you can get a panoramic view of this historical city. Dusk would be the best time of day to visit the tower. However, the number of tourists allowed in is limited, so it would be better to make a reservation before the visit.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Zhongyang Lu, Gulou District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 9h - 21h
Phone: +86 25 8351 8664
More Info: Located at Gulou metro station

### Presidential Palace /




This 600-year-old palace was once the office of Mr.Sun Yat-sen, President of the Republic of China. While the architecture is deeply influenced by western style, the garden of the palace was constructed in a classic Chinese way. The fusion of these two styles makes it the best representation of the Republic period's culture. Today, it has been transformed into China Modern History Museum.

Photo: 空之境界 / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: 292 Changjiang Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing
Public Transport: Take subway line 2 or 3, get off at Da Xing Gong Station, exit No.5
Opening hours: 8h30 - 18h, close every Monday
Phone: +86 25 8457 8888
Tickets: 40 RMB (2019)
Internet: njztf.cn/index.sh?charset=jian

### Memorial Hall of the Victims in Nanjing Massacre /




More than 300,000 civilians were brutally killed during the second Sino-Japanese war. The Memorial Hall was built over the place where over 100,000 victims were hastily buried. The infamous events are preserved by photos, objects, and videos of survivors' testimony - a sombre reminder of the absolute importance of peace.

Photo: Jim Bowen / Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 418 Shuiximen Dajie, Jianye District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h30 - 16h30, close every Monday
Phone: +86 180 1395 9265
Tickets: Free to the public
Internet: nj1937.org
More Info: Large crowds are to be expected at all times

### Nanjing Museum /



Nanjing Museum is the first national museum in China. The palatial architecture alone is breathtaking: the museum is composed of a historical area and art gallery with 12 exhibition halls in total. Some of the most precious ancient artefacts are exhibited here - you wouldn't want to miss them.

Photo: Jean-Pierre Dalbéra / Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 321 Zhongshandong Lu, Xuanwu District., Nanjing
Opening hours: 9h - 17h, close 12h every Monday
Phone: +86 25 8480 7923
Tickets: Free to the public
Internet: njmuseum.com/EN/html/Default.html

### Qinhuai River /



Qinhuai River runs through Nanjing ever since the very first days of the city, and through the years the area alongside the river has grown to become the busiest neighbourhood in Nanjing, as well as being the oldest one as well. Taking a touring boat would be the best way to appreciate the beauty of this historical city, especially at night. You can sample all the authentic traditional street food at once here, and find all the exotic souvenirs you need.

Photo: Benny Wijaya / Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Chaoku Jie, Qinghuai District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 25 5237 7008

Tickets: Free to the public, touring boat costs 60 RMB during daytime and 80 RMB at night (as of 2019)
Internet: njfzm.net/en/en/

### Zhan Yuan /



Zhan Yuan is a classic Chinese garden built under the Ming Dynasty. It includes halls and pavilions with ponds, flowers and rockeries. The space is internally separated by walls and trees, yet connected via windows and doors. Space utilisation is maximised, creating unique views from different points across the garden.

Photo: gill_penney / Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 128 Zhanyuan Lu, Qinhuai District., Nanjing
Opening hours: 08h - 20h30
Phone: +86 25 5220 1849
Tickets: 40 RMB before 17h30, 70 RMB after 17h30 (2019)
Internet: njfzm.net/en/en/

### Lao Men Dong /



Lao Men Dong ( Literally means "Est of Old Door" ), was once the most lively commercial street in Nanjing. There have been several renovations yet all the classical wood structures are perfectly preserved. Lao Men Dong is a showcase of ancient southeast Chinese villages. When here, you will feel like you are taking a step back in time.

This is also a commercial centre where you can find all sorts of specialities of Nanjing, such as stinky tofu, stick-pot, tiny steamed buns, as well as paper kites.

Photo: Tomohiro Ohtake / Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Jianzi Xiang, Qinhuai District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 25 5899 3388
Tickets: Free to the public

### Yuejiang Tower /



In 1374, the first Emperor of the Ming Dynasty decided to build a tower by the Yangtze River and named it Yuejiang (literally meaning "overlooking the river"). He called for all the authors in the country to write articles in order to praise the magnificent tower, even though it was not yet built. One of the articles became a classic, but the construction of the tower was never started until 2000. The reputation of the tower preceded its actual existence by 650 years.

Photo: Kinden Kuo / commons.wikimedia.org
Address: 202 Jianning Lu, Xiaguan District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 07h30 - 17h30
Phone: +86 25 5859 0298
Tickets: 40 RMB (2019)
Internet: yuejianglou.com

### Jiming Temple /



Firstly constructed in the 14th century, Jiming Temple has gone through quite a few renovations over time (what we can see now was mostly reconstructed in the 1980s). It remains the most attended temple by worshippers in the region to-date.
In spring, the blooming of sakura along the path dyes the temple into pink and attracts great numbers of visitors.

Photo: Joshua Davenport / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Jimingsi Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Opening hours: 07h - 17h
Phone: +86 25 8360 0842
Tickets: 15 RMB (2019)
Internet: www.jimingsi.net

### Librairie Avant-Garde /



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Photo: 猫猫的日记本 / commons.wikimedia.org(image cropped)
Address: 173 Guangzhou Lu, Gulou District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 10h - 21h
Phone: +86 25 8371 1455

## DINING



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Nanjing is the geographical and cultural junction where the southern and northern cuisines meet and integrate into each other. The locals embrace all the traditional genres of dishes and love all the distinctive and authentic snacks as well. The eight distinguished dishes of Qinhuai River will challenge even the pickiest gourmet.

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Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 25 5899 3388
Tickets: Free to the public

### Han Fu Xing Salted Duck /



Salted duck is one of Nanjing's most famous dishes. When it comes to salted duck, there is Han Fu Xing, and there are the rest. The restaurant was founded in 1866 and its 150 years of experience make it the absolute finest in the city. The meat is tender with fat yet not heavy. In autumn, when osmanthus blooms, they often add the flower into cooking so that the duck comes out with a particular scent. The duck fat bread (□ □ □ □ ) is worth trying as well. Be aware that the restaurant is takeaway only.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com
Address: 32 Hubu Jie, Qinhuai District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 7h30 - 19h30
Phone: +86 138 1405 0884

More Info: 3 stores away from Haoke

### Zhang Yun Roast Duck /



This is Nanjing's version of Peking Duck. It's not as crispy as Peking Duck, and it doesn't come with all the garnishes. It's just duck, roast duck, tender and delicious. Locals have it with a special red sauce to add a bit of sweetness. This one is also a takeaway only restaurant.

Photo: Lisovskaya Natalia / Shutterstock.com
Address: 236 Shengzhou Lu, Baixia District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 7h - 18h30
Phone: +86 132 2206 0355

### Yadebao Duck Blood Soup /



Don't get intimidated by the name, this is actually a daily breakfast staple of locals (which gives you a taste of just how revered duck in all its forms is). The soup is made with duck bones, and served with - expectedly - duck blood and liver, rice noodles, and tofu. You can find a duck blood soup restaurant literally at every corner, but if you want to try the best, Yadebao is the one.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com
Address: 11 Chaozhi Xiang, Qinhuai District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 7h30 - 21h30
Phone: +86 25 8452 4820

### Wang Jia Wonton /



Wangjia is an old restaurant that may even appear somewhat shabby to the onlooker, but you can tell that it's good by the long waiting line outside the restaurant. The wonton here is slightly bigger than usual, which gives it an extra chewy texture. The chef boils hundreds of wontons at a time, his moves are clean and sharp, which makes the cooking process a beautiful performance.

Photo: flydragon / Shutterstock.com
Address: 124 Jiqing Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 6h - 14h
Phone: +86 139 1299 1127

### Jiang You Ji Potsticker /



You might have already tried potstickers before, but trust on this one: there is nothing like Jiangyouji. Potsticker shape and prparation style may vary by region or even restaurant; here at Jiang You Ji, the whole dumpling is fried until it turns gold and crispy, while ground beef stays juicy on the inside. Unlike with other fried dumplings, even if you order here for takeaway, it can retain its crispiness for a very long time.

Photo: Elena Veselova / Shutterstock.com
Address: 49 Santiao Ying, Nanjing
Opening hours: 11h - 21h
More Info: inside the Lao Men Dong area, next to Zhanyuan Noodle.

### Nanjing Dapaidang /



If you are looking for a restaurant where all Nanjing specialities are gathered up, the answer is Nanjing Dapaidang. This is a chain of restaurants that are famous for making authentic Nanjing food. It is decorated entirely with wood and stone, which forge a vintage atmosphere. Traditional Nanjing Opera performance is

available during rush hours; long waiting time is to be expected - reservation recommended.

Photo: Viktoriya Popova / Shutterstock.com
Address: 18 Zhongshan Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 11h - 22h
Phone: +86 25 8472 2777
More Info: 7th floor, Deji Plaza

### Fangpo Gaotuan Shop /



Gaotuan refers to all kinds of traditional Nanjing desserts and street foods: red bean Tangyuan, Zongzi, sticky rice, deserts with names that you can not possibly translate nor find anywhere else - come and explore for yourself, these really are something special.

Photo: thaweerat / Shutterstock.com
Address: 50 Wangfu Dajie, Nanjing
Opening hours: 6h - 19h
Phone: +86 25 8420 4310

### Liji Islamic /



This is one of the best and oldest halal restaurants in Nanjing. It combines Islamic cuisine with local food, and the result is fascinating: beef fried bun, beef wonton, beef noodle and soup – the excellent taste makes up for the eatery's plain decor.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Dading Xiang, Pingshi Jie, Nanjing
Opening hours: 5h30 - 19h30
Phone: +86 25 5225 7736

### Jiming Temple Vegetarian /



There are two Jiming Temple Vegetarian restaurants, one up on the hill, inside the Temple (and you need to buy a ticket to get in), the other is at the foot of the mountain and entrance is free. These two restaurants belong to the temple, and they are famous for making tofu taste like meat. From a simple bowl of noodles to sophisticated dishes, you shouldn't skip this one even if you are far from vegetarian.

Photo: 54613 / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Jimingsi Lu,, Nanjing
Opening hours: 10h30 - 20h
Phone: +86 25 5771 3690

### Jimmy's Sports Bar & Restaurant /



This is an authentic American bar & restaurant, one of Nanjing expat favourites. They serve all western-style specialities one can possibly crave when feeling homesick: burgers, BBQ and pizza, along with a selection of imported and draft beers. Staff speak English.

Photo: qwasder1987 / Shutterstock.com
Address: 77-1 Shanghai Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 16h - 1h, close every Monday
Phone: +86 158 5181 3234
More Info: Next to Lanao Restaurant (□ □ □ □ □ )

## CAFES



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Cafés have become an increasing part of the lifestyle of Nanjing residents. Between the foreign visitors and locals who have embraced the coffee-drinking culture, there is always an easy group gathered in the city's Western-inspired cafés. Not only, but you can also find some old fashion tea house with traditional opera performance, or if you fancy some innovated Chinese desserts, Yue Shi would be a nice choice.

### UNiUNi



UNiUNi is a café with a modern minimalist decor. Marble tables, metal chairs, cold lighting and a glass wall are all elements that contribute to the contrast between the café itself and the greenery that surrounds it. Their speciality is Nitrogen Cold Brew. The steeping procedure lasts 12 hours wherein nitrogen is bumped into the coffee before it is served, which keeps it cold and creates an abundant foam, which makes the drink look whimsically steamy.

Photo: ImageFlow / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Beijing Dong Lu, Katherine Square, Nanjing
Opening hours: 11h - 21h
Phone: +86 25 8967 4030
More Info: Inside Huanya Katherine Square

### FishTank /



Located next to the Jiangsu Art Museum, FishTank is more like an extension of the museum itself. It is famous for its coffee-making classes and various activities. You should definitely try their Savage Ice Cream (□ □ □ □ □ ), a perfect combination of their in-house roasted espresso with ice cream.

Photo: Anna_Pustynnikova / Shutterstock.com
Address: 226 Changjiang Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h - 19h
Phone: +86 25 5220 4469
More Info: West side of the museum

### Moke Coffee /



Moke is red, a vivid Chinese red, the kind of red that would jump right at you upon entering the café. The barista gives customers the option to pick one coffee bean out of dozens to make that one cup of coffee that suits each individual client. The signature coffee is Mo White (□ □ □ □ ), decaf, which takes all the bitterness out (not at the expense of flavor).

Photo: Ninell / Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Hanzhong Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h - 21h
Phone: +86 25 5705 1718
More Info: -1F inside Jingling Hotel, No.B-14

### Victoria Bay Cafe /



Victoria Bay Cafe is a classic British afternoon tea place. The coffee here might not be the most outstanding but the British royal-style decoration and the countless choices of desserts can definitely remind you of London.

Photo: Sergio Sallovitz / Shutterstock.com
Address: 13 Nanxili Jie, Shengzhou Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 9h - 22h
Phone: +86 137 7031 9177
More Info: Next to Wuliangcai (□ □ □ )

### Yue Shi Shi Dan /



Yue Shi is an innovative Chinese dessert restaurant. It is separated from the street by bamboo growing all around the perimeter. The wood structure and decor create a Zen ambience, but the desserts here are like nothing you've ever seen. Oolong Tea Ice cream with a hint of ginger sugar, omelette with cream, mango and caramel lotus root – the recipes are beyond imagination. For the seasonal menu, reservation is obligatory.

Photo: tkroot / Shutterstock.com
Address: 52-1 Hankou Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 12h30 - 20h
Phone: +86 181 1881 7609
More Info: Across from les 5 sens french restaurant

### Old Tea House /



This tea house inside the Nanjing Museum is also a Chinese theatre. There are professional opera artists that perform traditional regional operas every day from 14h to 16h for a 10 RMB entrance fee. So order a pot of tea and some peanuts and sit back enjoying an amazing show.

Photo: NgHong / Shutterstock.com
Address: 321 Zhongshandong Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 9h - 17h, close at 12h every Monday
More Info: Inside the Nanjing Museum

### First Lady Café /



The café is located inside the palace where Sun Yat-sen's wife, Song Meiling – First Lady of the Republic of China – used to live. The café used to be the dining room and the saloon, both of which remain largely untouched. All the decor remains in its semi-westernised vintage style. Perhaps, the most popular drink here is Meiling tea. It is said to be served the exact way the first lady herself used to have it.

Photo: szefei / Shutterstock.com
Address: 9 Zhongshanling, Xuanwu District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 9h - 18h
More Info: 2F, Inside the Meiling Palace, next Pioneer Bookstore

### Librairie Avant-Garde /



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Address: 173 Guangzhou Lu, Gulou District
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## BARS & NIGHTLIFE




*Sharon Hahn Darlin/Flickr (image cropped)*

No introduction to Nanjing nightlife can be complete without mentioning the 1912 leisure and entertainment area. From the exterior, it is a collection of grey bricked buildings, simply styled balconies, floral carved windows and pinnacle tops, iconic of old China. Yet its soul is comprised of world-branded coffee shops such as Starbucks, the Coffee Beanery, and Kathleen Five Japanese and Korean restaurants famous Asian spas and beauty salons. Open 24 hours, it should definitely be a stop on a night bird’s itinerary in Nanjing.

### Finnegan's Wake Irish Pub /



Named after the legendary book by the Irish writer James Joyce, this might just be the most authentic Irish bar in Nanjing. You can have many choices of European beers that are relatively hard to find in China, as well as some typical European food such as lasagna and tuna sandwich. Staff can speak English, some are native speakers.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com
Address: 6 Xinanli, 400 Zhongshan Nan Lu, Qinhuai District, Nanjing
Opening hours: Mon. - Fri. : 17h - 1h, weekend : 11h30 - 1h
Phone: +86 25 5220 7362

### Nanjing 1912 Block / 1912



Situated right next to the Presidential Palace, the 1912 block used to be a neighbourhood for the social elites during the Republic of China. It has now been transformed into a commercial area with all kinds of bars and pubs, the traditional architecture remaining preserved.

Photo: 猫猫的日记本 / commons.wikimedia.org(image cropped)
Address: Changjiang Hou Jie, Xuanwu District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 24/7

### Zuo Bar /



Zuo Bar is a hidden Japanese bar in the 1912 Block run by a Japanese owner. The bar is not big, yet quiet, warm and cosy, and makes one feel at ease, much like being at a friend's home. Walls are adorned with vintage Japanese posters, which create an ambience of an Izakaya. Tell the bartender more about your tastes and let him surprise you with an improvised cocktail, all but guaranteed not to let you down.

Photo: Taro Kawazoe / Shutterstock.com
Address: Building No.2, 1912 Block, Nanjing

Opening hours: 19h - 2h
Phone: +86 25 8664 3100
More Info: Near Starbucks

### The Bottle Bar



The Bottle Bar features an entire wall display of different whiskey varieties. The regular menu is available via an iPad, while the hidden menu is written in a notebook where a collection of over 400 whiskeys are listed.

Photo: donfiore / Shutterstock.com
Address: 286 Zhongshan Lu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 19h - 2h
Phone: +86 25 8860 7979

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### MIX CLUB /



Situated inside the 1912 Block, Mix Club is the best and the most popular nightclub in Nanjing. It has great DJ sets and street dance performances, as well as the occasional theme nights. The entrance fee can be a little expensive (from 300 to 1000 RMB according to the areas) but a great vibe is guaranteed.

Photo: vchal / Shutterstock.com
Address: 9 Yangjiangjin Xiang, 1912 Block, Nanjing
Opening hours: 20h - 6h
Phone: +86 138 1542 4193
More Info: Inside the Golden Metropolis Group, 2F

### MIUCLUB



MiuClub is not just another nightclub. What's unusual about it is that it has Trampolines installed inside the club! So if dance is not enough, come here and jump to the beats as high as you can.

Photo: Zyabich / Shutterstock.com
Address: 2f, 1 Beijing Dong Lu, Katherine Square, Nanjing
Opening hours: 20h30 - 5h
Phone: +86 25 8449 8888

## SHOPPING



*Sharon Hahn Darlin (image cropped)*

Shopping in Nanjing is easy and hassle-free. The commercial districts are divided into specialised zones according to what is on sale there. The Xinjiekou - literally new street corner - Business Centre is a good first stop with all that a modern shopper could reasonably wish for, with mall

after mall to test the stamina of even the most determined bargain hunters.

**Deji Plaza /**



In this shopping centre you'll find everything you need and more. Stop by for the latest fashion, sporty shoes and shiny jewellery. Moreover, the cafes within provide the perfect opportunity to rest your feet and enjoy a hot beverage.

Photo: ymgerman / Shutterstock.com
Address: 18 Zhongshan Rd, Xuanwu, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h - 22h
Internet: www.dejiplaza.com

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Internet: njfzm.net/en/en/

**Lao Dong Men /**



Lao Dong Men ( Literally means Old Est Door ), was once the most lively commercial street in Nanjing's history. There have been several renovations yet all the classical wood structures are perfectly preserved. Lao Dong Men is a showcase of ancient southeast Chinese villages. When here, you will feel like you are taking a step back in time.

This is also a commercial center where you can find all sorts of specialities of Nanjing, such as stinky tofu, stick-pot, tiny steamed bun, as well as paper kite.

Photo: Tomohiro Ohtake / Flickr(image cropped)
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 25 5899 3388
Tickets: Free to the public

**Librairie Avant-Garde /**



This is known to be the most beautiful bookstore in China. Unconventionally enough, it is built inside an underground parking lot. Apart from books, you can also have some drinks and some desserts. The librairie is now in expansion and has 8 stores around Nanjing and 3 in other cities, with each of them a particular atmosphere.

Photo: 猫猫的日记本 / commons.wikimedia.org(image cropped)
Address: 173 Guangzhou Lu, Gulou District
Opening hours: 10h - 21h
Phone: +86 25 8371 1455

### Nanjing Brocade Institute /



Yunjin, also known as cloud brocade art, originated in Nanjing under the Song Dynasty. This specific weaving art is now on the Intangible Cultural Heritage List of UNESCO. Nanjing Brocade Institute is the place where you can find some authentic, certificated cloud brocade.

Photo: Boontoom Sae-Kor / Shutterstock.com
Address: 244 Chating Dong Jie, Jianye District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h - 17h30
More Info: Inside the Yunjin Museum

### Craft Art Building /



As the name indicates, this building gathers all kinds of traditional Chinese craft art from all around the Jiangsu Province and even greater China. From giant Chinese Cloisonne vases to a tiny walnut carving, it would be no stretch to call it a craft art museum.

Photo: Chinaview / Shutterstock.com
Address: 31 Beijing Dong Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing
Opening hours: 9h - 17h
Phone: +86 25 5771 7177

### Fuzimiao Temple Antique Market /



Be amazed by the number of arts and crafts, calligraphy works and Chinese ink paintings on sale. Souvenirs stores line up along the street. Maybe it will cost you a little more, giving that it is a touristic site, but it is convenient to find all you need in one stop.

Photo: hjochen/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gongyuan Street, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h - 22h
More Info: The Fuzimiao Temple Tourist Area

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Airport



Nanjing Lukou International Airport is located in the southeastern corner and 35.8 km from Nanjing city. The Airport Express leaves every 30 minutes between 6:00 and 20:30 at the Zhonghuamen long-distance passenger depot which is next to the Zhonghuamen metro station. To get there by metro, get off at Zhonghuamen metro station or take bus services 2, 38, 16, 39, 49, 111 or 116 to Xijie Street stop or Runtai market stop.

Taxi cabs are offered 24 hours on the first floor of the Arrival Terminal.

Photo: Juan Garces
Phone: +86 25 5248 0499
Internet: www.njiairport.com

**Passport / Visa**



For citizens of the following countries, the visa is not requested for short term stays : - 90 days: Bosnia and Herzegovina, San Marino - 60 days: Mauritius

- 30 days: Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Ecuador, Fiji, Grenada, Qatar, Serbia, Seychelles, Tonga, United Arab Emirates.

- 15 days: Brunei, Japan, Singapore.

Holders of passports issued by the following 49 countries do not require a visa for a 144-hour stay if they are transiting through Hangzhou Airport or Shanghai Hongqiao Airport. However, passengers need to provide ticket showing their first destination, which should be outside China, nor could it be in the same country as the inbound flight.

- All European Union citizens, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, United States.

- Messengers who enter China by Shanghai, Hangzhou, or Nanjing Airport under transition condition cannot leave the area of Zhejiang, Jiangsu, and Shanghai.

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**Internet Access and VPN in China**



Due to the Internet policy of China, certain websites and applications are not accessible from the mainland, which includes those very commonly used in the west (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google, Skype and more). Some travellers have been able to gain access to those via a VPN service (installed prior to arrival in China).

Make sure you comply with local laws and regulations when deciding on whether or not to employ a VPN, and which one to choose (if you do, only use those explicitly allowed by the Chinese government, and only use them for authorised purposes to avoid any trouble). There have been reports of foreigners in China getting their cell service cut off in response to unauthorised use of VPN being detected; restoring cell service required a trip to the local police station where contents of the device were investigated and certain apps removed.

Giving that Google is banned in China, Google Maps might not be the most accurate and reliable source of information. Some local apps such as Baidu Maps and AutoNavi tend to work better than Google Maps.

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**Best Time To Visit**



Late spring or early autumn would be the best times to visit Nanjing and get the best picture of its natural beauty. Nanjing is a typical subtropical city where four seasons are distinguishable. Winter is cold and dry while during the summertime, temperatures can go up to 35 degrees or even higher, along with abundant rainfall.
Try to avoid Chinese public holidays such as between October 1st and 7th, during which the city could be flooded by local tourists.

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### Public Transport



Nanjing metro is not only environmentally friendly but also convenient. The tickets are sold in the metro stations. The daily operating hours are from 05:40 to 23:10.

The public bus system is extensive but may be a little difficult for those who do not speak Chinese. Most buses run between 06:30 and 23:00.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Taxi



It is convenient and simple to travel by taxi in Nanjing. The taxis are all painted in green. There are some taxi stands on the main streets in Nanjing but the simplest way is just to hail a taxi near the train station, the airport, bus stops, scenic spots or the hotels. It is also advised to use the meter instead of bargaining with the cab driver, however, if you travel to suburban areas of Nanjing, then you should bargain with the driver before you get in the taxi.

You can also use the taxi cab hailing service with WeChat or Alipay (like the Chinese version of Uber).

Photo: ArrivalGuides
Phone: +86 25 5880 5805

### Post Office



China Post has many branches around Nanjing. Post boxes are relatively easy to locate and are dark green in colour. Here's the information of Nanjing Xinjiekou Post Office

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 19, Zhongshan Road, Nanjing
Opening hours: 8h - 11h30, 13h30 - 15h, Mon. - Fri.
Phone: +86 25 8470 2392

### Pharmacy



Baixin Pharmacy (clerks can only speak Chinese)

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: 261, Zhonghua Road, Nanjing
More Info: Next to the Industrial Bank

### Telephone



Country code: +86 Area code: 025

Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity



220V / 50HZ Adapter needed

Photo: Stirling Tschan

**Population**
7.4 million

**Currency**
1 RMB =10 jiao

**Opening hours**
Office hours are 9:00-17:30 or 18:00, from Monday to Friday.

Banks are open from 9:00-16:00 on weekends. Most malls and supermarkets close at 22:00

**Internet**
www.gonanjingchina.com

**Newspapers**
Jinling Evening News
Xiandai Kuai Bao
Yangtze Evening News
Jiangsu Business
China Daily

**Emergency numbers**
Police: 110
Ambulance: 120
Fire: 119

**Tourist information**
The main information services of Nanjing Tourist information center
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