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Five of Shanghai's best international restaurants

The very best restaurants in Shanghai for cuisines from around the world

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From imaginative French cuisine to secretive multi-sensory degustation menus, Shanghai has a wealth of top international restaurants to choose from. We list five of the very best in the city

Ultraviolet



One of the most imaginative restaurants in the city, local celebrity chef Paul Pairet's revolutionary 10-seat multi-sensory experience Ultraviolet was years in the making. A cross between a James Bond lair and mad scientist laboratory, each of the 20 'avant garde' courses is paired with 360 degree video projections, surround sound music and even custom scents.

One dish for example, 'Foie gras can't quit', is an extraordinary edible 'cigarette' of foie gras wrapped in a shining fruit-flavoured 'skin' and presented on a shining silver ashtray. You dip it in 'cabbage ash' while a projection of cigarette ash wheels around you on screen. It's a truly sensory-bending dining experience. [Read the full Ultraviolet review.](#)

If you can't manage to get on the two-month long waiting list for a spot at the table however, head to Pairet's original restaurant, the hip and buzzy [Mr & Mrs Bund](#), which was named in the 2013 [San Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants](#).

Get creative French dishes on a bewilderingly long menu – think beef tartare, foie gras crumble, picnic chicken with garlic aioli, 'long short beef ribs' and a lemon tart served in a whole lemon. The vibe is loud, almost nightclub-y, and the people-watching is top-notch. Better still, head there after 10.30pm and they offer a late-night two-course set menu with plenty of choice from the top dishes for around only 200RMB.

Where is it? Ultraviolet keep their location secret, but guests meet at [Mr & Mrs Bund](#), which is on The Bund. *Sixth Floor, 18 Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, near Nanjing Dong Lu.* 18 18, [See address details](#)

How much is it? Ultraviolet is 2,500RMB/person. Expect to pay around 450RMB/person at Mr & Mrs Bund a la carte.

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