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Your Shanghai bucket list

+ JESSIE J CHEN TIANZHUO'S HIP HOPERA TOP TACOS
EVELYN GLENNIE SUMMER MILKSHAKES SLOWDIVE

Enjoy a '4D' dining experience...



With 360 degree visuals, music for every course and a secret location, Paul Pairet's Ultraviolet makes for a dramatic dinner. But

the key thing is that it's more than just a gimmick – the food on your plate is truly outstanding and the restaurant enjoys numerous repeat customers as testament to this. Of course, you'll need a generous expense account or a bulging bank balance to be able to drop 3,000RMB for a set menu meal on a regular basis, but even if you do this just once, you'll find it to be an unforgettable experience. *Book through www.uvbypp.cc.*

...or a (relatively) cut-price dinner on The Bund

If you nearly dropped this magazine in shock at the price tag for a meal at UV, then we suggest you head to chef Pairet's other restaurant, Mr & Mrs Bund, and partake of their bargainous late night menu. Rock up after 10pm and you'll be able to get a two-course dinner for just 200RMB or three courses for 250RMB. Not as cheap as some Xiao Yang's *shengjian* of course, but in this location and for food as tasty as the incredible foie gras crumble, it's a steal. *See Top 100, page 42, for address details.*

Give something back

There's really no excuse for not volunteering or donating to charity in Shanghai – every month our listings (see *Around Town*, page 54) are full of events that enable you to do both, while there are dozens of non-profit organisations based in the city doing outstanding work and often in need of a helping hand. For more details on how you can support them, visit www.timeoutshanghai.com/getinvolved.

Attend a Chinese opera

While Shanghai's favourite opera form, Shaoxing opera, tends to dominate here, there are regular performances of *Jingju* (Peking opera) and other variants at theatres across town. And if you're not sure whether a full-on performance is for you, a number of theatres offer 'highlights' programmes most months, meaning you can just sample a few of the best bits. See Performance Listings, page 71 for details of this month's shows to catch. For an al fresco alternative, wander around People's Park and you'll likely find groups of residents singing revolutionary classics and occasionally a little opera too.

Snap some Art Deco

Whether it's taking in some classic Western-influenced cinemas (see www.timeoutshanghai.com/deccinemas for details) or exploring the work of architect Laszlo Hudec (see www.timeoutshanghai.com/hudec for a guided walk), there are plenty of fine examples of Art Deco to see in Shanghai – so many in fact that the World Congress on Art Deco will be held in the city in November next year. You can also find out more on Hudec at the recently opened Hudec Memorial Hall, though be warned that while the displays are interesting, the captions are limited.

Hudec Memorial Hall 129 Panyu Lu, near Xinhua Lu, Changning district.

Get a bite to eat at the Muslim market

The local authorities caused widespread consternation when they disbanded the Friday Muslim market outside Huxi Mosque in spring last year, citing excessive smoke pollution from the *chuan* grills of barbecued lamb skewers. Since then the market has made a quiet return around the corner on Aomen Lu, and while it may not have quite recovered its former glory, there's still plenty to make a visit worthwhile – both in terms of the food (a mouthwatering range of seasonal delicacies are available to pair with the delicious grilled lamb) and

the people watching (perhaps Shanghai's biggest regular gathering of Uyghur people). Get there around 11am to see the vendors set up, then tour the various stalls. **Muslim Market** Aomen Lu, near Changde Lu, Jingan district.

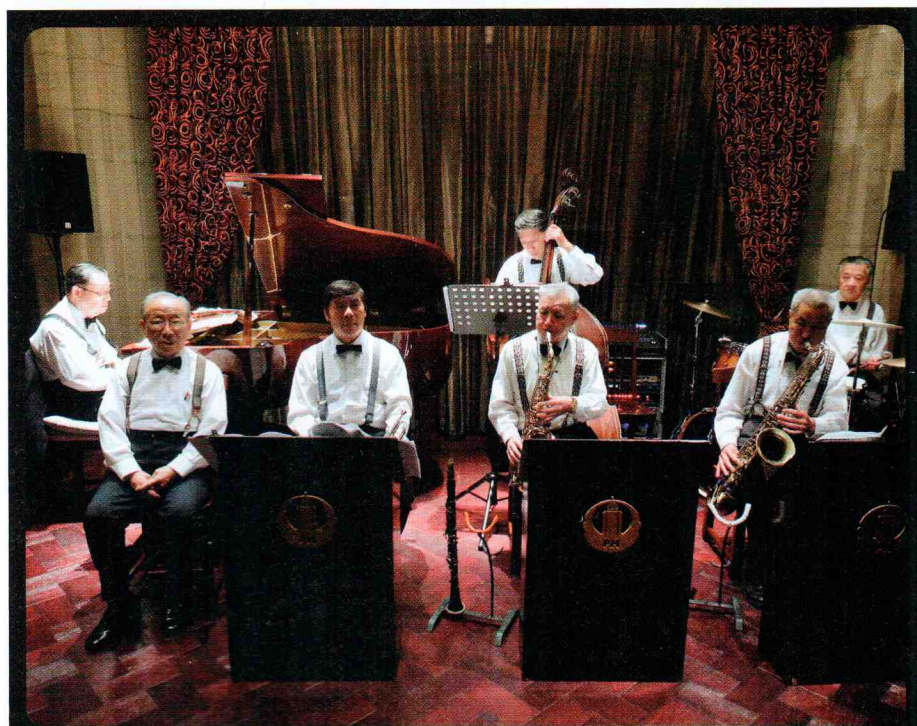
Head to a watertown



Whether it's Zhujiajiao for its convenience or Xikang for its beauty, everyone has their favourite watertown. Ours is

Nanxun. It may mean a

little more travelling time than suburban spots such as Qibao, but the rewards are relatively fewer tourist hordes and a pleasantly laidback feel throughout the two sections of old streets crisscrossed by waterways. We like the tranquil Little Lotus Garden, a grand former residence with a small lake at the back, and the Jiayetang Library, home to a large collection of ancient tomes and tree-covered grounds, where locals sip tea and play cards beside the water. For full details on Nanxun and other watertowns to visit in the area, see www.timeoutshanghai.com/watertowns.



Watch the old Peace Hotel jazz band

One of those quintessential tourist-in-your-own-city experiences that just has to be done, watching the old Peace Hotel jazz band of 80-something year-olds amble their way through a series of jazz classics while seemingly about to fall asleep at any moment, you can't help but smile. The band play The Peace Hotel's Jazz Bar every night at 7.30pm. *See Music Listings, page 69 for venue details.*