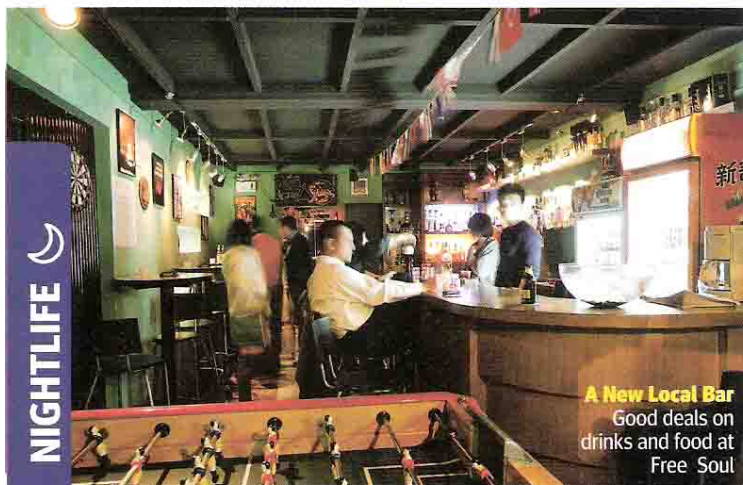


New Bars



A New Local Bar
Good deals on drinks and food at Free Soul

NIGHTLIFE

Free Soul

Emancipate your soul for less

Free Soul has moved to where Means used to be. The main difference from the old location is size and food. Decoration-wise, it retains the same red walls but in smaller premises, which are so much cosier. Food sees a big expansion with the bar trying to establish itself as a lunch venue with sets of both Western and Asian food (¥18-38, available up to 5pm). Having Tiger and San Miguel on

tap ¥30 (large), bottles ranging from ¥20-40, and spirits in the vicinity of ¥40, this new location certainly offers a good value. The glass-heavy bathroom, however, doesn't really fit in—and there's a working shower(?). With a happy hour from 5-8pm and a ¥100 all you can drink deal on

Tuesdays, this friendly local bar is already getting the punters in.

-Mark Andrews

THE DETAILS

Perfect For: as a friendly local.
Add: 1221 Changle Lu 长乐路1221号
Tel: 5403-5521
The Verdict: ●●●●



The Snob-free Zone
Forget your troubles one drink at a time.

De Crib Club Relaxing drinks

Laid-back, comfortable and cheap, this little bar, easily missed within what we like to call "Little Japan," is indeed a great place for an after-work chilled-out drink. Lounge on the beige couches, and sip on your favorite beer or spirit-and-mixer for an extremely reasonable ¥15-25 a pop. The bar's playlist is unpretentious and sociable—you can talk. The customers share the music's vibe, being extremely laid-back and pleasant; several have already become regulars, commemorating their moment by adding their portrait to one of the bar's walls. In addition, if you feel like rockin', there's a couple of TVs, which-if needed be-will snap into karaoke mode before you even finish saying the word. So, next time you're done with that post-8pm meeting in Xujiahui, remember to stop by the new Crib, order yourself a cheap drink, and chill.

-A.D.

THE DETAILS

Perfect For: a relaxed after-work drink
Add: 4/F 98 Puhuitang Lu 浦汇塘路98号4楼
Tel: 5424-6550
The Verdict: ●●●●

Champagne & Cigar Bar 库·雪茄吧
Mellow jazz and cigar bar. 5pm-1am. 1/F, Renaissance Yangtze Shanghai Hotel, 2099 Yan'an Xi Lu (near Zunyi Lu). 延安西路2099号扬子江万丽大酒店1楼(近遵义路) Tel: 6275-0000 ext. 2168 www.renaissancehotels.com

Champions Bar 冠军酒吧
Mon-Thu: 4:30pm-1am; Fri: 4:30pm-1am; Sat: 11am-2am; Sun: 11am-1am. 2270 Hongqiao Lu (near Jianhe Lu). 虹桥路2270号(近健河路) Tel: 6237-6000 ext. 6651 www.championsshanghai.com

Charlie's Bar
4pm-2am. 1/F Crown Plaza Hotel, 400 Fanyu Lu (Near Xinhua Lu). 番禺路400号银星皇冠酒店1楼(靠近新华路) Tel: 6327-7777

Charlie's Coffee Bar
1875 Nanjing Xi Lu (near Wulumuqi Bei Lu). 南京西路1875号(近乌鲁木齐北路) Tel: 6248-1594, 138-0166-0250

Chicago Bar 芝加哥酒吧
Another stop on the Maoming Express to mediocrity. 166 Maoming Nan Lu (near Yongjia Lu). Metro Line 1 Shaanxi Nan Lu Station. 茂名南路166号(近永嘉路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 6433-7554

Chill
4/F 138 Huaihai Zhong Lu. 淮海中路138号上海广场4楼 Tel: 6386-5701

CJW
Take your out-of-town visitors to this suave jazz lounge with amazing panoramic views to enjoy excellent croons and first-class service. 5:30pm-7:30pm happy hour, 7:30pm-2am cocktail hour. 50/F, Bund Center Office Tower, No. 222 Yan'an Dong Lu (near Henan Zhong Lu and inside the Bund Centre, Metro Line 2 Nanjing Dong Lu Station). 延安东路222号外滩中心办公楼50楼(近外滩, 地铁2号线南京东路站) Tel: 6339-1777, 6339-2777 www.cjwchina.com ••• 11am-2am. Rm. 2, Unit 4, Lane 123 Xingye Lu (near Madang Lu, Metro Line 1 Huangpi Nan Lu Station). 兴业路123弄2号4单元(近马善路, 地铁1号线黄陂南路站) Tel: 6385-6677, 6385-2277 www.cjwchina.com

CK Bar
5/F, Block 7, Xintiandi South Plaza, Xingye Lu (near Huangpian Lu). 兴业路新天地南里7号楼5楼(近黄陂南路) Tel: 6385-8933

Cloud 9 九重天
Cloud 9 offers an unparalleled view of the city from atop Jinmao Tower. For the privilege of enjoying this view, you'll have to swallow the ¥100 minimum surcharge per person. Mon-Thu: 6pm-1am, Fri: 6pm-2am; Sat: 11am-2am; Sun: 11am-1am. 87/F Grand Hyatt, Jin Mao Tower, 88 Shiji Dadao (near Lujiazui Dong Lu, Metro Line 2 Lujiazui Station). 世纪大道88号金茂大厦87楼(近陆家嘴东路, 地铁2号线陆家嘴站) Tel: 5049-1234

Coco 翰金佰
Keeps it real with good tunes, service and drinks. Ask the locals where they buy their trucker hats, and don't get distracted by the zebra print, mirrored walls and purple lights. 398 Huaihai Zhong Lu (near Danshui Lu).

Cotton's 棉花
Beautiful, three-story bar lit with red and green hues and located in an old French Concession house. Friendly feel and leafy outdoor garden area. Mon-Fri: 5pm-2am; Sat-Sun: 2pm-2am. 132 Anting Lu (near Jiangsu Xi Lu). 安亭路132号(近建国西路) Tel: 6433-7995 cottonsding@cottonshanghai.com

Cow Bar Sushi & Music
Sip sake and shochu in the intimacy of a Shibuya karaoke lounge complete with dark interior, glass-top bar and a large tropical fish tank. Sushi is served until 2:30am. 10:30pm-3:30am. 19/F, 1728 Nanjinxu Lu (near Huashan Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 南京西路1728号19楼(近华山路, 静安寺地铁站) Tel: 6248-3777, 6248-6777

Crossroads 十字路口
With good service and good drinks, this classy yet unattended Jing'an destination holds great promise. The place for an understated evening out. Wi-Fi internet. 12am-3am. 267 Huashan Lu (opposite Hilton Hotel, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 华山路267号(希尔顿宾馆对面, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6248-1588

Disco Bar 6号会所
3/F, 401 Changshou Lu (near Jiaozhou Lu). 长寿路401号亚新生活广场3楼(近胶州路) Tel: 6276-6855, 6276-8487

Dr Bar 木头酒吧
Slick, American-style martini bar which was once a Communist Party Meeting Hall. Owned and designed by the designer of Xintiandi, this tiny spot's walls are made of gray slate bricks. Wi-Fi internet, 5pm-2am. House 15, North Block Xintiandi, Lane 181 Taicang Lu (near Huangpi Nan Lu, Metro Line 1 Huangpi Nan Lu Station). 太仓路181弄新天地北里15号(近黄陂南路, 地铁1号线黄陂南路站) Tel: 6311-0358

Dragon Club 木易龙
Tucked away after hours destination with thumping music and expensive drinks. From the road you'll hardly know it exists, but once inside, you'll find yourself on another planet. Perfect for a late night experience. Tues-Wed: 10pm-2am; Thur: 7:30pm-2am; Fri-Sat: 10pm-2am. 156 Fengyang Lu (near Taotang Lu, Metro Line 1 Chengshu Lu Station, down a long path). 凤阳路156号(近桃江路, 地铁1号线常熟路站) Tel: 5404-4592

Dream Star
7:30pm-2am. 307 Shaanxi Nan Lu (near Jiangsu Lu). 陕西南路307号(近建国路) Tel: 138-1828-2981

Dublin Exchange 都不林
This upscale sister branch of the rowdy O'Malley's pub primarily serves Pudong's foreign businessmen. Great for an evening pint and after-work steak rather than the Saturday night drinking fest. Mon-Fri 11:30am-11:30pm, Sat 4:30pm-11:30pm. 2/F HSBC Bldg, 101 Yincheng Dong Lu (near Lujiazui Lu, Metro Line 2 Lujiazui Station). 银城中路101号汇丰大厦2楼(近陆家嘴路, 地铁2号线陆家嘴站) Tel: 6841-2052

Eager Beaver 海獭
Changes to the Beaver have given a once Canadian bar a distinctly Aussie feel, although the dartboards and reasonably priced bottled beers remain. 6pm-late. 28 Yueyang Lu (near Dongping Lu, Metro Line 1 Hengshan Lu Station). 岳阳路28号(近东平路, 地铁1号线衡山路站) Tel: 6474-3216

Eiffel Tower Bar 大铁塔
Underachieving theme bar near Xiangyang Market. 11am-midnight. 273 Jiangsu Lu (near Xiangyang Lu). 建国路273号(近襄阳路) Tel: 6445-7848

Elite Bar
Some people are crazy about models, and so are some places. With a staff comprised exclusively of amateur cover girls, a voguish interior and a hydraulic catwalk, Elite Bar qualifies as one of them. 9pm-late. Bldg 16, No. 34, The New Factories, Yuyao Lu (near Xikang Lu). 余姚路34号16号楼(近永康路) Tel: 5213-5567, 5213-5568

Face 印奏
Order a soothing drink out on the lawn or lounge about the comfortable interior of this destination spot found within the Ruijin Guest House. 11am-2am. Bldg 4, Guest House, 118 Ruijin Er Lu (near Yongjia Lu, Metro Line 1 Shaanxi Nan Lu Station). 瑞金二路118号瑞金宾馆4号楼(近永嘉路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 6466-4328 www.facebars.com

Feel club
3/F, 3721 Hongmei Lu (near Yan'an Xi Lu). 红梅路3721号珍珠城三楼(近延安西路) Tel: 5422-5777

Fest Beer House 菲新特
11am-1am. 11 Hankou Lu (near Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu). 汉口路11号(近中山东一路外滩) Tel: 6321-8467

Four Roses Bar 健俊酒吧
Jazz music, free pool. 5pm-2am. 2/F, 88 Weifang Xi Lu (near Pucheng Lu). 潍坊路74号(近浦城路) Tel: 5840-0165, 135-8596-1278

Free Soul
A new location for a friendly local bar. Offers well priced food and drinks with a pool table and foosball. 3pm-3am. 1221 Changle Lu (near Huashan Lu). 长乐路1221号(近华山路) Tel: 136-7182-2403

Fusion
Shanghai hip hop's rising star venue near Xintiandi. The White Room. Mon-Sat 11am-2am, The Loft. Fri-Sat 11pm-late. 323 Fuxing Zhong Lu (near Huangpi Nan Lu). 复兴中路323号(近黄陂南路) Tel: 5386-6268

German Beerhouse 德国乡村餐厅
(near Yan'an Xi Lu). 虹梅休南街22-23号(近延安西路) Tel: 6465-8880

H2O Bar 甘泉水吧
Bldg 11-12, 889 Julu Lu (near Changshu Lu). 巨鹿路889号11-12号楼(近常熟路) Tel: 6445-8082 lecarroujerome@yahoo.com www.fccshanghai.com

Hard Rock Pub 硬石酒吧
11am-2am. 315 Zhengtong Lu (near Guoding Lu). 政通路315号(近周定路) Tel: 6511-2380

Heavenlies 逸天廊
Lobby Lounge. Perfect for business or casual tete-a-tetes. Sun-Thur: 7am-12am; Fri-Sat: 7am-1am. 1/F The Westin Shanghai Bund Center, 88 Henan Zhong Lu (near Guangdong Lu, Metro Line 2 Nanjing Dong Lu Station). 河南中路88号外滩中心上海威斯汀大饭店1楼(近广东路, 地铁2号线南京东路站) Tel: 6335-1888 ext. 7371

Henry's Brewery & Grill
Find it in Dining, American.

I Love Shanghai
Tucked away under the Bund's promenade hides this cozy, chilled-out bar with simplistic décor, plush sofas and a great ladies' nights. A budget Bund alternative. 155 Zhongshan Dong Er Lu (near Jinling Dong Lu). 中山东二路155号(近金陵东路) Tel: 6355-8058

J.D. Lounge
Super Brand Mall bar with Egyptian decor looking to attract the apres-film crowd. 3pm-2am. 8/F Super Brand Mall, 168 Lujiazui Xi Lu (near Fucheng Lu, Metro Line 2 Lujiazui Station). 陆家嘴西路168号正大广场8楼(近富城路, 地铁2号线陆家嘴站) Tel: 5047-8026 ext. 257

Jade on 36 Bar 翡翠36酒吧
A Live DJ spins funky beats on Thurs-Sat. nights, encouraging you to hang around the glowing bar that belongs in movies rather than real life. If that's not enough to reel you in, they've got the best Bund views in Shanghai. 6pm-12am. 36/F, Pudong Shangri-La, 33 Fucheng Lu (near Huayuanshiqiao Lu, inside the Shangri-La). 富城路33号浦东香格里拉大酒店2座36楼(近花园石桥路) Tel: 6882-3636 lilian.zhang@shangri-la.com

Jane's Bar
The small cast of regulars here will usually be up for a game of darts, cards or a chat over a beer. 6:30pm-2am. inside Changing District Cultural Arts Center, 650 Xianxia Lu (near Anlong Lu). 仙霞路650号长宁区文化中心内(近安龙路) Tel: 6262-1815

Jasmine Bridge 青霄阁
A beautiful, creative bar with great food and a calming atmosphere. With soothing red lighting and flickering candles, you'll feel close to om. Wi-Fi internet. 11:30am-2am. No. 107, Lane 273 Jiangsu Xi Lu (near Jiashan Lu). 建国西路273弄107号(近嘉善路) Tel: 5465-2680