

New Bars



NIGHTLIFE

Fantown Sculpture Sightseeing Pays Off

Fantown is a cavernous refuge of dark, sleek, shiny class. This sprawling dance club features an unencumbered dance area upon a gleaming, obsidian floor surrounded by lots of swanky seating and metallic tables. The standard lasers and visual disorientation combine with the afore mentioned creating a "Battle Star Galactica" feel with the usual hip-hop favorites poured all over the top. Past the dance floor on the other side of the

club are a slew of couches for a soft respite from gett'n down. Suddenly the motif seems to shift to a conceptual 1920's design. Drink prices are unsurprising for the venue—¥55 for a liberal amount of Jack Daniel's on the rocks. The crowning touch of the place is the clever location within a field of provocative sculptures.

Just outside the door loom towering pieces readily available to ponder over with a cigarette after a few drinks.

—James Lally

THE DETAILS

Perfect For: A 1920's party in the Death Star
 Add: 570 Huaihai Xi Lu (near Hongqiao Lu) 淮海西路570号近虹桥路
 Tel: 6124-8081
 The Verdict: ●●●●



Piccone is the place to go for a relaxed guitar session.

Piccone Hidden Rock Gem

Billed as a music pub, a band in fact only plays on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and seems to start late (10:30 p.m.). When the regular band is not belting out a mixture of rock, jazz and blues, there is a large screen showing various concerts with a non-overbearing soundtrack. Strangely for a Puxi bar, it is situated on the second floor, in a difficult to find location (the entrance is actually on Dongping Lu). Seating is split between tables and chairs, which look more suited to a restaurant, and a few sofa areas surrounded by white padded walls. Draft Asahi is on tap for ¥30 and Wednesday is Ladies Night with free beer, wine, gin and vodka. This place is certainly different from the run of the mill Shanghai bars. What it is really lacking is people to give it a vibe.

—Mark Andrews

THE DETAILS

Perfect For: retired groupies
 Add: 2 Fl., 1 Taojiang Lu (near Dongping Lu) 桃江路1号2楼
 近东平路
 Tel: 6467 5926
 The Verdict: ●●●●

Le Pub 505

Overlooking Nanjing Pedestrian Road from the comfortable confines of the Sofitel Hyland, Le Pub 505 makes great retreat from the hectic shopping below, but offers little besides. Mon-Fri 3:30pm-1:30am. Sat: 11am-2:30am. Sun: 11am-1:30am. 2/F Hotel Sofitel, 505 Nanjing Dong Lu (Pedestrian Street) (near Fujian Lu, Metro Line 1 & 2 People's Square Station). 南京东路步行街505号上海海关2楼(近福建路, 地铁1,2号线人民广场地铁站) Tel: 6351-5888 ext. 4281

Level 2

A blip on Shanghai's hip-hop scene radar, this place offers high ceilings with an exquisite wooden dance floor and velvet curtains to complete a luxurious atmosphere. 66 Danshui Lu (near Jinling Xi Lu, 淡水路66号(近金陵西路) Tel: 5382-8875 l2@elite-concepts.com

Lin Bar & Grill 外滩5号

A grittier, more affordable Bund experience. You'll be greeted by a long bar and a spacious seating area equipped with giant leather chairs. Wi-Fi internet. 11am-2am. B1, 20 Guangdong Lu, No. 5 The Bund (near Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, Metro Line 2 Nanjing Nanjing Dong Lu Station) 外滩5号广东路20号地下1层(近中山路, 地铁2号线南京东路站) Tel: 6329-4558

Lobby Pavilion 静安廊

Live jazz entertainment nightly from Tue-Sun: 7pm-12am, 7am-1am. 1/F 250 Huashan Lu (near Yan'an Xi Lu and Huaihai Lu) 华山路250号1楼大厅(近延安西路和淮海路) Tel: 6248-0000 ext. 1840

LOgO

With a broad range of musical acts spanning traditional Chinese music to solo singer-guitarists to occasional DJs, this place provides another creative space for the city's rising amateur artists. 8:30pm-4am. 13 Xingtu Lu (near Fahuazhen Lu), 幸福路13号(近法华镇路) Tel: 6281-5646

Long Bar 长廊酒吧

Named after Shanghai's most famous bar of the early 20th century, this watering hole provides Jing'an businessmen and Shanghai Centre inhabitants a comfortable option for an after-work drink. 11am-3am. 2/F Shanghai Centre, 1376 Nanjing Xi Lu (near Nanjing Xi Lu, Metro Line 2 Nanjing Xi Lu Station) 南京西路1376号上海商城2楼(近南京西路, 地铁2号线南京西路站) Tel: 6279-8268

Lounge Tara 57

Offers a relaxed, intimate environment for conversation over cocktails. A good spot for calm before the storm of a bacchanalian night out. 5:30pm-2am. 2/F, 57 Fuxing Xi Lu (near Yongtu Lu), 复兴西路57号2楼(近永福路) Tel: 6431-7027

Luna 露娜

A hip restaurant/bar blend featuring live music and a killer tapas menu. 11:30am-1:30am. Unit 1, Bldg 15, North Block, Xintiandi, Lane 181 Taicang Lu (near Xing'an Lu, Metro Line 1 Huangpi Nan Lu Station) 新天地大舍路181弄16号单元1(近兴安路, 地铁1号线黄陂南路站) Tel: 6336-1717

M Factory 工厂坊

Even with bare bones interior design, M-Factory attracts young Chinese looking to blow off steam with the tried-and-true tactics of head-pounding techno and flashing lights. 8pm-6am. 170 Maoming Nan Lu (near Yongjia Lu), 茂名南路170号(近永嘉路) Tel: 6415-1088

M Zone 智韵

Bar-cum-cigar lounge complete with leather smokers and businessmen puffing on cigars. Drinks are strong and ladies can enjoy freebies on a weekly basis. 10am-2am. 88 Tongren Lu (near Yan'an Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing An Temple Station) 铜仁路88号(近延安路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6247-6595

M-Box 音乐盒

A favourite among the young Shanghaiese, M-Box showcases live, local bands every night of the week starting at 9pm. 6pm-2am. 3/F, 1325 Huaihai Zhong Lu (near Baoqing Lu, Metro Line 1 Changshu Lu Station) 淮海中路1325号百富勤广场3楼(近宝庆路, 地铁1号线常熟路站) Tel: 6445-1777

M-Factory 工厂坊

1 Wulumuqi Nan Lu (near Dongping Lu), 乌鲁木齐南路1号(近东平路) Tel: 136-7199-9392

Malone's 马龙

Find it in Dining, American.

Maneo Dining & Champagne Lounge

A destination for wine and champagne aficionados housed in a historic villa. The stylish interior and attentive staff make for a pleasant experience. 9pm-4am. 1/F, 333 Tongren Lu (near Beijing Xi Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station) 铜仁路333号1楼(近北京西路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6247-9666 maneo@maneo.com.cn

Manifesto

A stylish, intimate bar with a relaxed atmosphere. Manifesto synthesizes good drinks with good tunes that won't split your eardrums. Try the lychee martini with fresh lychee. 9am-2pm. 748 Julu Lu (near Fumin Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station) 巨鹿路748号(近富民路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6289-9108

Maoming Manhattan Bar

Popular bar, possesses a similar formula to the rest of the street: flashing lights, Top 40s tunes and regular happy hours. 8pm-3am. 68-72 Tongren Lu (near Nanjing Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station) 铜仁路68-72号(近南京路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6247-6656

Martini Bar

The delicate and private martini oasis, placed in the middle of Dolce and Gabbana, is a favorite amongst hipsters, fashionistas and their fab friends with expense accounts. delicate and private martini oasis. Dolce and Gabbana, 1/F, 6 Zhongshandong Yi Lu (near Guangdong Lu), 中山东一路外滩6号1楼(近广东路) Tel: 6339-0268

Mela 洛娃

This laid-back sports bar with cheap drinks and friendly service attracts a small crowd of regulars. A quieter alternative in the Tongren area. 10am-3am. 145 Nanyang Lu (near Xikang Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station) 南阳路145号(近西康路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6258-1090

Mezzanine Lounge

Daily afternoon tea set available from 3-5:00pm. Wi-Fi internet, 7am-10:30am. Level 2, St. Regis Hotel, 889 Dongfang Lu (near Weifang Lu, Metro Line 2 Dongfang Lu Station) 东方路889号上海瑞吉红塔大酒店2楼(近潍坊路, 地铁2号线东方路站) Tel: 5050-4567 ext. 6300 streigs.shanghai@stregis.com www.stregis.com/shanghai/cn

Mezzanine Wine Bar 游廊

Indulge in a selection of international wines by the glass or a host of other refreshing cocktails, all complemented by an innovative offering of snacks and live jazz. Wi-Fi internet, 4pm-1am. 2/F Crowne Plaza Fudan Shanghai, 199 Handan Lu (near Guoquan Lu) 邯郸路199号上海复旦皇冠假日酒店2楼(近国权路) Tel: 5552-9999

Mint

Ambiance varies from chilled and relaxed to completely frenzied at this thumping bar that plays mostly house music. Mon-Thur: 6pm-2am; Fri-Sat: 9pm-6am. 2/F, 333 Tongren Lu (near Beijing Xi Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station) 铜仁路333号2楼(近北京西路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6479-9666 www.mintclub.com.cn

Monsoon

A beautiful, flirty space with fabulous outdoor decking and an interesting view of Suzhou Creek. Serving excellent cocktails, Monsoon has colorful lighting, plenty of seating and good music. Mon-Thur 6pm-12:30am; Fri-Sun 6pm-2am. 88 Yi Chang Lu, Suzhou Creek (near Shaanxi Bei Lu), 宜昌路88号苏州河(近陕西北路) Tel: 5155-8318 info@pierone.cn

Mundo Latino

A Latin-lovers' paradise, this caliente Bud spot has everything from Pudong views to Rumba rhythms that won't let you stop dancing. 2/F, 500 Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu (near Guangdong Lu), 中山东一路500号2楼(近广东路) Tel: 5308-9191

Mural 摩视

A total expat favorite. You feel like you're underground in this bar, which is modelled like a cave. All-you-can-drink specials weekly. Wi-Fi internet, 7pm-2am. 697 Yongjia Lu (near Hengshan Lu, Metro Line 1 Hengshan Lu Station) 永嘉路697号(近衡山路, 地铁1号线衡山路站) Tel: 6433-5023 postmaster@muralbar.com www.muralbar.com

Nelly's 凯帝

Nelly's has a nice pub atmosphere and is patroned mostly by expat males enjoying darts or watching a game of soccer on the telly. Order ¥20 beers all night every night. 7pm-3am. 162 Maoming Nan Lu (near Fuxing Zhong Lu, Metro Line 1 Shanxi Nan Lu Station) 茂名南路162号(近复兴中路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 6473-7838

New Heights 新视界

Find it in Dining, Fusion.

Niche 丽心吧

Bar-cum-nightclub, perfect for evening soirees of cool cocktails, hot jazz and contemporary sounds. Wi-Fi internet, Sun-Thu 5pm-1am; Fri-Sat 5pm-2am. 88 Henan Zhong Lu (near Yanan Donglu, Metro Line 2 Nanjing Dong Lu Station) 河南中路88号威斯汀大酒店2楼(近延安东路, 地铁2号线南京东路站) Tel: 6335-1888 ext. 7342

NU Entertainment

A glowing red entrance opens to the club's thoughtful floor plan that gives plenty of corners to abscond to. If you are tired of techno beats, retreat to the mezzanine floor for a great view. 8pm-3am. 1-2/F Inlong Tower, 1358 Yan'an Xi Lu (near Dingxi Lu), 延安西路1358号迎龙大厦1-2楼(近定西路) Tel: 138-1655-6969

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O'Malley's Irish Pub 欧玛莉

With a pint of Guinness in hand, pick a place among the sea of benches and watch televised sporting events on the big screen that dominates the outdoor garden. Wi-Fi internet, 11am-2am. 42 Taojiang Lu (near Wulumuqi Lu, Metro Line 1 Hengshan Lu Station) 桃江路42号(近乌鲁木齐路, 地铁1号线恒山路站) Tel: 6474-4553 omalleys-shanghai.com

Old Manhattan 曼琪

The loud, inebriated clientele feel right at home at this welcoming pub with its casual atmosphere and laidback attitude. 5pm-3am. 231 Huashan Lu (near the Hilton Hotel, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station) 华山路231号(近希尔顿大酒店, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6248-2777

Old Times

5:30pm-3am. 85 Hengshan Lu, 衡山路85号 Tel: 6431-0480

On-On Kangaroo Bar 袋鼠酒吧

Sun-Thu 6pm-2am, Fri-Sat 6pm-3am. 33 Yongjia Lu (near Maoming Nan Lu, Metro Line 1 Shaan Xi Nan Lu Station) 永嘉路33号(近茂名南路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 5466-6066

Oscar's 奥斯卡

A two-story British pub with faux fireplace, a haven for darts enthusiasts with its four cork dartboards, while the hearty pub grub entice even non-darts players to stop in for a session. Mon-Fri, 11am-1am, Sat-Sun, 10am-2am. 1377 Fuxing Lu (near Baoqing Lu, Metro Line 1 Changshu Lu Station) 复兴中路1377号(近宝庆路, 地铁1号线常熟路站) Tel: 6431-6528