

New Eats



Almost Authentic
Local renditions of
Vietnamese flavors

DINING

Vietnamese Quan Viet Nam

Country hop through Southeast Asia

With a name meaning "small Vietnam," one would expect a kitschy little kitchen with authentic dishes of the Hanoi-street-side variety. It seems, however, that they got the name wrong. First, the two-floor restaurant is not small. Secondly, the decor is modern and minimalist. The food, moreover, is not particularly Vietnamese. Spring rolls (¥22), whilst delicious, were not wrapped in rice paper and did not contain cellophane

noodles. Our mouths watered in anticipation of the Hanoi Taste Baked Mandarin Fish (¥48), which we expected would resemble cha ca, but instead received a fish stuffed with galangal, lemongrass, and Thai basil, encased in a foamy meringue. Yet despite the schizophrenic menu that is more Southeast Asian, the food is good.

The Details

Perfect For: a taste of Southeast Asia
Add: 790-1 Dingxi Lu定西路
790-1号
Tel: 6116-9330
The Verdict: ★★★

Try the Phnom Penh fried rice noodles (¥22), which are electrifyingly tangy, sweet and sour.

| Mark Andrews



Fusion Delights
Quail egg on mini mantou

Fusion The Chinese Story

Narrating novel nibbles

With celebrity chef Susur Lee's original recipes dominating the menu and the management of Andrew Tjioe and his Tung Lok Group at the helm, The Chinese Story should turn out to be a long, triumphant one. Occupying two levels of Jinjiang Hotel, the restaurant boasts four distinctively styled rooms, one blending minimalism with traditional northeastern Chinese patterns. Like Susur Lee himself, dishes possess Chinese origins but embrace a variety of styles. Sesame, ginger and plum flirt in fluffy salads. The Seared Foie Gras with Sweet & Sour Eggplant and Figs with Broad Bean Sauce plays with French flavor from a Chinese base. The results are mind-bogglingly delicious. Desserts such as the Lemon Tart with Peach Green Tea Chrysanthemum sauce make us love our China story all the more. | Megan Shank

The Details

Perfect For: five-star fusion feasts
Add: No. 59 Maoming Lu, Jinjiang Hotel 茂名路59号锦江酒店
Tel: 6445-1717
The Verdict: ★★★★★

Ongoing

> Set Lunch and Dinner

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Special sets transport one to a Mediterranean mecca: hami melon with Pata Negra Ham and Muscat wine granite, seabass with tapenade or sauteed squid with lemon confit. Now if only the Huangpu was the Mediterranean Sea. Lunch ¥120 / per person; Dinner ¥450 / per person

> Sunday Steals and Weekday Deals

Max und Moritz

Head to Pudong's German delight for a 50 percent discount on all beverages and dishes every Sunday. During the work week, take advantage of their business lunch menu: two 3-course sets for ¥39 and ¥59. 5877-3339, www.max-moritz.com.cn

> New Lunch Sets

Freelance Bar and Grill

Now open every day for lunch, Freelance offers a set meal that is good news for both your stomach and your wallet. New menu options feature 100 percent organic beef from Uruguay prepared over a charcoal grill. ¥40-60, 6431-6787

> Fusion Buffets

Mosaic, Sofitel Hyland

This eclectic mix of modern Western and Asian cuisines ranges includes sushi, foie gras, seafood buffet, cheese platters, a salad bar and an open kitchen where chefs grill up cooked-to-order steaks and teppanyaki. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 6am-midnight, 6351-5888 ext 4281

> Weekend Garden Barbecue

Senses

Socialize in the quiet garden behind this wine bar and satisfy your summer cravings with all-you-can-eat barbecue. 5-10pm, ¥100, 5492-1655

> Organic Vegetarian Menu

Danieli's Italian Restaurant

Enjoy a healthy new menu using only certified organic ingredients that are hand-picked by the chefs. Try the grilled pumpkin salad with cherry tomatoes, lettuce, black olives, peas and alfalfa sprouts or a spinach and potato gnocchi. Mon-Fri: 11:30am-2:30pm, Daily: 6-10:30pm, 5005-4567

Listings

African

Marrakech

Tiny Moroccan eatery serving fresh mint-infused drinks, marinated salads, and aromatic clay pot dishes laced with cinnamon and spice. Ceramic lanterns and mosquito netting create a subtle ambiance. 9pm-12am. 133 Fuxing Xi Lu(near Yongtu Lu, Metro Line 1 Changshu Lu Station). 复兴西路133号 (近永福路, 地铁1号线常熟路站) Tel: 6433-4261

American

Buddy Bear Restaurant 芭迪熊主题餐厅

Serving a creatively presented mix of American and Chinese cuisine in a kids' fantasyland -- complete with a colorful playroom, pirate ship and kids' menu. 11am-9:30pm. 6/F, Times Square Pudong. 500 Zhangyang Lu(near Pudong Nan Lu). 张杨路500号6楼 (近浦东南路) Tel: 5836-8661

Big Bamboo 艺术家园

Serving decent American pub fare and an array of imported beers. Plenty of TV's for sports fans. Wi-Fi internet. 11am-3am. 132 Nanyang Lu(near Tongren Lu, Metro Line 2, Jing'an Temple Station). 南阳路132号 (近铜仁路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6256-2265 www.bigbamboo.cn



Bubba's Texas Style Bar-B-Que & Saloon

Swinging saloon doors transport one back to a 1950s American Western. The Texas barbecue is similarly authentic - barbecue slathered beef, ribs and pulled pork from a genuine Southern smoker. 11am-12pm. 2262 Hongqiao Lu(near Jianhe Lu). 虹桥路2262号 (近剑河路) Tel: 6242-2612 kennethjoewalker@gmail.com



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PULLED PORK ♦ SALADS ♦ SANDWICHES
COLD BEER
TEXAS TUNES ♦ SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Cafe Du Monde 咖啡杜梦

Classic Deep South indulgences are unpretentiously prepared in this simply decorated, friendly environment. After golden beignets, seafood gumbo and rich café au lait, you'll be reluctant to return to the Shanghai streets. Suite 2, Building 6, Lane 555 Gubei Lu(near Maotai Lu). 吉北路555弄6号2商铺 (近茅台路) Tel: 6241-9799 www.cafedumonde.com.cn

Chef's Kitchen 菲莱馆

11am-11pm. 1387 Wuzhong Lu(near Hongling Lu). 吴中1387号 (近虹井路) Tel: 3431-4771

As the name implies, you'll enjoy potent shakes, fresh-squeezed juices, leafy salads, and veggie-packed sandwiches at this refreshing California-style eatery. Wi-Fi internet. Mon-Fri: 7am-11pm, Sat-Sun: 7am-12am. 4/F, Kwah Restaurant Centre, 1028 Huaihai Zhong Lu(near Xiangyang Lu, Metro Line 1 Shaanxi Nan Lu Station). 淮海中路1028号嘉华中心4楼 (近襄阳路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 5403-8885 www.elementfresh.com

Element Fresh at Kwah Centre

Leafy salads and hearty portions. 7am-11pm. 112 Res Shanghai Centre 1376 Nan Jing Xi Lu(near Tongren Lu, Metro Line 2, Jing'an Temple Station). 南京西路1376号上海商城112室 (近铜仁路, 地铁2号线铜仁路站) Tel: 6279-8682 www.elementfresh.com

Element Fresh at Shanghai Centre 新元素

Leafy salads and hearty portions. 7am-11pm. 112 Res Shanghai Centre 1376 Nan Jing Xi Lu(near Tongren Lu, Metro Line 2, Jing'an Temple Station). 南京西路1376号上海商城112室 (近铜仁路, 地铁2号线铜仁路站) Tel: 6279-8682 www.elementfresh.com

Freelance Bar & Grill

Camp out on the outdoor patio and chow down on huge platters of baby back ribs and other charcoal-grilled favorites served with generous sides. Mon: 11am-3am, Sat-Sun: 12:30pm-late. 45 Yueyang Lu(near Dongjing Lu, Metro Line 1 Hengshan Lu Station). 岳阳路45号 (近平东平路, 地铁1号线衡山路站) Tel: 6431-6787

KABB Bar & Grill 凯博西餐厅

Be transported into the heartland of 1950s America and enjoy some of best breakfasts, burgers, and sinfully sweet shakes in town. Wi-Fi internet. 7am-12am. Unit 1, Bldg 5, North Block, Xintandi. Lane Taicang Lu(near Madang Lu). 太仓路181弄新天地5号楼单元1 (近马当路) Tel: 3307-0798

Kathleen's 5 赛马餐饮

This stunning rooftop restaurant serves classic American cuisine with a creative modern twist. The asparagus smoked-salmon salad and porcini truffle mushroom risotto are highly recommended. 11am-3pm, 9pm-10pm. 5/F Shanghai Art Museum, 325 Nanjing Xi Lu(near Metro Line 1 & 2 People's Square Station). 南京西路325号上海美术馆5楼 (近地铁1、2号线人民广场站) Tel: 6327-2221 www.kathleens5.com.cn

Kenny Rogers Roasters 肯尼罗杰斯

10am-10pm. 1168 Nanjing Xi Lu(near Shaanxi Bellu). 京西路1168号中信泰富广场L5层 (近陕西北路) Tel: 5292-9255