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### ALEX G HARPER

Alex loves photographing major artists, performers and campaigns for brands like *Vogue*, Nike, Pepsi and Netflix. This month, she captured our cover star, Stephanie Beatriz, on location in LA. **See p 28**



### MARK ANDREWS

British writer Mark Andrews is a longtime Shanghai resident and has covered the city for publications including *The Sunday Times*, *Time Out* and more. For this issue, he gives us a view of Shanghai on high. **See p22**



### MARGOT REVERDY

France-based illustrator Margot – aka Swindler & Swindler – loves hand-drawing art. She brought Edinburgh to life as a mythical playground for our story on the city's legendary festival season. **See p37**

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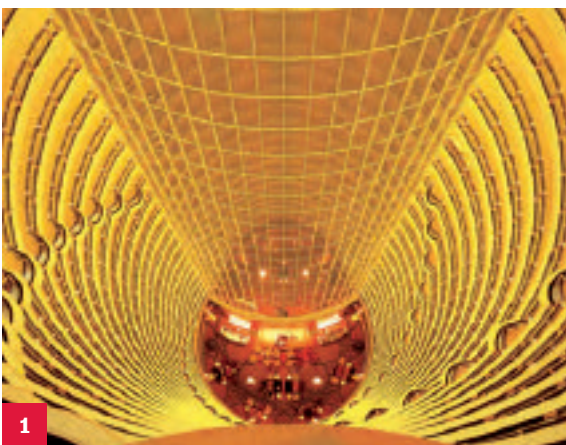
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The Shanghai Tower dominates the city skyline, alongside the Shanghai World Financial Center, the Jinmao Tower and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower

**T**he name Shanghai translates to “above the sea” – but a better name for today’s city might be “above the clouds”. This teeming metropolis is home to some 180 buildings that tower above 40 storeys, including the gleaming **Shanghai Tower** – the tallest skyscraper in China. Much of life in China’s largest city takes place way up high: Shanghai’s best restaurants, bars, hotels and entertainment can be found in its lofty high-rises. Here’s how to make the most of the city that’s intent on kissing the sky.

Bisected by the Huangpu River, Shanghai is divided into west and east, or Puxi and Pudong. But it’s also a division between old and new. The Pudong skyline is dominated by a triumvirate of skyscrapers – the Jinmao Tower, Shanghai World Financial Center and Shanghai Tower – that loom above the city’s more traditional buildings (as well as the Christmas bauble-shaped Oriental Pearl TV Tower, standing slightly apart from the cluster). Today the **Jinmao Tower**, the smallest of the three, must up the stakes to draw people in and there’s no better way than offering one of the city’s most thrilling experiences: a 1.5m ledge around the outside the 88th floor, supposedly the world’s highest skywalk. For those wanting something more sedate, get a peek at the impressive atrium within the **Grand Hyatt (1)**, which stretches from >



#### LOCATION SCOUT

# SKY-HIGH SHANGHAI

Looking to go up in the world? China’s biggest city is the place to be, says expert **Mark Andrews**



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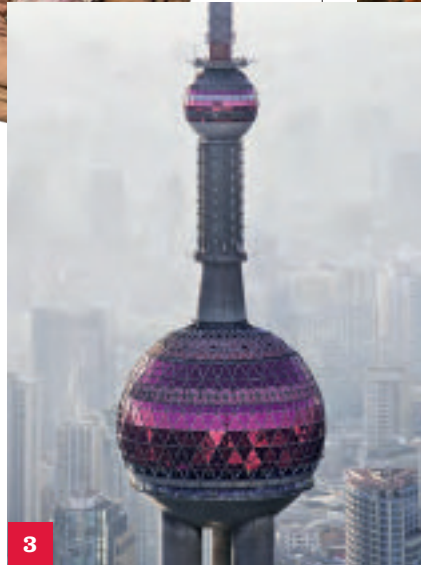
the 53rd to 87th floors – again, allegedly the world’s highest. Topping out the Grand Hyatt is **Cloud 9**, a bar well worth a visit for far less hair-raising views of Shanghai than the Skywalk one floor above.

For a view of both sides of the river, call in at the **Vue Bar**, on the 33rd floor of Hyatt on the Bund. Grab a glass of fizz and watch the city unfurl before you.

**Char (2)**, a steakhouse and bar occupying the 29th to 31st floors of Hotel Indigo, serves up similar views on the south end of the Bund. Its large open terrace is especially prized for admiring the nighttime light show.

The 84th to 120th floors of the Shanghai Tower are home to **J Hotel**, where you’ll find the appropriately named **Heavenly Jin** restaurant. Recognised by the Guinness Book of Records as the world’s highest restaurant within a building, here classic Huaiyang dishes are cooked theatrically in an open kitchen. Zip down two floors – in what’s claimed to be the world’s fastest lift – to the building’s observation deck for truly vertiginous views.

Closer to the waterfront, you’ll find the distinctively pink **Oriental Pearl TV Tower (3)**. The top sphere is a



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Above: Work on the Oriental Pearl TV Tower started in 1991 and it’s been a distinctive landmark in the Lujiazui area ever since



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**Flair Rooftop Restaurant & Bar** boasts a spectacular view of the Oriental Pearl TV Tower.

revolving restaurant said to be – you guessed it – the tallest in Asia. Here you can indulge in the impressively stocked buffet as Shanghai slowly moves around you – although, be warned, you’re paying for the view here rather than the food, which won’t necessarily knock your socks off.

Elsewhere in the building, **Flair (4)** – on the 58th floor of the Ritz-Carlton – boasts Shanghai’s tallest rooftop bar, where views extend over the river to the Bund neighbourhood, famous for its eclectic mixture of period styles ranging from Gothic to Art Deco (look out for the regal **HSBC building** and the iconic **Peace Hotel**).

Great restaurants abound in the Bund. The excellent Italian **Da Ivo** on the 23rd floor of **Les Suites Orient** offers a more relaxed take on sky-high dining. Or for a splash-out, Michelin-approved option, try **Les Nuages**, which blends Chinese ingredients with French techniques for a stellar dining experience 57 floors up. No matter where you spend your time in Shanghai, we promise you’ll leave on a high.

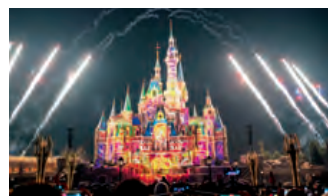
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## 3 MORE MUST-VISIT SHANGHAI SPOTS



### YU GARDEN

Otherwise known as the Old Town, this area not only houses the eponymous classical Chinese garden, but also an elegant traditional teahouse and the impressive City God Temple.



### SHANGHAI DISNEYLAND

The entertainment giant’s sixth resort – sprawled over 390 hectares – has the original *Tron*-themed ride and the tallest Disney castle. Conveniently, Shanghai’s metro will take you straight to the park gates.



### ZHUJIAJIAO

Shanghai’s Jiangnan region is famous for its canal-heavy water towns and this one within the city’s boundaries is criss-crossed by pretty waterways lined with traditional homes.



### Shanghai, in your pocket

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