

DISCOVER SHANGHAI NIGHTS

Being the most populated city in the world, it's no surprise that Shanghai is home to many top establishments. But where are the "it" places that the city's hip and happening go to hang out?

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JEAN GEORGES

Why it's an "it" place: Firstly, the venue. The restaurant is situated within Number 3 on the Bund, an elegant post-renaissance building that commands a sweeping view of the Bund. Then, there's the food. Chef Jean-Georges' distinctive style comes through in all the dishes, a curious blend of fine French cooking with expressive Asian spices. The French native is fastidious about freshness, and the menu is regularly adjusted to feature the freshest seasonal ingredients. One standout dish would be Foie Gras Brule, Dried Sour Cherries and Candied Pistachio. This traditional dish is given a novel spin by using candied pistachios for that added crunch.

Average spending per night out: \$\$240 per person.

Jean-Georges is located at 3, Zhongshan East 1st Rd, Huangpu, Shanghai, China, Tel: +86 21 6321 7733.



ULTRAVIOLET

Why it's an "it" place: Imagine tucking into mouthwatering seafood, accompanied by the melodious sound of crashing waves in the background and the unmistakable scent of saltwater wafting through the air. This fantastical 4D experience is not only possible at Ultraviolet; it's their entire selling point. Ultraviolet is the brainchild of Chef Paul Pairet, an enigmatic figure who firmly believes dining should be a multi-sensorial journey. The intimate restaurant only seats 10 guests – no more, no less – and together, you'll embark on a 20-course feast, experiencing a theatre of sights, sounds, scents and of course, tantalising tastes. If the numerous gushing reviews on TripAdvisor are to be believed, this is quite possibly the best dining experience in the world.

Average spending per night out: \$\$515 per person. For reservations, book online at www.uvbypp.cc/bookings.