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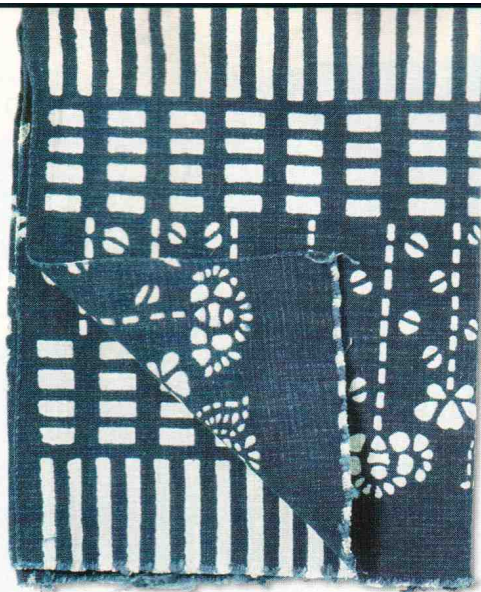
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Shanghai's ever-changing skyline.



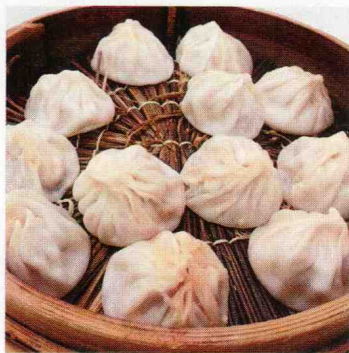
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← **Chic Crafts**

Traditional hand-dyed indigo batik, found at **Nankeen Exhibition Hall** (24 Lane 637, Changle Lu).

↓ **What I Brought Back**

A carved-lacquer soapbox from the Peninsula—an in-room gift for suite guests.



TRAVEL DIARY

DESTINATION: SHANGHAI

Just back from China, T+L hotels & food editor Jennifer Flowers shares her best discoveries in this frenetic, hypnotic megacity.

THE TAKEAWAY

← **Coolest Cruise**

Enjoying dramatic skyline views along the Huangpu River on the *Princess 54*, the sleek new yacht for guests of the **Peninsula Shanghai** (*peninsula.com*; \$\$\$\$). That's me at left with one of the boat's liveried attendants.

← **Shop This Block**

The French Concession's **Tian Zi Fang**, a warren of galleries, boutiques, and cafés in 1930's former residences, has local designer labels and vintage-inspired curios.

← **Spice It Up**

Guyi (87 Fumin Lu, Xuhui; \$) specializes in the fiery cuisine of Hunan province.

Order the cumin-crusted lamb ribs.

After Dark For classic cocktails, head to leather-and-mahogany-clad **Avenue Joffre** (570 Yongjia Lu, Xuhui), where Japan native Munenori Harada expertly crafts Sidecars and Moscow Mules.

← **Sweet Reward**

Every morning, I loved spreading my toast with this slightly tart *yangmei* jam, made from regional fruit by expat Amelia Heaton-Renshaw (*ameliamarketplace.com*).



↑ **Best Bite** You can't leave Shanghai without trying *xiao long bao* (soup dumplings). My yuan's on **Jia Jia Tang Bao** (90 Huanghe Lu; \$), a beloved hole-in-the-wall in Huangpu.



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