



GREEN COURT PLACE

LIVING IN JINQIAO



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Welcome to Shanghai, China!

Shanghai, literally meaning “On the Sea,” is the most populated city in the world with more than 24 million people. Bordered by the East China Sea and centered around the Huangpu River, Shanghai has grown from a small village to a prosperous city with Chinese and Western influences. The local dialect, Shanghaiese, is still spoken by many locals, but Shanghai also operates in both English and Mandarin Chinese (the standard version taught at NYU Shanghai).

Although expensive compared to other Chinese cities, Shanghai is generally viewed as inexpensive compared to many Western countries. A wide variety of meals can be purchased anywhere from 10-50 RMB (about 2-10 USD), and public transportation is affordable as well. The starting price for a taxi is 14 RMB (2 USD), 3 RMB (less than 1 USD) for the subway, and 2 RMB (less than 1 USD) for a public bus. Public transport usually stops running at about 11pm, but taxis are available 24 hours. Your student cards and booklets (provided by NYU Shanghai) can offer you discounted ticket prices to temples, museums, and other historical/cultural institutions around China.

Shanghai has a humid climate. Summers are hot and humid, winters are cold and damp. It rains often here, so be sure to have a sturdy umbrella on hand. Although Shanghai does sometimes experience high pollution levels, in general the skies and air are clear, though those with asthma or other respiratory issues may need to take extra caution. Information about the daily pollution level is easy to find online, and masks are provided by NYU Shanghai.



Useful Apps and Websites

WeChat: China's most popular lifestyle and communications app, downloading WeChat is a must. Most students and locals use WeChat to stay in touch with its free text and call services. You can also use WeChat to pay for your purchases (must have a Chinese bank account and phone number), call a taxi (must have a Chinese phone number), purchase tickets, book hotels, and more.

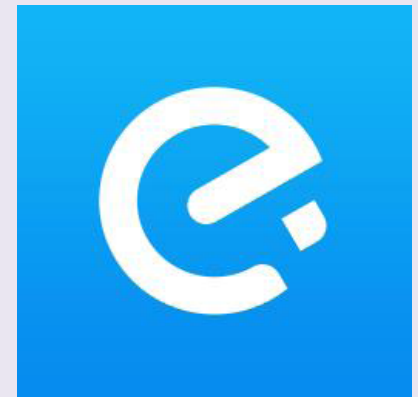
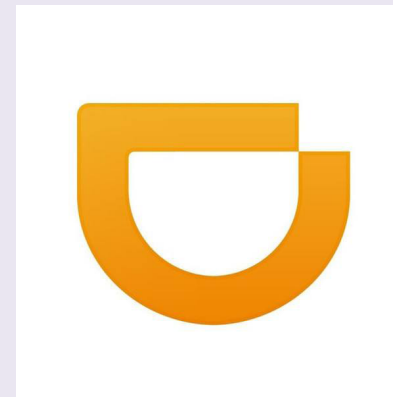
Didi: The global ride-servicing company, Uber also operates in Shanghai as Didi and can be cheaper than a taxi, as well as offering options for larger cars that seat more people. Downloading the Didi app is a great alternative to public transport.

AnyConnect: In order to access websites like Facebook, Netflix and others without NYU Shanghai Wifi, NYU Shanghai has offered a free VPN service that uses the app AnyConnect. Instructions for accessing the VPN are on NYU Shanghai's website.

Alipay: Alipay is a third-party online payment platform that is accepted in most stores in China. After installing Alipay on your phone you can link your Alipay account to your bank account and your mobile phone number.

Eleme: 饿了么 in Chinese, Eleme is a popular food ordering app. You do need a Chinese phone number to use it, but Eleme is a fast and cheap way to get food from surrounding restaurants delivered directly to you.

Taobao: Taobao is the online shopping giant of China. No matter what product you want, Taobao has it, and most products arrive within a few days. From food to clothing to furniture, Taobao is your go-to destination.



Welcome to Jinqiao!

Jinqiao is a town of Shanghai in Pudong, the eastern side of the Huangpu River, and is an up-and-coming area of the city with plenty of opportunities for both Chinese and expat life. Jinqiao is about a 20 minute cab ride (dependent on traffic) from Century Avenue and the NYU Shanghai campus, costing about 20-30 kuai one way. Our residence halls are conveniently located next to the Jinqiao subway station on Line 6, which runs from about 6:00 to 23:00 every day. Although not centrally located in Shanghai, Jinqiao has many opportunities and locations to visit and shop at, and there is certainly much more to explore. The following pamphlet contains information about some of the local restaurants, shops, and other destinations you will find useful as you settle into residential life in the Green Center Towers.

We have organized the informations into several sections: Getting Around (local transportation), Essential Services (banks, hospitals), Food and Drink, Shopping and Malls, and Culture and Entertainment. While by no means a list of all the opportunities in Jinqiao, it will provide you with a starting list of popular places to explore, visit, and shop.

You can also get around via metro line 2 and 6. Line 6 starts at 5:53am and ends at 22:53, while line 2 starts at 5:29am and ends at 22:54.



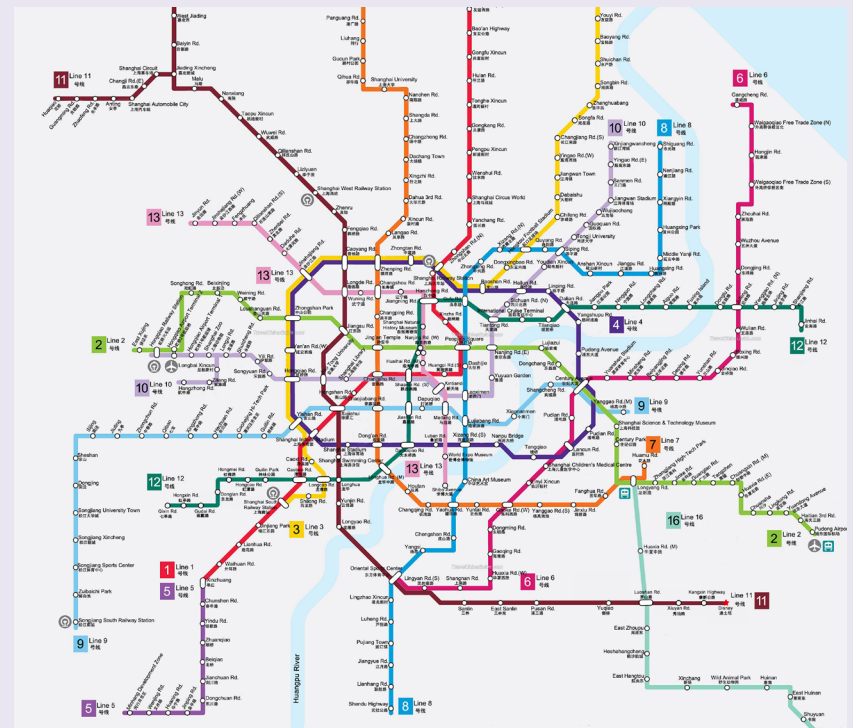
GETTING AROUND

As huge as Shanghai is, public transportation is very advanced, and it's very easy to get around the city. Here are a few key routes around Jinqiao to remember:

Subway line 6: With the Jinqiao Road station right outside of the residence hall, Line 6 is the fastest way to access the rest of Shanghai and NYU Shanghai itself. It's 6 stops to Century Avenue station, which is a huge transfer station with lines running into Puxi. If you exit the station via exit 6, the campus is just a short walk away.

Bus 785: Catch the 785 at the corner of Jinqiao Lu and Jinyang Lu, and a roughly 40 minute ride will take you to the intersection of Weifang Lu and Songlin Lu, close to the NYU Shanghai campus.

Bus Pudong35: The Pudong35 will take you to the Jinqiao Carrefour and surrounding area, a cheaper option than a taxi and easier than walking. Catch the Pudong35 at the corner of Jinqiao Lu and Jinyang Lu, and get off at the Yunshan Lu/Biyun Lu station.



ESSENTIAL SERVICES



China Mobile

Phone service will make living in Shanghai a whole lot easier. To set up your phone and purchase a phone plan, the street behind the Residence Hall has a China Mobile store, one of the most popular service providers in China. Limited English is spoken, but the staff at China Mobile can sell you a SIM card and choose a phone plan.

Address: 725 Jinyang Lu. Exit via Zaozhuang Lu exit, turn left on Jinyang Lu. Time: 5 minutes walk.



China Telecom

The third largest phone service company in China, they boast the largest wireless Wi-Fi network in China. There's a China Telecom store right in Jinqiao's LifeHub.

Address: Life Hub's Block 3. Exit via Zhangyang Lu exit. Time: 5 minutes walk.

China Unicom

China Unicom is another popular carrier in China. This option is particularly convenient for English-speaking users, as they have launched an English service website.

Address: 715 Jinyang Lu. Exit via the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left, then left on Jinyang Lu. Time: 5 minutes walk.



ICBC

One of the largest banks in China, ICBC banks and ATMs are common across Shanghai. There is an ICBC bank behind the Residence Hall, where you can withdraw money or set up a bank account (if you want to use Chinese mobile pay giants like WeChat Pay or Alipay, you will need a bank account). If you plan to talk to a bank teller, be sure to bring your passport for identification and set aside plenty of time; lines in Chinese banks are often long.

Address: 627 Jinyang Lu. Exit via the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left. Turn left again on Jinyang Lu. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Bank of China

Much like ICBC, Bank of China is a popular banking option across Shanghai. If you want to take advantage of Shanghai's digital payment market or buy things online, set up an account with a popular bank like this one.

Address: 672 Jinyang Lu. Exit via the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left. Turn left again on Jinyang Lu. Time: 5 minutes walk.



China Merchant Bank

Much like ICBC and Bank of China, China Merchant Bank is a popular banking option across Shanghai. If you want to take advantage of Shanghai's digital payment market or buy things online, set up an account with a popular bank like this one.

Address: 3583 Zhangyang Road. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit. Time: 5 minutes walk.

Parkway Health

Parkway is the closest primary care center to our residence halls that operates from 9am-7pm during weekdays and 9am-5pm during weekends. Visits to Parkway are covered by NYU Shanghai insurance for international students.

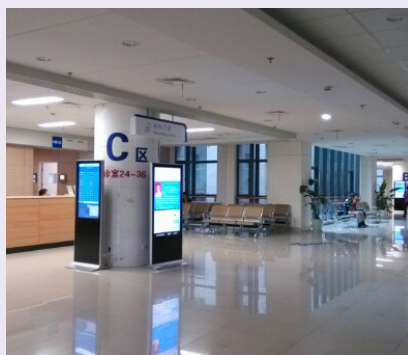
Address: 997 Biyun Road. Exit via the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn right. Continue walking and turn right on Biyun Lu. Parkway will be on your right. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



Shanghai East Hospital

Shanghai East Hospital is the closest hospital to our residence halls for Chinese students and emergencies. It opens 24/7, but a guarantee of payment is required for emergencies if you are an international student with NYU Shanghai insurance. In addition, Shanghai East Hospital has an international department for international students to receive after-hour care.

Address: 150 Jimo Road. Time: 20 minutes taxi.



Shanghai Renji Hospital East

Much like Shanghai East Hospital, Shanghai Renji Hospital is a hospital for Chinese students and emergencies. Please note that a guarantee of payment is required for emergencies if you are an international student with NYU Shanghai insurance.

Address: 160 Pujian Road. Time: 25 minutes taxi.



Tokushikai Dental

Tokushikai Dental is near Parkway Health and operates from 10am-8pm. To make an appointment, call 021-5030-7858. Dental care is not covered in your GeoBlue Insurance

Address: 160 Lan'an Rd, near Biyun Rd. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



FOOD & DRINK



Maan Coffee

Maan Coffee is one of the area's most unique and relaxing cafes. A Korean brand, Maan offers a variety of coffees, teas, and other drinks, as well as meals like sandwiches, toast, and waffles with ice cream. Maan is a relaxing atmosphere to study for exams or enjoy a late breakfast with friends. Price range: 40-70 kuai.

Address: 479 Zaozhuang Lu. Exit via the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn right. Cross Zhangyang Lu and continue walking. Time: 10 minutes walk.



2008

Small convenience store open until 1:30AM, selling snacks, drinks, simple food items and necessities.

Address: 652 Zaozhuang Lu. Exit via the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left. 2008 will be on the opposite side of the street. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Popular beverage chain offering coffees, milk teas, and various fruit and seasonal drinks.



Affordable Chinese dining place close to the Res Hall (they also deliver on the app Eleme 饿了么 with a 5 kuai delivery fee). The menu features dimsum options like dumplings, wontons, noodles, rice dishes, and more. Come prepared with your dictionary or a Chinese-speaking friend, because the menu is all in Chinese. Price range: 10 to 20 kuai.



One of the most popular beverage chains, specializing in milk tea, coffees, fruit drinks, and other seasonal items.



If you want a bit of a different flavor, the Halal restaurant is close to the Residence Hall and serves a variety of delicious and affordable food.

A bowl of spicy beef noodle soup. The soup has a vibrant red, oily broth. It contains long, thin, pale yellow noodles. Toppings include a slice of cooked beef, a whole hard-boiled egg, and a generous amount of finely chopped green onions. The bowl is white with a red floral pattern on the side.



Street Food Plaza

If you want to explore local flavors and grab a quick bite of dinner to eat, check out the informally named “Street Food Plaza.” In the evenings after the stores close, street food vendors take over the sidewalks and set up tents and tables for dining. Specialities include noodle and rice dishes for 7 kuai, dumplings, and 串儿 (grilled kabobs). Some stalls serve beverages like soda.

Address: Jinyang Lu. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit, turn right on Jinqiao Lu, and right again onto Jinyang Lu. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Bollywood

If you're craving Indian food, Bollywood is the place to go! Featuring north Indian cuisine and live dance performances, Bollywood is an authentic atmosphere with friendly staff. The price range is 100-200 kuai.

Address: 326 Hongfeng Lu. Exit the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left, Zaozhuang Lu will turn into Hongfeng Lu. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



Element Fresh

Open from 10:00-20:30, Element Fresh offers healthy American options like wraps, salads, and sandwiches. The price range is about 100 kuai.

Address: 331 Hongfeng Lu. Exit the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left, Zaozhuang Lu will turn into Hongfeng Lu. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.

Las Tapas

Las Tapas brings Spanish flavor to Jinqiao with tapas dishes as well as pasta and paella. They have plenty of authentic menu options to choose from, although beware the higher-than-average prices. Price range is 200-300 kuai.

Address: 259 Hongfeng Lu. Exit the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left, Zaozhuang Lu will turn into Hongfeng Lu. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



Cantina Agave

Cantina is a Mexican/Tex-Mex style restaurant, offering a wide variety of drinks along with tacos, carnitas, nachos, and more. It is open daily from 11:30 to 23:00, although they are closed from 14:30 to 17:00 between lunch and dinner hours.

Address: 357 Hongfeng Lu. Exit via Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left, Zaozhuang will turn into Hongfeng. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



Blue Frog

Blue Frog is a popular American-style restaurant with burgers, salads, drinks, and more. The restaurant has stores across Shanghai, and is extremely popular among the expat community. Happy Hour is everyday 16:00-20:00, but their most attractive feature is Monday night buy one/get one burger deals. The price range is usually around 100 kuai.

Address: 633 Biyun Lu. Exit via Zhangyang Lu exit and turn left. Turn left again on Yunshan Lu and continue walking. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



SHOPPING & MALLS

Carrefour

Carrefour, a French-brand Wal-Mart, sells a wide variety of foodstuffs (both Chinese and imported), household and utility items, clothes, toiletries and more. For heavy duty shopping needs, Carrefour is the only place to go.

Address: 555 Biyun Lu. Taxi drivers will know the address "Jinqiao Carrefour" or 金桥家乐福 in Chinese. Exit via Zhangyang Lu exit and turn left. Turn left again on Yunshan Lu and continue walking. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



Times Grocery

For all your international and Western food needs, Times Grocery stocks a wide variety of imported products that may not available in Chinese groceries.

Address: 1087 Biyun Lu. Exit via Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left. Continue walking along Zaozhuang Lu, cross over the major highway, and Zaozhuang will turn into Hongfeng Lu. Turn right from Hongfeng to Biyun Lu, and then right again onto Huangyang. Time: 30 minutes walk.



Jinqiao Mall

Carrefour itself is on the second floor of a mall, which has a wide variety of food options like Yang's Dumplings, sushi, Burger King, Subway, crepes, and more.

Address: 555 Biyun Lu. Taxi drivers will know the address "Jinqiao Carrefour" or 金桥家乐福 in Chinese. Exit via Zhangyang Lu exit and turn left. Turn left again on Yunshan Lu and continue walking. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



FamilyMart

Familymart is the closest convinient store to get breakfast, snacks and drinks. It is open 24 hours.

Address: Zhangyang Road. You can see it if you turn left from the Zhangyang Road gate. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Life Hub

Directly across the street from the Jinqiao Residence Hall, Lifehub @ Jinqiao is our closest mall with many shopping and food options to explore. For meals, Lifehub offers fast food, cafes, Chinese restaurants, Japanese and Western options, and desserts. For shopping, try exploring some of Lifehub's more popular destinations like C&A and Uniqlo. In the far back of Lifehub, the basement of block 1, you can find a grocery store with cheap imported items. Lifehub closes at 22:00 each night.

Address: Zhangyang Lu and Jinqiao Lu. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit. You will be able to see the mall immediately across the street. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Miniso

Miniso is the popular--and cheap!--Japanese lifestyle store. Selling everything from socks to nail polish, portable speakers to pillows, Miniso is great for stocking up on small and essential items for your room. Miniso is famous for having most of their items priced at 10 kuai.

Address: 719 Jinyang Lu. 1) Exit from the Zaozhuang Lu exit, turn left, and turn left on Jinyang Lu. Miniso is about two minute's walk away. 2) Exit from the Zhangyang Lu exit, turn right on Jinqiao Lu, and right again on Jinyang Lu. Miniso is about two minute's walk away. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Jiujin Mall

Jiujin Mall opens from 9am to 10pm, and probably will be the most frequent mall to visit. On the 1st floor, it has Happy Lemon, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Hong Kong Egg Waffle, Wastons, Yang's Dumpling, Zoo Coffee and Ichido Bakery, on the 2nd floor it has Sichuan fish hotpot and on the 3rd floor it has a movie theatre and a Korean BBQ restaurant.

Address: Zhangyang Lu. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit. Time: 2 minutes walk.

HeMa Fresh Market

The grocery store located on B1 of Lifehub is a great place to purchase fresh fruits, meat and dairy products. They also provide free delivery service that takes 1 hour. One thing to note is that they only accept Alipay.

Address: Zhangyang Lu and Jinqiao Lu. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit. You will be able to see the mall immediately across the street. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Fresh Market

Usually open from early morning until about 8pm, the fresh market offers a variety of fruits, vegetables, and local street foods for a quick snack. Stores next to the fresh market sell bulk foodstuffs and odds and ends like sponges, chopsticks, pots, and water bottles.

Address: Jinyang Lu and Zaozhuang Lu. Exit the Green Center via the Zaozhuang Lu exit and turn left. Walk along Zaozhuang road until you intersect Jinyang Lu. Cross Jinyang Lu and turn left, passing the clothing stores and the McDonalds. The fresh market will be on your right. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Lianhua

For daily shopping trips and grocery essentials, Lianhua has you covered. Though the store does not have as huge a selection as Carrefour, they offer a variety of Chinese cooking options and international essentials as well. Like most grocery stores in China, plastic bags cost extra, so come prepared with a reusable option.

Address: 776 Jinyang Lu. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit, turn right on Jinqiao Lu, and right again onto Jinyang Lu. Time: 5 minutes walk.



CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

Jinqiao Park

If you want to do exercise or simply relax, Jinqiao Park is your best choice. The walk is around 25 minutes, and the taxi ride should be within 10 minutes.

Address: 362 Taierzhuang Lu. Exit via Zhangyang Lu exit. Walk for 2 minutes, turn right when you get to Jinqiao Lu. Keep walking for 5-10 minutes, and turn left at Jinyang Lu. Go straight for 10-15 minutes and the park is on your right. Time: 30 minutes walk, 5 minutes taxi.



Karaoke Television (KTV)

You can't say you've lived in China until you've been to KTV! One of China's most popular entertainment options, KTV is a popular event to eat, drink, and sing with your friends, whether to the latest Western pop hits or crooning Taiwanese love songs. Our local KTV, named "Shanghai Gecheng," is in Jinqiao's LifeHub mall and costs 68 RMB per person.

Address: Life Hub. Exit via Zhangyang Lu exit. Shanghai Gecheng KTV is on the fourth floor of Life Hub. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Bowling Alley

Lifehub across from the Residence Hall has a bowling alley, a popular place to go and relax. Prices range from 10-35 RMB per frame depending on whether it's peak hours or not.

Address: Life Hub. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit. Time: 5 minutes walk.



Action & Fun Zone

Lifehub across from the Residence Hall has an arcade, a perfect place to play some games with friends and relax. You need to buy tokens upon arrival.

Address: Life Hub. Exit via the Zhangyang Lu exit, the arcade is on the 4th floor of block 1, the farthest building from the Residence Hall. Time: 5 minutes walk.



