

## TRAVEL

After a lull in cultural and economic activity in the '90s, Shanghai has once again risen to the ranks of one of the most-visited, most-watched and most powerful cities in the world. Long ago, the Europeans marked their influence in this metropolis, still seen today in the majestic architecture of the Bund and the French Concession; but even with its status as an international Asian hub, Shanghai belongs to the Chinese. So when it comes to deciding where to stay, Puli Hotel and Spa is a no-brainer. Part of the Design Hotels collection of unique global resorts, Puli offers traditional Shanghai conviviality and luxurious accommodation right in the heart of Jing'An, Shanghai's most densely populated district. The hotel lobby is reminiscent of a wealthy man's resplendent living room, with butlers at your beck and call. Enjoy the hospitality with drinks from the Long Bar, and if you'd like to linger a little longer, peruse collections of old Chinese manuscripts in the

library with its shagreen walls; or take a leisurely afternoon tea out on the Garden Terrace. Every one of the property's 193 rooms and 36 suites, housed across 26 floors, allows guests to discover the perfect combination of ultra-modern features and carefully selected hand-crafted furnishings that represent the zenith days of Imperial China. Travel-weary business globetrotters can look forward to a relaxing dip in the infinity pool and other award-winning services from Anantara Spa Group. There is no end of choices in Shanghai when it comes to food, but whether you're hankering for light, buttery croissants and perfect eggs Benedict, or something more traditional, Jing'An Restaurant serves up a mouthwatering, fresh-cooked breakfast with a verdant view of Jing'An Park—a combo guaranteed to get you geared up for a great day out in the city.

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**The Puli Hotel and Spa,  
Shanghai, China**

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