Ancient town of Jiading boasts old and new landmarks



Fahua Pagoda was built during the Kaixi period (1205-1207) of the Song Dynasty (AD 960-1279). With its striking resemblance to an enormous, upright writing brush, it has earned the poetic nicknames "wenfena" or "wenbi" pagoda, symbolic of the pinnacle of literary accomplishment.

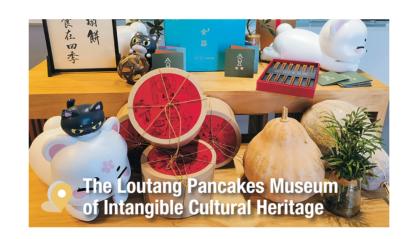
Since its construction, Jiading has been a cradle of talent, with numerous celebrities hailing from this region. During the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties, 192 civil and military scholars were recorded.

Hours: 8:30am-5pm (closed on Mondays) Address: 349 Nandajie Street 南大街349号



Made of bricks, Nanxiang Twin Pagodas were built between the 10th and 12th century. They are currently the oldest cultural heritage in Nanxiang Town. The seven-storey, 11-meter pagodas were finely crafted and imitated the famed woodenstructure towers that are typical in South China. They are of high artistic value and offer an insight into academic studies on ancient Chinese architecture, religion and local history.

Address: 206 Jiefang Street (Nanxiang Old Street) 解放街206号 (南翔老街)



Featuring functional spaces including the show areas, experience spaces, service parlours, food processing rooms, storage rooms and a courtyard, the museum offers an on-site experience for visitors to learn about the production of traditional Loutang pancakes. Visitors can also make the pancakes themselves at the museum.

Hours: 9am-4:30pm (closed on Sundays) Address: 56 Zhongdajie Street 娄塘中大街56号

Situated on the north bank of the lake, the Yuanxiang Cultural Posthouse is a new addition to the Culture Loop of Yuanxiang Lake. This innovative space blends exhibition areas, leisure zones and immersive cultural experiences, inviting visitors to engage with the arts and local heritage in a multifac-

can experience a virtual reality exhibition of traditional Chinese opera. The cultural corridor features a 26-meterlong, 3-meter-high mural that captures the ancient essence of Jiading, highlighting its renowned landmarks like the Confucian Temple, Fahua Pagoda and Qiuxiapu Park.

Hours: Daily, 9am-9pm Address: Bldg 5, 2755 Huyi Highway (southwest to the intersection of Baiyin Rd and Huvi Highway)

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traditional architectural charm with a contemporary flair. A bird's-eye view reveals a striking design where the library's rooftops resemble open books.

and an audio-visual hall.

Its spacious lobby offers a comfortable reading environment.

The Eye of Liucheng, a branch of the Jiangnan Bookstore project in Jiading New City, is designed based on the image of an eye's iris. Situated by Yuanxiang Lake, this new landmark offers a cultural space with a picturesque view. The bookstore showcases creative local artworks, such as Jiading bamboo carving and weaving, Jiangnan boudoir embroidery, and Su and Gu embroideries. It

Hours: Daily, 10am-10pm Address: 2755 Huyi Highway (intersection of Huyi Highway and Tianzhu Rd)

also displays books related to the notable figures of

Jiading, as well as the greater Jiangnan region, promot-

ing the area's distinctive culture and heritage.

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Cultural landmarks define a place, and Jiading, with its 800-year history,

offers a mix of historic and contemporary must-see sites that capture its

cultural and artistic essence. Wang Jie and Ye Fengting report.

Shanghai Poly Grand Theater, designed by renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando, stands as an iconic cultural landmark in Jiading New City. The venue hosts many types of performance, including symphony concerts, opera, dance dramas, and plays.

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Every second Sunday of the month is the Public Open Day of the theater, allowing residents and visitors to enjoy the unique cultural space where nature, architecture and art interact.

Hours: Daily, 9am-5:30pm (extended to 9pm on show days) Address: 159 Baiyin Rd 白银路159号



Jiading Library

The Jiading Library has emerged as a beloved destination, blending

The library boasts a collection of 300,000 books on open shelves and offers 1,500 reading seats. There are areas for different reading needs, including a general literature area, a multimedia document area, a 24-hour self-service reading room, a children's reading room, a reading room for the visually impaired,

Hours: 1pm-8pm, Monday; 8:30am-8pm, Tuesday to Sunday Address: 1288 Yumin Rd S. 裕民南路1288号

magnets and handbags.

Hours: 9:30am-5:30pm (closed on Mondays) Address: 39 Dazhi Rd 大治路39号



The Eight Tenths Garden is a poetic ments of urban gardening, enamel exhibitions and hands-on crafting experiences.

Located in Dayu Village and sur-

rounded by rice fields, the Jiayuanhai

Art Museum integrates functions

such as exhibitions, reading and

Currently, two exhibitions are

open for free. The "Inkstone Grand

View" celebrates the 20th Century

Shanghai-style painting and calligra-

phy and "Tadao Ando: Light, Shadow

and Nature" is an exploration of the

renowned architect's harmonious

integration of natural elements in

There is also a reading room, a

cafe, and a cultural and creative

store that offers interactive activities

and goods such as postcards, fridge

his designs.

The garden features a tranquil

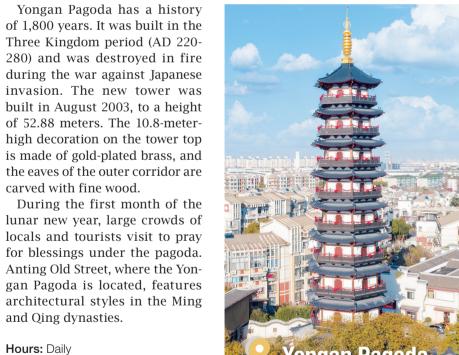


setting with a pool, small rockeries cultural complex, combining the eleto relax amidst the city's hustle and bustle.

The exhibition hall on the second floor showcases over 2,600 enamel products and more than 400 enamel paintings, spanning from the Republican period (1912-1949) to the present.

Hours: 10am-4pm (closed on Mondays); To make a reservation, call 13501624361. Address: 151 Jiayi Rd

嘉怡路151号



Address: Anting Street

安亭街 (近新源路)





Covering a site area of 6,705 square meters, Jiading Museum has two permanent shows featuring the history of the district and its own collection of cultural relics. The museum also hosts a variety of events throughout the year such as lectures and interactive activities on a regular basis.

Jiading Museum

Hours: 8:30am-5pm (closed on Mondays) Address: 215 Bole Rd

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Guyi Garden was built during the Jiajing period (1522-1566) of Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). jingchuang, or Buddhist stone bamboo-carving master Zhu Sansong, the ancient garden has gone through several renovations and expansions after the founding of the People's Republic of China.

After another round of renovations and expansion in 2009, it now comprises four scenic sections based on different landscape scenes, each of which has a unique and exquisite artistic plan, exuding the unique ancient simplicity,

elegance and refinement. A cluster of Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907) Designed by renowned liading pillars, Putong Tower of the Song Dynasty, as well as some other cultural and historical relics, all prove attractive to visitors.

> Hours: March-November

7am-6:30pm from the South Gate, 5:30am-7:30pm from the North Gate December-February

7am-7pm from the South Gate, 6am-5pm from the North Gate Address: 218 Huyi Highway 沪宜公路218号

eted setting. Visitors to the posthouse