

Track map unveiled for inaugural Formula E Shanghai race in May

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Formula E announced the track map for its inaugural Shanghai E-Prix to be held at the Shanghai International Circuit in Jiading District on May 25 and 26.

Making use of the top part of the “上”-shaped circuit (first Chinese character for Shanghai), which hosts the annual Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix, the 3.051-kilometer track tailored for the double header FE races features 12 turns, providing a brand-new experience on the circuit for both drivers and fans.

From the lights, the grid will go wheel-to-wheel around the looping first turn that gradually tightens as the field enters the rolling complex that makes up Turns 2 to 4. Next up is a fast run to Turn 6 before the flowing rhythm section toward a chicane section that closes out this 3km circuit.

It will be the first time since 2019 that the world's first all-electric motorsport has raced in China. The first Formula E race was held in Beijing in September 2014.

“We are thrilled to come back to China, a country leading in electric vehicle innovation,” said Formula E CEO Jeff Dodds. “The passionate sporting fan-base here makes Shanghai the



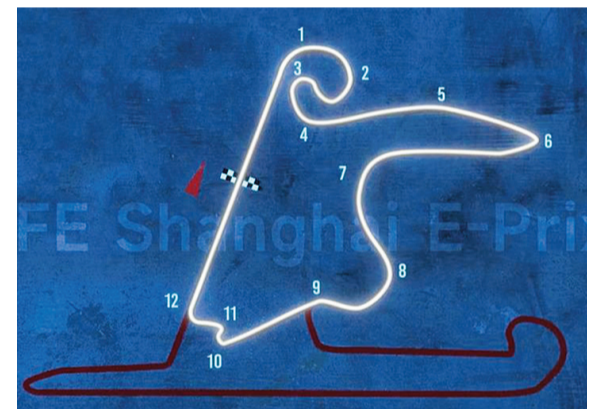
perfect venue for Formula E, a race promising up to 200mph speeds and more than 100 overtakes on average.”

Formula E races are often held on temporarily set up street tracks given its net zero carbon and low-noise features. Dodds said the Shanghai E-Prix to be held on a permanent circuit will bring another kind of excitement. The width of the circuit will give drivers the opportunity

to showcase their skills and the potential of the cars.

Apart from the races, a fan village will be set up, offering an array of activities.

Tickets are available through the Kan Ge Bi Sai (看个比赛) app and its Wechat mini program. One-day ticket prices start at 249 yuan (US\$34.5), while two-day packages cost up to 799 yuan. There are discounts for children and students.



The Formula E Shanghai E-Prix launch ceremony was held on the North Bund.

Inset: The track map for Formula E Shanghai E-Prix

When ethnic crafts and culture meet raucous racing

Si Shushu and Yang Yang

ETHNIC minority crafts and culture featured at the 2024 Shanghai Auto Culture Festival in Jiading District alongside the roar of the F1 Chinese Grand Prix races.

Performers from six regions in China, including Jiuzhi County of the Golog Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai Province; Deqin County of the Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Yunnan Province; the Chuxiong Yi Ethnic Minority Autonomous Prefecture; and the Ninghua, Qingliu and Mingxi counties of Sanming City in Fujian Province, staged ethnic dancing and costume shows during the F1 Chinese Grand Prix from

April 19 to 21. All six are cooperation and paired assistance regions of Jiading District, and an ethnic musical instrument exhibition was also held.

Dancers from Qingliu

County performed their original Hakka dance “The Blessed Mountainous Village,” with performers carrying bamboo-woven baskets filled with rice, flowers and sweet potatoes. At times they



Performers dazzle at the F1 Chinese Grand Prix with ethnic dance and costume presentations. — Si Shushu

danced with soft elegance and at others with an open zest, to portray a better-off mountainous village life.

“It’s really good that my child can broaden his horizons through watching cultural exchange events like this,” said Mei Liang, who visited the Shanghai International Circuit with the kid.

Models from Yunnan Province took to the catwalk to showcase gorgeous ethnic costumes.

“They are delicate and dazzling. I wish I could have a garment of the same style,” said Yu Tingyi, another audience.

The performance lasted about two hours and featured

bamboo flutes, choral and individual singing, and dancing to offer an auditory and visual feast.

“It’s the 20th anniversary of the F1 Chinese Grand Prix and also the 20th year since Jiading District launched its cooperation and paired assistance project with Deqin County,” said Yu Xiao, an actor from Deqin County in Yunnan Province. “We carefully prepared the programs focusing on our unique ethnicity to celebrate the event.”

Introductions of cultural and tourism resources, as well as local snacks and agricultural products from the regions, were also displayed during the event.