



Appreciating the blooming lotus in summer is a cultural tradition in China.

Guyi Garden is blooming with lotus and water lilies

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Guyi Garden in Jiading District is blossoming with pink and white flowers as the 11th Shanghai Lotus and Water Lily exhibition began on July 6.

The 500-year-old Jiangnan-style classic garden will display some 400 lotuses and 200 water lilies, with 11 and 17 varieties to be seen in China for the first time.

Visitors can enjoy the beauty, elegance and fragrance of flowers in five large-scale gardening landscapes, while lotuses and water lilies will flourish in eight ponds and lakes.

Some award-winning lotuses in red, yellow, and other colors will be on display.

The garden's opening hours will be extended to 8:30pm on weekends, and night tours will be organized.

Tourists can have fun strolling through *gufeng* (Chinese chic)



Water lilies are in full bloom at Guyi Garden. — Photos by Xi Rou

bazaars, where they can practice calligraphy, make lacquer fans, drink lotus tea, and release lotus lanterns into the river.

There will also be classes on bamboo plaiting and lotus-related topics.

Exhibitions on the Ming Dynasty

(1368-1644) lifestyle, calligraphy, and painting will enrich visitors' experiences.

A banquet featuring lotus-themed cuisine and ice cream will tempt gourmets this summer. There will also be a Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) stone lion at the gate.

The exhibition's two subvenues — Shanghai Zuibaichi Park in Songjiang District and Shenyuan Garden, a Jiangnan-style classic garden at Shanghai Expo Culture Park in Pudong New Area, will both present a lotus and water lily feast for the eyes.

If you go

Date: Through August 10, 5:30am-7:30pm (north gate), 7am-6:30pm (south gate). The garden's opening hours will be extended to 8:30pm on weekends.

Admission: 12 yuan

Venue: Shanghai Guyi Garden

Address: 218 Huyi Highway

沪宜公路218号

During the flower exhibition, Guyi Garden will host 30 cultural events showcasing Jiangnan's lotus culture.

Free flower viewing locations in Jiading:

• Yuanxiang Lake

Address: Southwest side of the intersection of Baiyin Road and Huyi Highway | 白银路沪宜公路路口西南侧

Public Transportation: Hutang Special Line (Huyi Highway Baiyin Road Station); Shangjia Line (Baiyin Road Huyi Highway Station). Walk 200 meters after getting off.

• Maoqiao Village of Huating Town

Address: Lotus Pond, 120 Maoqiao Village | 华亭镇毛桥村120号荷花池

Public Transportation: Bus 890 (Maojiaqiao Station)

• Chenjiashan Park

Address: 2200 Shengzhu Road, Juyuan New Area | 菊园新区胜竹路2200号

Hours: 6am-9pm

Public Transportation: Jiading Bus 6 (Shengzhu Road Qipan Road Station)

• Xiaohengli of Waigang Town

Address: Inside the canal on the northeast side of the intersection of Baian Highway and Hengrong Road | 百安公路恒荣路交叉口东北侧河道内

Public Transportation: Jiading Bus 53 (Baian Highway Hengrong Road Station)

• Shanghai Wanjin Ornamental Fish Farm

Address: 88-1, Lane 1700, Baoqian Highway, Xuhang Town | 徐行镇宝钱公路1700弄88号-1

Public Transportation: Jiading Bus 64 (Jiaying Highway Baoqian Highway Station)

• Ziqi Donglai Park

Venue: Intersection of Tianzhu Road and Shengxin Road | 天祝路胜辛路路口

Public Transportation: Metro Line 11 (Baiyin Road Station); Jiading Bus 14 (Tianzhu Road Yongsheng Road Station)

• Lotus Base of Jiading New City

Venue: 3000-2 Wenquan Road (150 meters southwest) | 温泉路3000-2号 (西南方向150米)

Hours: 9am-5pm

Public Transportation: Jiading Bus 6 (Shengxin Road Hongde Road Station)

• Liuyun Lake

Address: Intersection of Haoxiang and Fanglin roads | 浩翔路芳林路路口

Public Transportation: Jiading Bus 125 (Fanglin Road Yanlu Road Station)

• Shanghai Auto Expo Park

Address: 7575 Boyuan Road | 博园路7575号

Public Transportation: Jiading Bus 116 (Boyuan Road South Moyu Road Station)

• Jiabei Country Park

Address: 5051 Huyi Highway | 沪宜公路5051号

Public Transportation: Jiading Buses 21, 55, 57 and 61 (Huyi Highway Pengmen Zhongxin Road Station)

• Xincheng Park

Address: 335 Tacheng Road E | 塔城东路335号

Public Transportation: Jiading Bus 5 (Tacheng Road E. Hezheng Road Station)

• Jiangshangqiao Cultural Park

Address: 2888 Cao'an Highway | 曹安公路2888号

Public Transportation: Metro Line 14 (Lexiu Road Station, Exit 1); Jiading Bus 65 (Cao'an Highway Jinyuan No.1 Road Station); Jiading Bus 129 (Huangjia Garden Road Haibo Road Station)

