

## MINIATURE WONDERLAND



All aboard! In just one day, visitors can take in stunning landscapes such as the Knight City of Provence in France, Swiss towns at the foot of the snowy Alps, and medieval castles in Spain.

The Miniature Wonderland at the Shanghai International Automobile City also features Chinese elements, including a futuristic smart city and the mystical ancient Dunhuang Silk

Road, which offers an immersive experience.

Good food is equally important. The “Jiading Yizhuocai” at the Crowne Plaza Shanghai Anting serves up a selection of eight cold dishes, 10 hot dishes, two soups, and six desserts, featuring local specialties such as Nanxiang Luohan cuisine, Jiangqiao lamb, and Xuhang steamed cakes. Each dish has its own

story, providing not only distinctive flavors but also a window into Jiading’s history and culture.

Visitors can try the auto-themed rooms at Auto City Ruili Hotel, which feature rooftop tents, car models, car-themed decorations, as well as car-shaped toothbrushes and tissue boxes, all creating a personalized stay.

# Yongan Pagoda reopens, showcasing traditional splendor, local landmarks

Yang Yujie and Wang Jie

ON September 29, Yongan Pagoda on Anting Old Street reopened to the public following years of repair, attracting many visitors during the National Day Holiday.

Wu Dan, a resident of Anting Town, said: “I used to come here often. Seeing it beautifully restored now makes me very happy, so I

brought my child along today.”

Built in August 2003, the pagoda is 56.88 meters tall and has nine floors and six facades. Together with the Bodhi Temple, Yansi Bridge, and two rivers, it jointly constitute the cultural landmarks of Anting Town.

The windchimes adorning the pagoda, the excellent wood carvings,

and the corridor eaves all exude a charming and gorgeous aura.

Featuring bronze treasures, Burmese jade carvings, camphor wood carvings and pure-colored *nanmu* wood carvings, the Yongan Pagoda’s interior is spectacular, all showcasing exceptional craftsmanship.

Among these, the bronze carving of the 24 Filial Piety Pictures on the ground level is particularly remarkable. It depicts hundreds of figures in diverse sizes and poses.

Visitors can find bamboo carvings of poems about local customs on the pagoda’s fourth floor, which combine the disciplines of calligraphy, painting, poetry, writing and printing.

The bronze carving on the fifth level depicts major landmarks in Anting Town, including Shanghai International Circuit and Anting Old Street.

### If you go

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 9am–11am, 1pm–4pm

Address: 788 Anting Old Street

Admission: 20 yuan (Reservation is required and can be made via the WeChat account of 汽车城文旅)



Climbing Yongan Pagoda offers a panoramic view of the charming Anting Old Street. — Yang Yujie

## Nanxiang Ancient Town opens first homestay

Huang Xiangyu and Wang Jie

THE Chaxi Haipai Homestay began a soft opening on October 20, becoming the first homestay or Airbnb-style accommodation in Nanxiang Ancient Town.

Decorated similarly to small vintage shops in Shanghai in the 1970s and ‘80s, its six rooms feature traditional Chinese aesthetics.

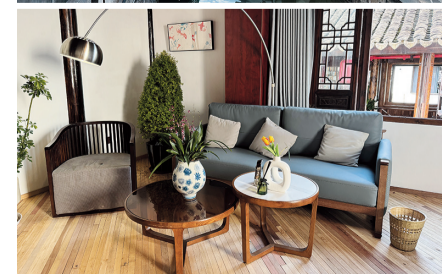
The main building of the homestay was transformed from the former Nanxiang Old Street Company’s administrative office building, with the ground floor functioning as a tea-house and restaurant, and the first floor as guest rooms. There is also a detached guest room, transformed from a bar, containing two beds. Its window is open to the river, so guests can enjoy the view.

The washrooms and drawing rooms in each suite also adopt a retro style.

“All the doors and windows are renovated from the building’s original door and window boards,” said Mu Jing, head of the homestay project. “We specially invited craftsmen with 30 years of experience to complete the paint removal and anti-rust treatment, and then restored it to its original state, ensuring its original outlook.”

The style of the homestay is simple, but it has high-quality sound insulation. Once the doors and windows are closed, the outside world is blocked out aurally. Doors and windows are equipped with soundproof glass and soundproof seals. The walls, floor, and ceiling are also part of the sound insulation.

In the future, the homestay will offer a series of activities such as learning intangible cultural heritage handicrafts and lectures on traditional culture for visitors and guests.



Sitting by the river, Chaxi Haipai Homestay exudes a nostalgic charm.