



The cafe at Jiayuanhai Art Museum serves its signature latte alongside a specialty pastry.

JIADING’S ‘VILLAGE CAFES’: Blending pastoral poetry with rich aroma



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Jiading’s unique “village cafes” blend pastoral charm with coffee aroma. Escape to this suburban district and savor a slow-paced journey through its caffeine-filled countryside.

• Dayu Village, Malu Town

In this village, where modernity meets tradition, the Jiayuanhai Art Museum, designed by renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando, attracts art lovers with its unique architectural style and art exhibitions. Its cafe on the second floor is a top “village cafe” spot.

Sit by the windows, bask in natural light, and let your thoughts wander amid the coffee aroma. The cafe offers high-quality beans, hand-brewed by professional barista. The latte is creamy and the signature creations are delightful.

The signature latte of the cafe uses black espresso made from special ingredients, creating an ink-wash painting effect when mixed with milk and ice. It tastes like a regular latte but without flavorings or syrups, aligning with the museum’s minimalist style and ensuring healthiness.

For a Jiangnan-inspired treat, try the *malantou* (Indian kalimeris herb) ice cream, which combines the fragrance of traditional wild vegetables with the smoothness of modern desserts, capturing the essence of spring fields.

After coffee, visit the downstairs exhibition “Chen Zhou: The Reclusion Painting.” A 5-minute walk from the museum is the Malu Grape Theme Park, which offers farm picking fun and is a children’s paradise.

Opposite the park is the Zhengyuan Redwood Intangible Cultural Heritage Art Museum, showcasing traditional furniture replicas of ancient times. Visitors can experience artisanal crafts here and the charm of traditional furniture restoration and craftsmanship.

Further north along Liuxiang Highway is Shanghai Hongtai Garden, where you can explore traditional farming, Chinese

herbal medicine practices and intangible cultural heritage.

If you go

Cafe address: 2/F, 39 Dazhi Rd
Opening hours: 9:30am-5:30pm (Tuesday-Sunday)
Public transport: Jiading Bus No. 101

• Xiangyang Village, Anting Town

In Xiangyang’s pastoral landscape, Qinyu Huaxiang Cafe sits in a pastoral setting. Flower and coffee aromas permeate the air. The open courtyard provides a serene space.

The endless rice fields outside the window are captivating. Sit by the window, sip freshly ground coffee, and watch



egrets glide over the fields. Time slows down, and fatigue melts away in the refreshing greenery.

The cafe also blends tea and coffee cultures. Western coffee socializing meets Chinese tea friendship here, creating a unique atmosphere. The cafe also offers rural specialties like *tabing* (pancakes) and Xiangyang rice cakes for a taste of farm cuisine.

Experience the intangible cultural heritage of “Anting blue calico” while enjoying leisurely moments and traditional culture.

After coffee, take a stroll by the rice fields. You might spot elegant black swans preening their feathers and gliding through the water, creating a living ink-wash painting.

If you go

Cafe address: 534 Zhanyang Rd
Opening hours: 9:30am-5:30pm (Tuesday-Sunday)

Public transport: Jiading Bus No. 108, No. 55

• Lianjun Village, Huating Town

This village combines the “red” revolutionary heritage with green ecology and serves as a stop on Huating’s scenic Shuangzhu Highway.

Here, you’ll find the HOUS Huating Concept Store · Art Center Cafe, a new art coffee landmark inspiring young artists.

The cafe’s artistic interior is highly popular. The cafe features front and back yards for coffee and tea, respectively, and an outdoor space on the second floor, offering ample room.

Spend a coffee moment capturing the poetry and tranquility of the countryside.

If you go

Cafe address: 1434 Shuangzhu Highway
Opening hours: 8:30am-5pm
Public transport: Bus No. 890 and Jiading Bus No. 64

• Lianyi Village, Huating Town

The village, at the other end of Shuangzhu Highway, exudes water town charm with its white walls and black tiles.

Home to the 3A-level tourist attraction Xiangyue Huating Resort and the award-winning Hami melon-growing Huating Hami Melon Theme Park, it offers quality stays and fruits for a poetic rural experience.

Last year, the Xiangyue Huating outlet of the One Step Garden Cafe opened. Spanning about 1,600 square meters and surrounded by fields, it’s like a hidden garden in the city.

Besides popular coffee, its greenhouse garden is a must-visit. Visitors can camp, listen to plant growth, enjoy wood-fired pizza, and revel in the wilderness.

If you go

Cafe address: 318 Liankang Rd (within Xiangyue Huating Resort)
Opening hours: 10am-8pm
Public transport: Bus No. 890, No. 839



The One Step Garden Cafe (Xiangyue Huating outlet) in Lianyi Village

The cafe at Berry Land in Dengta Village

• Zhuqiao Village, Jiading Industrial Zone

At Lijiang Eco Park in Zhuqiao, various vegetables like tomatoes, cucumbers and potatoes are ready for picking. Kids can pick fresh produce and enjoy milking cows and feeding livestock.

Afterwards, rest at the cafe at the Meishan Pig Culture Museum. With a spacious, elegant bamboo-designed ceiling, it offers a refreshing passion fruit lemon tea to revitalize your taste buds and ease travel fatigue.

If you go

Cafe address: 1434 Shuangzhu Highway (within Lijiang Eco Park)
Opening hours: 9am-6pm
Public transport: Jiading Bus No. 51

• Dengta Village, Jiading Industrial Zone

Past the cobblestone road of Zhuqiao Old Street, you will find Berry Land, a strawberry-themed park filled with strawberry elements. Stroll through the park, admire strawberry-themed scenes,

and play on the grass.

When tired, relax in a star-bubble house on the lawn, sipping tea or coffee. The cafe’s signature Camellia Oolong Latte combines low-temperature dried camellias, high-mountain oolong tea, coffee and creamy foam for a rich taste.

The indoor cafe is connected to a farm library. You can read a favorite book here, immersing yourself in peaceful time.

If you go

Cafe address: 238 Zhuyao Rd (within Berry Land)
Opening hours: 9:30am-7pm
Public Transport: Jiading Bus No. 66



Yuanxiang Lake, coffee lovers’ paradise

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THE Yuanxiang Lake winds through like a ribbon, offering a distinctive waterscape and a captivating natural ambiance. Being surrounded by aromatic coffee and taking on a coffee walk along the lake is a real delight. Here is a coffee guide just designed for those who pursue a natural ambiance while sipping a cup of coffee.

Jiangnan Bookstore • Eye of Liucheng

It is a popular hotspot along the lake, offering stunning views of Jiading New City. Liucheng is another name for Jiading. The bookstore showcases creative local artworks, such as Xuhang straw weaving, and features books on the culture and history of Jiading and the broader Jiangnan region, promoting the area’s distinctive heritage.

With two floors and a waterside platform, covering an area of 1,900 square meters, it is like a shining pearl in the city’s cultural vein, guiding people into the ocean of knowledge and experiencing the charm of Jiangnan (regions to the south of the lower reaches of the Yangtze River) and profound wisdom flowing through the words.

Rows of bookshelves and huge floor-to-ceiling windows exude a unique style. The stepped, staggered design enhances the spatial layout of the bookstore, integrating people, books and lake views into a distinctive cultural reading environment.

The bookstore features both indoor reading areas and outdoor terraces, offering coffee, cakes and light meals. It can meet the needs of coffee tasting, lake viewing and quiet reading at the same time.

If you go

Opening hours: Daily, 10am-9pm
Address: Bldg 3, 2755 Huyi Highway

HEY STONE

Another great spot for coffee by Yuanxiang Lake is this restaurant, which is currently in trial operation. The restaurant is connected to a bookstore, and its vibrant red color lights up the lakeside atmosphere.

It’s not only a paradise for meat lovers but also a unique space blending the aroma of coffee and charcoal. Between the fragrance of books and the lake view, both taste and spirit can be satisfied.

In the gentle afternoon, holding a cup of freshly ground coffee, sit in the leisure area by the floor-to-ceiling windows or the lakeside viewing seats, and enjoy a laid-



back lifestyle and a resort-like cozy atmosphere.

If you go

Opening hours: 10am-8pm (Monday-Friday), 9am-8pm (Saturday-Sunday)
Address: Bldg 6, 2755 Huyi Highway

One Step Garden Cafe (Jinfu store)

Through the winding stone path of the riverside Xiyunlou



pedestrian mall and across a stone bridge, you’ll find the cafe hidden in this urban paradise. The Chinese-style courtyard with gray tiles and white walls stands quietly.

The eaves and carved wooden doors point to the subtlety of oriental aesthetics. Opening the ancient door, you’ll be greeted by the aroma of coffee and flowers.

Here, every detail reveals the pursuit of ultimate beauty in life, and each cup of coffee is a carefully orchestrated symphony of taste.

If you go

Opening hours: Daily, 10am-9pm
Address: 56, Lane 1771, Yumin Rd S.



BLANC COFFEE

Blanc Coffee, located in a corner of Xiyunlou, is founded on pure white and wood colors, combining modern minimalism and elegance to create a quiet and exquisite coffee aesthetic space.

Opening the glass door, you will



be greeted with the rich aroma of coffee. The sharp design lines and warm wooden decorations complement each other, creating a comfortable and upscale atmosphere.

The large floor-to-ceiling windows gently bring in natural light, and outside the window is the unique street view of Xiyunlou. The passers-by, whether rushing or ambling, form a subtle resonance with the leisurely coffee drinkers inside.

Blanc Coffee is not only a presentation of a cup of coffee but also an interpretation of a lifestyle. “Coffee is always a good idea.” Here, every sip allows people to feel the craftsman spirit of the roasters.

If you go

Opening hours: Daily, 9am-5pm
Address: Room 102-2, Bldg 8, Xiyunlou, 288 Hongde Rd