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My hotel tips for Shanghai

Shanghai is a thrilling and dynamic city. On our trip, we were particularly struck by the recent proliferation of new luxury hotels. Last year, several international groups opened new hotels there. Among those we visited were the **Aman Resort**, the **Shanghai Edition** and the **Middle House**.



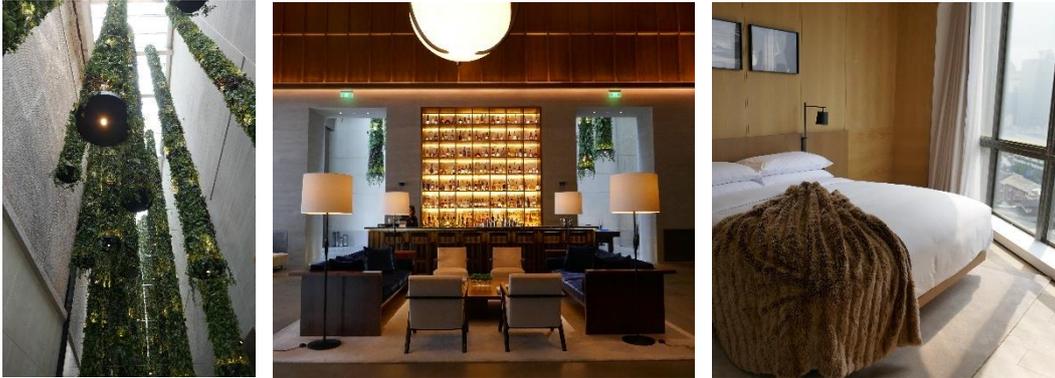
1. Amanyangyun

Situated just outside Shanghai, roughly an hour's drive from the city centre, the new Aman Resort is the fourth Luxus Hideaways destination in China. The resort bears the delightful name **AMANYANGYUN**, and has a very special historical significance. Thirteen Ming and Qing Dynasty (1368–1912) villas were carefully dismantled at their original location and rebuilt stone by stone here at the resort. These authentic old houses are one of the most striking features of the entire hotel complex and help to create the unique ambience of this place. The houses include spacious guest areas with butler service and a private pool in its own secluded courtyard. At the same time, these are exceptional cultural sites that allow guests to immerse themselves in history, discover traditional crafts, or simply switch off and relax. Three different restaurant areas and a large spa area complete the scene.

All in all, this is a gorgeous complex with a purist interior design that invites guests to slow down and relax from the moment they set foot inside.



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2. The Shanghai Edition

Not far from Shanghai's famous, spacious waterfront promenade known as 'The Bund' is the newest offshoot of the lifestyle brand **The EDITION**, which bears the signature of cooperation between Marriott and Ian Shrager. Shrager, who is renowned as the originator of the boutique hotel, once again created, in a casual way, the perfect meeting space at various levels. The lobby welcomes the guest with a high atrium, whose ample foliage infuses the space with clean fresh air. Guests can then let their senses lead them on to a choice of various F&B outlets, indoor nightlife and rooftop bars offering entertainment and fun.

The bedrooms offer an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. The interiors are decorated in a purist yet lavish style, which provides the perfect setting to forget your cares while letting your eye gracefully wander across the rooftops of this pulsating metropolis.



3. The Middle House Shanghai

The latest progeny of the House Collective group is located in Shanghai. **THE MIDDLE HOUSE** thus joins Opposite House (Peking), Upper House (Hongkong) and Temple House (Chengdu). I can highly recommend all of those hotels, as each radiates a unique aesthetic and a powerful sense of creativity. The newest 'House' captures the same spirit. I was particularly impressed by the staircase, which makes a strong sculptural statement, and the individual bedroom layout with an open bathroom facing the façade.



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4. The Puli Hotel Shanghai

And now to another classic – **THE PULI HOTEL & SPA** is one of my absolute favourites. They call themselves a 'luxury urban spa', and I can only confirm that the carefully selected interior design and sensitive integration of art with nature create a pleasantly calming atmosphere from the moment you enter the hotel. Authentic and traditional materials are translated to a modern design language. This is both a wellness oasis and an interior design attraction!



5. Ultraviolet Shanghai

Finally, a restaurant tip of a very special kind. This concept restaurant – **Ultraviolet by Paul Pairet** – offers the ultimate fine dining experience to satisfy all of the senses. First, guests travel with a private chauffeur to an unknown location in the city, where they enter a gourmet restaurant via an underground garage. Once inside the restaurant, they discover a space that changes form like a chameleon with each course of the meal – visually, haptically, acoustically, and of course in terms of taste and smell. This is about total immersion in a unique sensory and gustatory world. This is one of a kind – quite unforgettable.



I hope you enjoy these tips!
Sincerely, Corinna Kretschmar-Joehn