

AROUNDNANJING



CONFUCIUS TEMPLE

The Confucius Temple is located on Gongyuan Street on the northern bank of Nanjing's Qin Huai River. It was a school in the past but is now more of a place to worship the great philosopher and educator of ancient China.

The stone wall on the southern bank of the river is the longest screen wall in

China, measuring 110 meters. The ancient Confucius Temple, which comprises the Confucius Temple, school and Jiangnan examination office, was the hub of Jiangnan culture.

There are two special attractions in the inner hall. One is the largest figure of Confucius in China. The other is the beautiful

collection of 38 vivid panels that are made of jade, gold and silver, detailing the life of Confucius.

It has suffered repeated damage and has had to be rebuilt several times.

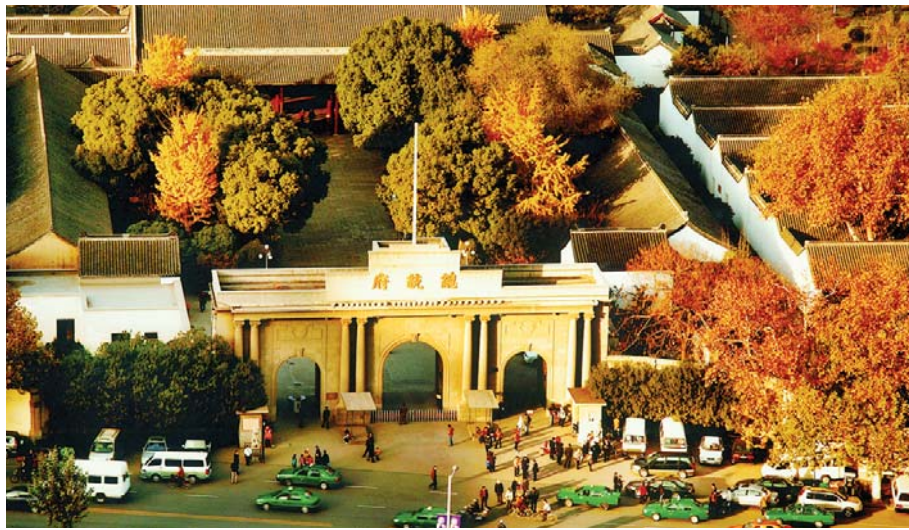
There are always tons of people around the area but it is a nice place to walk through, with numerous little shops providing souve-

nirs and snacks. You can also have a man pull you around in a rickshaw if you are willing to spend the money.

The must-try dishes include duck blood soup and smoked duck meat.

Location: Gongyuan Street, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

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PRESIDENTIAL PALACE OF NANJING

Set in a garden dotted with open halls, pavilions, bridges, trees and terraces, the palace is especially spectacular when the blossoms are in bloom. It also provides a spectacular insight into about 600 years of Chinese history.

The largest modern history museum in China provides an excellent insight into the seat of the nationalist government, which ruled China from 1912 until 1949.

Occupying an area of 90,000 square meters, the palace is divided into three main sight-seeing areas, with the middle area principally the seat of the National Government, the presidential palace and its subsidiary organs. A series of exhibition halls and historical data displays can also be found in these zones.

Xuyuan Garden, where the presidential

palace can be found, has a history of more than 600 years. Numerous modern Chinese and western buildings and cultural relics are well preserved there.

For an entrance fee of 40 yuan, you can find yourself in the very rooms and halls where power resided and momentous decisions were made while also learning about the city's role as the capital of southern China and its development throughout the centuries.

The presidential palace, with its terrific gardens, is the perfect place to spend a lazy afternoon with friends and family.

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SUN YAT-SEN'S MAUSOLEUM

The mausoleum of Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of the Republic of China and the "forerunner of the Chinese revolution", is located at the southern foot of Purple Mountain in Nanjing, with the Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum to the west and Linggu Temple to the east.

Occupying an area of 80,000 square meters, the mausoleum is a huge place with many steps up to the memorial hall.

As you climb up, the marble dolmen, the pavilion, sacrificial hall and coffin chamber come into view one by one, perfectly demonstrating traditional Chinese architectural styles.

It is wise to avoid the place on national



holidays as it often extremely crowded.

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QIN HUI RIVER

Qin Huai River, the biggest branch of the Yangtze River in Nanjing, witnessed the most prosperous times of the city.

The old-style buildings along its banks, together with decorative lights, have made the river especially enchanting at night.

For those who want to take a night cruise, boats are available at the wharf in front of the Dacheng Hall of the Confucius Temple, with the luxury cruise ships for tour groups and ordinary boats targeting individual visitors costing 55 yuan during the day and 80 yuan at night.

The journey takes about 50 minutes while passing the wharf, the Bai Lu Zhou Cultural Theme Park, the Dong Shui Guan,



Zhonghua Gate and Li Xiangjun's former residence.

Night cruises are available from 6 until 11:30.

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