

## Shanghai Expo Travel Tips

### Shanghai Expo Visiting Tips

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#### Preparations before Visiting:

- **Learn about the weather of Shanghai, and make appropriate preparations.** Many cultural performances will be influenced by rainy weather, and it won't be a good idea to visit the expo site during rainy days. When it's sunny day, take enough gears to protect yourself from the sun, although the expo site was built scientifically to enable people to avoid receiving too much sunburn. Make full use of the heatstroke prevention facilities.
- It rains often in Shanghai during summer time, and we suggest you bring an umbrella instead of a raincoat, which is more convenient, because it really annoys when you have to get off the raincoat before entering a pavilion.
- Bring some facial tissue or handkerchief. Free water (hot or cold water) is available in the Expo site, and you can drink the water directly, and bottles are not necessarily needed. But if you bring an empty bottle to take the water (bottles filled with water are not allowed to take in on entry), you can drink the water wherever you are.
- **Get as much information as possible through the internet.**  
**Official website:** <http://en.expo2010.cn/>  
**Visit the virtual online expo site from here:** <http://en.expo.cn/index.html#lang=t&c=home>. It would be interesting to visit 3D animation of expo pavilions, and you can enter an expo pavilion on your computer to see its original looks and get stamps on your online expo passport as well.
- Through the collection of enough information, you are suggested to know clear about your favorite parts of the expo site so that you know exactly what you want to see when visiting the expo site. **Sort out the popular pavilions and not so popular pavilions, and draw up a visiting plan in advance.**
- However, you should **be ready for the unexpected changes, and alter your plan rationally.**

#### On Entry

- **Opening Hours:** The Expo site opens for 15 hours from 9:00 till 24:00 each day during the Expo session (May 1 – October 31). Pavilions open each day for 13 hours from 09:30 to 22:30. The reason why pavilions open half an hour later than the park is that there are opening ceremonies or cultural performances at the Expo site from 9:00 to 9:30 every day.
- Admission into the Expo site will be denied after 21:00, while admission into pavilions will be denied after 22:00.
- **Evening Admission Ticket:** After 17:00 on standard days (May 4 – September 30, October 8 – 24, 2010), visitors can buy evening admission tickets to visit the Expo site. Evening admission tickets can only be bought on entry. It is very easy to get an evening admission ticket with the cost of 100 yuan.

- There are totally **13** entrance of the expo site (5 entrances are water gates located on the bank of Huangpu River). [Click here to get a map of their locations](#). Know the popularity of the expo site entrances:  
**Popular:** 1, 2, 6, 8  
**Not so popular:** 3, 4, 5, 7  
**Note:** the above is only the current situation, and you are suggested to keep abreast of the latest situation about the popularity of different entrances.
- We suggest you enter from the expo site entrances that are not so popular so that you may save your waiting time on a queue and you might have a chance to get a reservation ticket for China Pavilion, which will usually be given out within 10 to 20 minutes after the opening of the expo site every day.
- **Queues for entering the expo site:** the visitors waiting are divided into many queues with different accesses. The time visitors have to wait in a queue before entering the expo site depends on the popularity of the expo site entrance. It usually takes about half an hour, but when there's a huge crowd, hours will be needed. When you reach the queuing area, don't be hurried to get into a queue. Compare the situations of different queues and follow the suggestions of expo volunteers who may tell you the best queue to wait.
- For safety considerations, visitors **are NOT allowed** to bring water or cigarette lighters into the Expo site. Inside the Expo site, there is free and clean drinkable water provided to visitors, and drinks are sold at normal prices without mark-up. **Safety inspection is required before entering the expo site.** The checking procedure is very quick, and it takes only half a minute for a visitor to come through a safety inspection.  
» [Know about Terms and Conditions for Visitors to World Expo 2010 Shanghai China](#).
- **An expo site map and an expo event schedule will be given to you by expo volunteers on entry.** The map tells you all you want to know about the expo site, including the locations of expo pavilions, bus stops, ferry docks, dining rooms, toilets and souvenir stores.
- **Cultural Performances:** The event schedule can tell you what cultural performances there will be in the expo site at the very day of your visit, and how you can get to the places where you can see the performances. If you want to see the arrangements of cultural performances in advance, go to this page: <http://en.expo2010.cn/events/index.htm>.

### Waiting for the Entry of Expo Pavilions

- Arrange your visiting plans rationally. Don't waste your time on waiting on the long queues for visiting a popular pavilion. Ask the expo volunteers how long should you wait for entering a pavilion, and if it's a waiting of more than 30 minutes, then go to visit other pavilions which have less visitors.
- Urban Best Practices Area (UBPA), which is located in Puxi Area, has few visitors, and there are pavilions of many cities in the world. This area is recommended to visit in the morning when other popular pavilions are crowded.

### Expo Souvenir & Expo Passports

- **The traditional Expo souvenir, Expo passports, can be bought at souvenir shops or stands within the site.** With the Expo passport, visitors can go to pavilions of participating countries to get chops on their Expo passports. Enjoy the fun of "traveling around the world".
- **We suggest you buy an expo passport first when you get into the expo site,** because it will be sold out within few hours. One expo passport costs 30 yuan. There are two versions now: cartoon (yellow), standard (red, purple, green).
- **Gifts are available in many expo pavilions,** yet you should prepare for the long queues. For example, the EU-Belgium Pavilion launches a lucky draw every day. Visitors can win the prize of a diamond by sending text messages.

## Expo Transportation

Private cars and taxis are strictly forbidden 500-1500 meters outside the Expo site. There are 4000 appointed Expo taxis allowed to enter Expo site. [Check out more information on Expo transportation.](#)

## Reservations for Visiting Pavilions



*Shanghai Expo Opening Ceremony*

- **Only China Pavilions and the five Theme Pavilions need reservations now.** Visitors can get reservation tickets for China Pavilion on entry. The five pavilions can be reserved on the reservation machines in the expo site. Look on your map or the road signs to get the locations of the reservation machines. One ticket can only reserve for one theme pavilion every day. Expo volunteers can help you make the reservation, so you don't have to worry about not being able to use the machine.
- However, some pavilions will give out reservation tickets to visitors from time to time, just be clever and aware of the latest information.

## Dining Tips:

- First of all, look at your map to get the locations of restaurants.
- **Food Square** is located between the Expo Center and the Theme Pavilion. You can taste dishes from all over the county from there. In the food square, there are all public facilities you may want to use, so it is good place for you to take a rest.

- Many national expo pavilions have their own restaurants and bars. If you want to taste the dishes of a country, just go to the national pavilion of the country.

## Shanghai Expo Travel FAQs

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- **Q: Will my one day ticket get me into all the pavilions at Expo?**

A: Yes, a one day ticket provides entry to all pavilions. The Expo sites are open from 9:00 to 24:00 everyday. One day may not be enough time to see everything but three-day and seven-day admission tickets are available .

- **Q: Are there sightseeing buses at the Expo sites for the elderly or disabled?**

A: Yeah, there will be free shuttle bus for them to take, please [click](#) know more about it.

- **Q: What will happen to the Expo sites after the Expo?**

A: Some of the pavilions are to be dismantled, and some used for other purposes.

- **Q: Can I use my multiple entry ticket for multiple entries on the same day.**

A: A three-day/seven-day admission ticket allows only one entry each day.

- **Q: How can I get to the expo site? Is it a long distance from the subway station to the expo entrance?**

A: Subways, buses and taxis can all take you to the expo, see [Shanghai Expo Transportation Guide](#). The distance from the subway station to the expo entrance is only about 200 meters, and you can just walk to the entrance.

- **Q: How long will it take to wait in a queue to enter an expo pavilion?**

A: It depends, some popular pavilions may take you an hour, and you are suggested to avoid the peak times, or visit the pavilions which have less people in a line first.