



Jiangnan Bookstore • Eye of Liucheng



Jiading Library

Journey through Jiading: From iconic landmarks to vibrant new hotspots

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When you think of Jiading, what comes to your mind first? Perhaps it's the renowned auto city, or the historic Fahua Pagoda. In recent years, Jiading has seen a wave of new landmarks, as its familiar spots continue to offer fresh experiences.

Yuanxiang Lake provides a poetic living environment for Jiading residents. A "cultural loop" is taking shape around the lake, stringing several architectural masterpieces in the suburban district.

Jiangnan Bookstore • Eye of Liucheng is a popular hotspot along this loop, offering stunning views of the 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.

Across the lake are the Shanghai Poly Grand Theater and Jiading Library. Designed by renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando, the Shanghai Poly Grand Theater is an iconic cultural landmark in the Jiading New City. The theater is also the first in China with a water feature.

The Jiading Library features a Jiangnan-style courtyard design that blends traditional architectural charm with contemporary flair. From a bird's-eye view, its rooftops resemble open books. The library boasts a collection of 300,000 books on open shelves and offers 1,500 reading seats.

The Anting International Automobile City and the Shanghai International Circuit are must-visit destinations. The F1 Chinese Grand

Prix is held at the Shanghai International Circuit. Visitors can also enjoy exciting karting experiences here.

Next to the circuit is the Porsche Experience Center, where visitors can drive on world-class tracks, relishing the excitement of drifting, cornering and powersliding.

For those seeking a slower pace, the Shanghai Auto Expo Park offers the opportunity to ride in vintage convertibles, allowing you to experience the elegance of a bygone era. After that, you can head to the Jiabei Country Park for a mountain biking adventure on a 4.74 km trail in the woods. Alternatively, you can visit Maoqiao Village in Huating Town to enjoy BMX bikes.

Jiading is home to China's first automotive-themed museum. The

Shanghai Auto Museum, with a total exhibition area of over 10,000 square meters, boasts a collection of more than 100 vintage cars.

In Anting Automobile City, a mysterious building houses the Dalai Time Museum. Located in Anting Citizen's Square, it features a collection and exhibition of precious clocks, timing devices, and mechanical musical instruments from various nations and centuries. Here, time is no longer an abstract concept but a tangible entity, inviting you to touch and feel it.

Jiading features many hidden gem museums and galleries. One standout is the Jiayuanhai Art Museum, nestled in the fields of Dayu countryside in Malu Town. Designed by Japanese architect Tadao Ando, this museum features a stunning glass façade that harmonizes with the surrounding streams and rivers.

Since its opening, the museum has hosted a range of themed exhibitions, including the "Tadao Ando: Light, Shadow, and Nature" exhibition. Currently on display is an exhibition of works by Lu Yan-shao, an innovative 20th-century Chinese landscape painter. Over 60 landscape paintings that showcase the scenery of the Jiangnan region are featured.

The museum's gift shop introduces new products from time to time, and visitors can enjoy speciality coffee drinks at the café on the second floor.

Just a five-minute walk from the Jiayuanhai museum is the Malu Grape Park, where you can pick different varieties of tasty grapes.

Jiading's nightlife is equally vibrant, and you can enjoy the water light show at the Shanghai Poly Grand Theater. You can also gather family or friends to savor *xiaolongbao* (small steamed buns) in Nanxiang Old Street, watch a Kunqu opera performance at Guyi Garden, or visit Xiyunlou, an open-air riverfront pedestrian mall featuring a variety of shops and restaurants.



The Shanghai International Circuit



Dalai Time Museum

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