

Jinxian Road

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JINXIAN Road, a small road connecting Shaanxi Road S. and Maomeng Road S., has some little boutiques, restaurants and cafes worth a browse. The area is calm and has that relaxed atmosphere, providing plenty of distractions for a delightful weekend stroll. Not much of the Shanghai hustle and bustle is evident but you can still feel a distinctly Shanghainese lifestyle along the street.

Citizen Café



Citizen Café is an exceptionally stylish, sophisticated coffee house and lounge bar. Wooden floors, cream walls, and low lighting give the café a very warm and laid-back feel. The venue is becoming popular among the locals for an afternoon tea set where one can concentrate on a book or surf the web with a laptop. The afternoon tea set is priced at 38 RMB which includes one coffee, tea or soft drink plus a dessert such as carrot walnut cake or fresh baked apple pie with vanilla ice cream. The menu covers everything from starters, pasta, sandwiches, salads and soups to mains. In addition, the café has a brunch menu on the weekend and also hosts special events up to 100 people. The peaceful café offers a perfect escape for anyone who just needs a secluded place to wind down.

Address: 222 Jinxian Road

地址: 进贤路222号

Tel: 6258 1620

Opening hours: 11am-12:30pm (Monday-Friday); 10am-12:30pm on weekend

Stir Art Gallery



Chinese-American artist Fong Jianwei opened Stir Art Gallery in November along Jinxian Road to promote contemporary Chinese and international artists. He is beginning to select and establish long-term working relationships with innovative artists who are engaged in different forms of art creation. From January 2 through 31, the gallery represented the photographic exhibition "Urban Crust" by Nicola Broekhuysen from New Zealand. Her work is a synthesis of photography and painting. The exhibit draws an unusual portrait of Shanghai by peeling back its layers to reveal the city beyond its initially obvious impressions. Images are multiplied until compositions emerge and forms are created. Each work resembles a visual imprint of the city.

Address: 172 Jinxian Road

地址: 进贤路172号

Tel: 5157 5985

Opening hours: 10:30am-9:30pm

Min Jian Wu



Chinese knots are a type of national handicraft with a long history and profound cultural connotations. However, few young Chinese can still make this elegant art craft by themselves. Jiao Xiong opened the tiny shop, Min Jian Wu, half a year ago with the aim of reviving this old art form and spreading the folk culture. The store features a wide selection of Chinese knot adornments, jewelry with Chinese elements and traditional Chinese clothes. People who are interested in the different hand-made knot styles can learn from Jiao at the store.

Address: 153 Jinxian Road

地址: 进贤路153号

Tel: 13045698282

Opening hours: 10:30am-10:30pm

Qiu Hao



After being educated in London's prestigious Central Saint Martins (CSM), Qiu Hao returned to Shanghai and opened his fashion boutique, Qiu Hao, on Jinxian Road. He used apple-green paint to color the store walls, hanging on them his latest collection, "Hurt." Dark in tone and loose in fit, his clothes can be wrapped according to one's liking. The store allows him to test out some of his innovative ideas and offers fashion-conscious shoppers a creative collection.

Address: 158 Jinxian Road

地址: 进贤路158号

Tel: 6256 0134

Opening hours: 12am-10:30pm

Zhen De Tang



Zhen De Tang is one of the little antique furniture stores along Jinxian Road. Hundreds of antiques piled on the shelves and on the ground will dazzle your eyes at first sight. Most of the old-style furniture and ornaments were made last century, after 1911. You can find art-deco style cabinets and chairs as well as a variety of porcelain vases and plates. The prices range from a 100 RMB vase to a 50,000 RMB wooden folding screen. If you have a room to arrange and if you are a fan of antiques, Jinxian Road is a good place to hunt for old-style ornaments.

Address: 136 Jinxian Road

地址: 进贤路136号

Tel: 6215 9269

Opening hours: 8:30am-5:30pm