

### Oriental Pearl Tower

The Oriental Pearl TV Tower is located in Pudong Park in Lujiazui, Shanghai. The tower, surrounded by the Yangpu Bridge in the northeast and the Nanpu Bridge in the southwest, was designed to resemble 'twin dragons playing with pearls'. This tower is a modern wonder that attracts thousands of visitors a day. At 468 meters high (1,536 feet), this tower is the world's third tallest TV and radio tower. However, the tower's height is made even more interesting by the unique design which makes the Oriental Pearl TV Tower a very attractive sight. The base of the tower is supported by 3 seven-meter wide slanting stanchions. There are three large spheres with the top one known as the space module. The entire structure rests on rich green grassland giving the appearance of pearls shining on a jade plate.

Visitors travel up the tower in double-decker elevators that can transport up to fifty people at the rate of seven meters per second. You will hear an introduction to the TV Tower in English and Chinese during the rapid 1/4-mile ascent. Once you arrive at the top, you will be surprised by all the shops and activities you can choose from. There is even the Shanghai Municipal History Museum. The large lower sphere has a futuristic space city and a sightseeing hall. From here, on a clear day, you can see all the way to the Yangtze River! The base of the tower is home to a science fantasy city. The five smaller spheres are a hotel that contains twenty-five elegant rooms and lounges. The pearl at the very top of the tower contains shops, restaurants, (including a rotating restaurant) and a sightseeing hall. The view of Shanghai from here is simply breathtaking. When viewed from the Bund at night, the tower's three-dimensional lighting makes it a dazzling rainbow of color!

It is amazing that this ultra-modern tower is such a huge tourist attraction while still operating as a TV and radio tower that broadcasts more than nine television channels and over ten FM radio channels. Truly, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower is the jewel of Shanghai.

Address: No. 1 Century Avenue

Tel: 8621- 5879-1888 (Chinese and English services)

Hours: 9am - 9pm

Tickets: 70 yuan (sight-seeing hall), 85 yuan (to the second sphere), 135 yuan (to the space module)

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