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Recently, xhis celebrated their annual Literacy Day. Louis, an xhis student in Year 6, participates in the Stop, Drop and Read activity. Many other activities were organized during this time, including a Book Fair and Famous Character dress-up!

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# 3RD ANNUAL XIANEASE CHILI COOK OFF

February drags on but that's no reason to fret – the 3rd annual Xianease chili cook off is here so strap on your chefs apron, grab a cooking pot and see what you can do!

All Kinds of Chili are accepted; Extra Spicy, Chinese Style, John Wayne 6 pounds of meat chili, or even Tofu/meatless chili (if you have too).

It's not a difficult thing to make so why not give it a try?

## DON'T FEEL LIKE COOKING?

Come on down to help the judging and the eating!



Date: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Time: 5:00pm Set-up 5:30 Judging starts  
Place: Sculpting in Time on Fen Xiang Rd in the city center

# XI'AN'S FIRST ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER!

8:00pm on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the *Belgian Bar*.

There'll be one seating where we do the full Burns Supper festivities: piping in the haggis, poems, toasts, and such... There's a full procedure to be observed.

I'll have set menus available for anyone coming after that, but the main event will start at 8:00.



**150** rmb/person

includes haggis with neeps & tatties, scotch, & beer  
Traditional poems & toasts through the meal.



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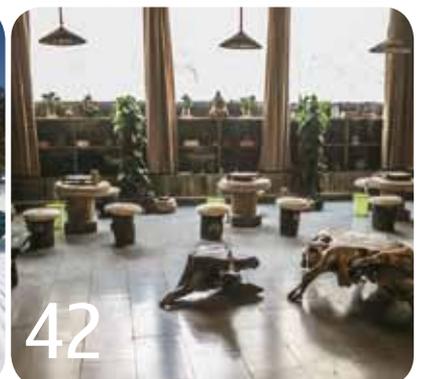
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

All,

The holidays are behind us – well ok the Western Holidays are behind us and upon us is Chinese New Year, the year of the Horse which also happens to be my animal sign – and though I am not quite sure I buy into the whole astrology stuff after I had a few people warn me that life can be difficult during your own animal year I decided to look up what the Year of the Horse has in store.

I looked all over the inter-webs, I searched all sorts of different permutations so that I could find out what my 2014 was going to be. Like Faust I wanted unlimited knowledge about my future. To be honest I was taking it pretty serious for a guy who didn't really buy into all that "Star Stuff". After a while I realized that I was cherry picking, - I would read a prediction and nod in agreement with the good parts and skeptically raise my eyebrow with the bad. I found that I wasn't reading for knowledge I was reading to support my own thoughts on the upcoming year.

As I closed the 75 browser windows and quietly deleted 15 astrology apps from my phone I got to thinking about how often I must do exactly that, and never notice. How often I disregard other people's comments, thoughts, and feelings because they conflict with my own? How many times have I unwittingly dismissed good advice or words of warning?

It's interesting to think about our personal information gathering and editing. Happening automatically almost without thought, it's a large part of who we are and how we act. Actions truly speak louder than words and our actions are based upon the way we perceive ourselves and the world around us – those inputs should be taken in whole both good and bad and not cherry picked.

I'm still not sure about astrology in its ability to tell me what kind of year it will be, but I am sure that I will once again check out some of the 75 websites I checked earlier, this time I'll keep my head nodding and eyebrow raising in tight control and who knows I might just learn something.

When is the last time you listened to someone's critique and not at least have a thought starting with, "Yeah but..." - I'm guilty of it for as long as I can remember, but the past doesn't matter as much as the future and from here on out I hope that I can keep an open mind, to cherry pick less and hopefully broaden my view of who I am and the world I live in.

Sincerely,  
Editor-in-Chief

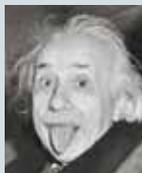
## Pub Quiz

December's pub quiz was a great one with some great questions but Trivia Master Phil. Even with three HUGE teams the team **Ningbo Nick** with only 5 people won with 19 out of 25...the dates for the next two months are right there so make time and come on out and see if you have what it takes to win 3 Liters of Delicious Belgian Beer.

Date:  
**January 15th and February 12th**

Time: 9:30pm  
Place: The Belgian Bar  
南门顺城南路中段69号  
#69 shun cheng nan lu

Put your thinking caps on and come on down for some great food and tricky trivia!



Got something to say?  
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Also, feel free to visit our  
Facebook or webpage.

Your comments and letters are welcome.



## JAN 10

### Concert



「系统误差」VOL.35:  
日本传奇鼓手豊住芳三郎

**Time:** 8:30pm-10:30pm  
**Location:** Aperture Club  
yin ma chi, ju hua yuan, dong da jie.  
东大街菊花园饮马池光圈CLUB  
**TEL:** 13572124398 15114857819  
**Tickets:** 50-60 RMB



## JAN 12

### Concert



Russia Corps De Ballet  
- Swan Lake  
俄罗斯国家芭蕾舞团  
《天鹅湖》

**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Location:** Xi'an Concert Hall  
曲江新区雁南一路  
**Tel:** 400-611-9169



### Concert

严肃绅士喜剧  
《你好，疯子！》

**Time:** 3:00pm  
**Location:** Xi'an Concert Hall  
曲江新区雁南一路  
**Tel:** 400-611-9169



## JAN 19



### Free demo class

How to prepare the HSK level 5 or level 6?  
Come and learn Chinese with us!

**Time:** 2:00PM  
**Location:** #174 Yannan 1st Road, Building 1, Room 1101, Hanlinshijia, Yanta District(Check Xianease Map F11)  
**Tel:** 15332325200/ 13289373809

## FEB 14



### Concert

Joe hisaishi and Miyazaki  
Hayao Concert  
久石让·宫崎骏作品音乐会

**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Location:** Xi'an Concert Hall  
曲江新区雁南一路  
**Tel:** 400-611-9169



## FEB 28



### Mahjong Tea Party

Play Mahjong and learn Chinese!  
Have fun with us!

**Time:** 5:00PM  
**Location:** #174 Yannan 1st Road, Building 1, Room 1101, Hanlinshijia, Yanta District(Check Xianease Map F11)  
**Tel:** 15332325200/ 13289373809



### Ultimate Frisbee

**Match:** 3:00pm - 7:00pm (every Sunday)  
**Location:** Xi'an Jiao Tong University of Finance and Economics(西安交通大学财经学院), just next to the 纬二街(Wei Er Jie) bus stop.  
After the match we have dinner and sometimes out to KTV  
For more information contact: 张超 (Chao), at 15249260715 or 胡纪峰 (Feng) at 15353552643  
If you're shy you could also email me at [wuyikai123@qq.com](mailto:wuyikai123@qq.com)

## JAN 15

### Belgian Bar and Xianease Monthly Pub Quiz

Beer and Trivia

What more could you ask for?

Time: 9:30pm Location: Belgian Bar



### Queen OR King of the Table Pool Tourney

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Demon Bar

The third Wednesday of every month.



## JAN 19

### Xi'an Book Club Readers Meeting

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Venue: Echo Park Book Bar (Hui Yin Gong Yuan), No.15 (in the yard beside TIME COFFEE), Defu alley, South Gate

(南门里, 德福巷15号院内, 回音公园书吧 (厢子庙北侧, 粉巷南侧, 时光咖啡旁边院内))

Book: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Phone: 18092060467 (Jean)

Get all the information at:  
[www.xianease.com/books](http://www.xianease.com/books)



## FEB 4

### Taco Tuesday Dart Tournament

Time: 8:00pm until LATE

Address: Mexico

(Inside the city wall park a bit north of the South-West corner of the wall. 墨西哥餐吧天品西路南段1号环城西苑公园内天品西岸酒吧街21号)



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Book: Koran (several chapters, read as a literature work)

Phone: 18092060467 (Jean)

Get all the information at:  
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### Toastmasters

Date: Every Saturday Time: 2:30pm

Location: In the 10th floor, Lirong building  
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[www.xatmc.org](http://www.xatmc.org)



# Bar Reviews

## IN CLUB

Article By *Eugene Matu*

Nestled away on the corner of a building accessible via an alley at the foot of 南关正街, IN club is a mixture of different exotic styles blended together. From tucked dim light, lounge sofas, exposed brick walls and ceilings to a marble finished bar counter.

The most unique aspect of the IN club is its craft beer. This might just be the first brewpub in Xi'an and if not one of the very first at the very least, brewing chocolate stout and pale Ale on site. They're still perfecting their blend at the moment so go easy on them.

It has two open door private rooms that anyone can grab, an earshot away from the bar. The one I like the most is the Moroccan and Arabian themed room. Kilim cushions and rugs grace the raised floor. Setting the perfect ambiance for sharing a hookah with friends.

If you don't fancy the craft beer they have a range of German, Belgium, English and Chinese beer gracing their menu. A red wine list that spans the globe and a good selection of whisky, Glendfiddich and Glenlivet among them.





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**时光宴会**

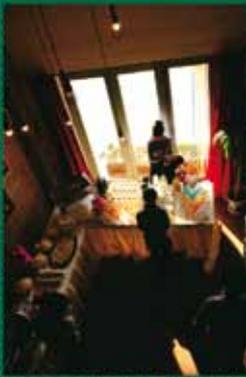
宴会可以是什么？  
 一个品鉴与欣赏美食的地方，一个浪漫与理性结合的地方；  
 一个文化与激情碰撞的地方，一个创新与传统并存的地方……  
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交流会	同学或朋友聚会	公关公司配套服务
小型会议	鸡尾酒会及开业酒会	各种外包活动

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Average Price per person /人均消费: **40 RMB**

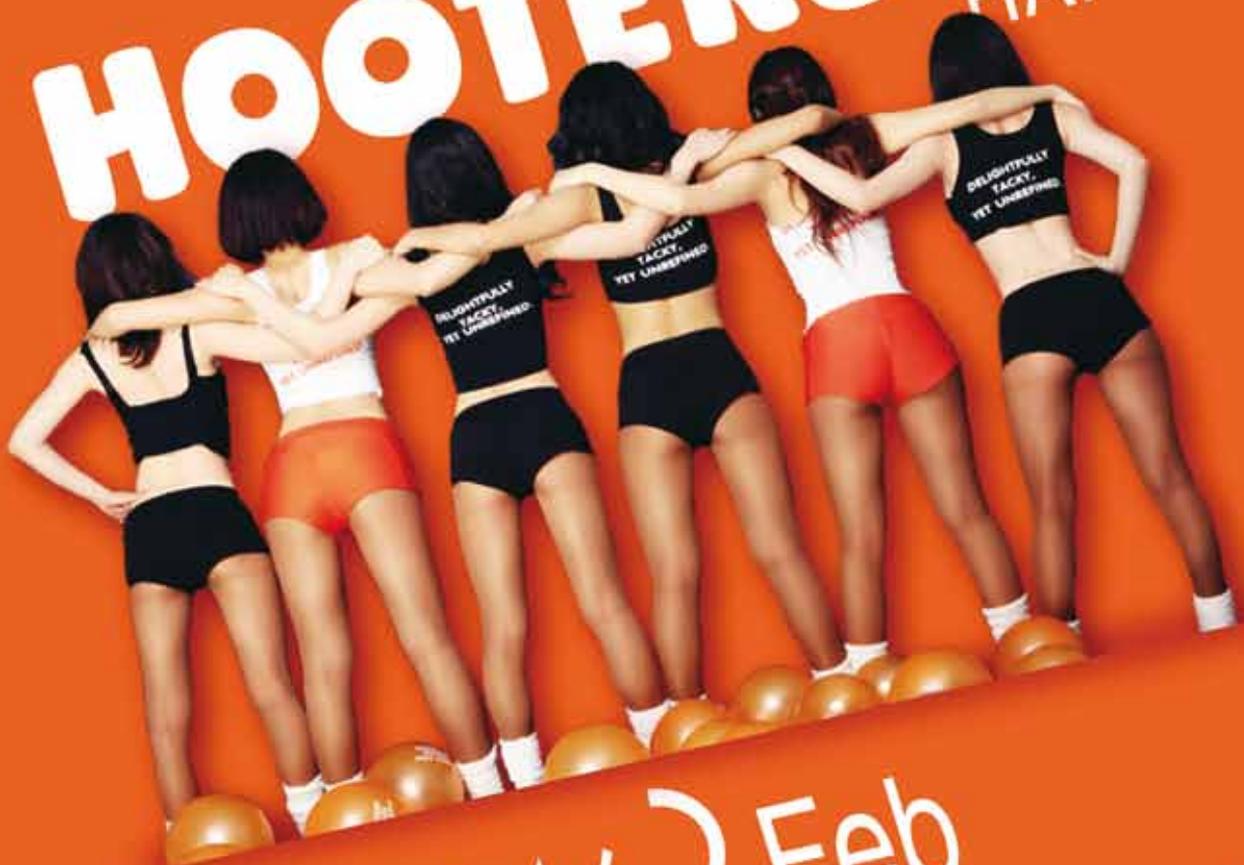
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(南关正街101号)

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# LE NEST BAR 乐巢酒吧

Article By *Maggie Zhang*

I am living in New York, and go to bars and clubs all the time. A few weeks ago I was back in Xi'an and my friends recommended that we check out a new opened club in the city center and I must say it did not disappoint.

Stepping into the Le-Nest for the very first time, I found myself standing in paradise. The club was booming with great music and lots of hot girls - a recipe for a great club atmosphere. From the moment I arrived until the moment I left the staff was friendly and attentive.

It's a place to hang out, meet new people, dance, or sing out loud. The drinks are reasonable priced and of a good variety. It's a great place to hang out with friends and make new ones. Above all that, the one thing that got to me about this club is that Le-Nest is all about dancing and the music. R&B, Hip-hop, Dance, House, and more; everything was perfectly aligned with the clubs I frequent in New York.

It's feel-good and attitude-free, basically what all house parties should aspire to be - a horde of sweaty people not caring about



how stuffy it is and what so and so is wearing, only looking to dance to great music.

For me it would be hard to find a better bar/club in the city with reasonable prices and great facilities.

I truly recommend Le-Nest.

**Pro:** The music makes minutes of hours - if you love to dance then look no further

**Con:** This is a place to dance so the music is a bit loud if you want a quiet conversation

**Maggie's Recommendation:**  
Dance Dance Dance!!!



Maggie Zhang is a local girl that has been abroad since she was 16 in the US and UK. She currently lives in New York working with an investment firm and belly dancing on the weekends but finds her way back home every six months or so. You can contact her at [Maggiez8828@gmail.com](mailto:Maggiez8828@gmail.com)

Average Price per person /人均消费:

**45 RMB**

Address /地址: 1F, Rongmin International Hotel, West Street, Lianhu District  
(莲湖区西大街荣民国际饭店一层)

Tel /电话: 029-8752 6888/6999

Hours /时间: 8:00pm - 3:00am

# ZOO BAR 动物园酒吧

Articles By *Johnson Jiang*

## 动物园酒吧介绍

经过寒冬的考验，我们迎来了2014的暖阳，在这里我祝大家在新的一年里天天开心，希望大家度过一个美好的2014。

最近一段时间，在高新、省体育场及小南门和朱雀门之间又出现了许多新的酒吧，这无疑让西安的夜生活又增添了许多色彩，动物园酒吧就是其中一员。

别担心，这里没有凶猛的野兽和满屋子乱跑的小动物，我猜动物园这个名字是希望在这里喝酒的人们都抱着一份轻松愉快的心情，就像是去真正的动物园一样，那么的贴近自然，那么的真实。

这里并不是很大，坐满的话大概50人左右，音乐并不是很吵，光线也很温和，大的投影一直有高清的MTV在播放。在这里，飞镖并不是唯一的娱乐方式，一台大电视和PS3及XBOX360其实才是你最好的选择。这里的老板打算每周举办一场飞镖比赛，同时在PS3上举办长期的足球联赛，是不是有点动心了？

动物园的酒水选择也很不错，将近10款进口啤酒加上几款常见的国产啤酒，鸡尾酒和一口香的种类会有很多，绝对可以满足你的胃口。这里每晚都会有特别的酒水优惠，不仅如此，每天下午2点到晚上8点都有相当可观的啤酒优惠。所以耳听为虚，眼见为实，不如自己来看看吧！

**优点:** 每日酒水特惠

**缺点:** 新店新开业，有许多工作要做

**我的推荐:** 下午2点到晚上8点之间的啤酒优惠



After the dirty dirty winter we are having, 2014 is here and I want to wish everyone a lucky and happy new year. Keep loving your life, your wife, your girlfriend or somebody else's girlfriend (*Editor's Note: < sigh >... really Johnson?*).

Recently, there are some new bars showing up around town - in Gaoxin, around the stadium, and between Little South Gate and Zhu Que Gate. I must say that I am surprised and excited to see the Xi'an nightlife becoming a bit more exciting.

Walking inside the Zhu Que Gate, turn left and walk about 20 meters and you'll come to Zoo Bar. Even though there are many cafes, restaurants and other bars in the area it really won't be hard to locate the Zoo Bar entrance.

Don't worry, there isn't a jumping and growling animal at the door (*Editor's Note: Unless Johnson is there of course*), they use Zoo Bar as a name because as with lots of bars in the city the owners want you to have a peaceful easy feeling when you are drinking here, just as when you go to the zoo.

It's not a very big place, a full house is about 50 people and the music is not loud nor is it dark inside. They have a big screen TV which plays MTV as well as another HUGE TV with a PS3 and a Xbox 360 connected so you can play a game with your friends. They also have a really good dart set-up and the last I heard they are planning to have a weekly dart and sports tournament.

The alcohol choice here is not bad

with 10 kinds of imported beer as well as some typical domestic beer choices. They also offer cocktails and shots to fit any appetite. From what I was told they are having a really good happy hour discount from 2pm to 8pm, and everyday drink specials, so come out and take a look and make the beginning of 2014 even more exciting!

**Pro:** Everyday drink specials and Happy Hour

**Con:** Newly opened so it needs more work to be on track

**Johnson's Recommendation:**

Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm

Average Price per person /人均消费: **20 RMB**

Address /地址: Inside the city wall, 20m on the west of Zhu Que Gate (朱雀门里顺城西巷里20米)

Tel /电话: 029-8761 8950 13991226765

Hours /时间: 2:00pm - 2:00am

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# BLACK AND WHITE 呱道士酒吧

Article By **Tim King**



This gig writing bar reviews has taken me across the city and back, to dives, to pubs, to live houses; to some places that were trying way too hard, and some places that weren't trying hard enough. Though each bar has their own hook or specialty, I end up finding things more similar than different. That's not necessarily a bad thing; consistency can be nice, but in general I go into every review hoping that the bar I will attend will be wildly different, or show me something I've never seen, or completely defy my expectations, just to shake up the routine that has started forming. I wanted to find an orange to compare to the apples, so to speak. It's more interesting that way. Lucky for me, my prayers have been answered, because Black and White is an out and out surprise. It's surprising because Black and White is not really a great bar—but it's a fantastic café.

So let's change the article heading for just this month. To judge Black and White as a bar would be unfair and irresponsible, and a disservice to the fine establishment they have. It's a café with a surprising amount of liquor, and should be judged as such.

Black and White is the lobby and facade of a hostel just east of Little South Gate (小南门), in the small, city wall-adjacent alley between Little South Gate and Zhuque Gate. If you're expecting more of the sameness that pervades the more famous hostels in the city, you may find it pleasantly surprising that it eschews the dank, brown, hewn together style you might be used to. It's still a bit rustic, sure, but in a distinctly charming way; the decor, soft jazzy music, and clean white paint job do wonders for its atmosphere.



The staff is friendly, and though the menu is mostly coffees and teas and other café fare, there is enough liquor and beer on the back pages to make it worthwhile to have a couple of drinks there. Based on my experience, you won't be partying there. However, if you're in the market for a nice quiet place to meet with friends, Black and White beats the living hell out of the myriad crowded Starbucks around the city.

When I visited for the review, some friends and I just had a few (rather generous) glasses of whiskey and spent an easy couple of hours talking and dodging the bitter Xi'an cold. I could see myself easily doing that again, or just going myself to have a cup of coffee and read a book or write that great American novel I always tell myself I'm going to write someday.

Sometimes my reviews are "It's good, but", but Black and White is good, period. This is a full-on recommendation. If you're looking for a retreat and have had enough of the other cafés in town, this is the place you need to try out. Go in, get a drink, and relax.

**Pro:** Great atmosphere, English-friendly for the Putonghua-challenged expats among us, not stingy with whiskey

**Con:** The storefront isn't exactly eye-catching, meaning I walked by it like twice before one of my companions saw the tiny "Black and White" lettering above the entrance



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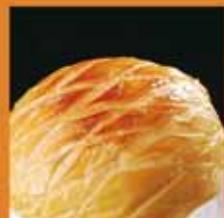
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# Restaurant Reviews



## 欢雀美式餐厅介绍

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# SPARROW 欢雀

A New Choice with a lot of Potential in Gaoxin

Article By *Daemon Klute*

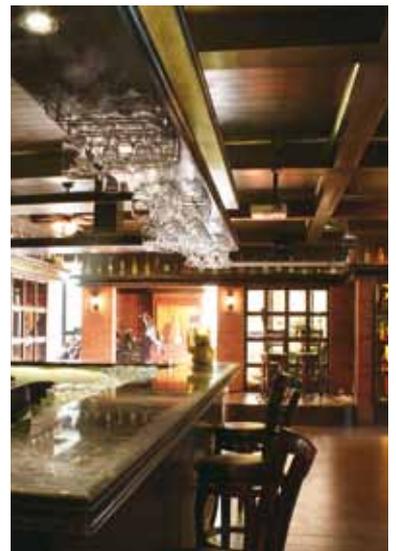
When it comes to eating, Gaoxin district is a veritable wasteland. It is an area of the city that is overloaded with overpriced restaurants, overcrowded, and over-lauded as a cool place to be. So one can understand my trepidation when I heard that a new Western restaurant had opened there. But, I had a job to do and left with my wife on a dreary Saturday afternoon for the long traffic snarled trip to the Sparrow Bar and Restaurant.

The restaurant is set up like a quiet eatery/bar that reminded me a bit of a Manhattan booth style place. Every table feels private while still being part of a semi-open layout making it a very cozy experience. The menus are laid out in a very typical Chinese fashion with large colorful pictures of each dish and while there is no English version of the menu, the high res pictures make this a moot point. The food on offer is a standard mix of burgers, sandwiches, steaks, pastas, and salads adding to the feel of it being an intimate restaurant/bar. My eyes immediately set upon the burgers and I was pleasantly surprised to find that a burger would cost 38RMB (a price I have no problem paying for a decent burger). There were other burgers available but I believe a restaurant's quality to be judged by its most basic and standard fare. My wife has recently become a fiend for a decent steak and decided on their 188RMB imported steak.

While the food menu is surprisingly reasonable with a broad range of choices for any budget while the beer selection is not. It is all imported and starts at 35RMB a bottle, no draft options are available. I opted for a 45RMB Erdinger and waited patiently for food. Both my burger and my

wife's steak took about 15-20 minutes to be served and in that time the sun had set and the lights of the restaurant had been turned down low with electric candles placed on each table. While it set a nice mood for my wife and I to enjoy our food I can understand that this may be awkward if you are having a guys night out. Thankfully I was not.

My burger arrived with a generous helping of fries (chips) on the side and is served with an over easy fried egg, while disconcerting to some I have grown to enjoy the egg on a burger. The patty itself was thick and well cooked with an ample amount of lettuce and tomato and caused me to use a few napkins while I was eating it. Overall, I did enjoy it. It was what it advertised, a good burger for a good price and I believe no good burger can be eaten without getting your hands dirty. The fries were cooked great and my wife spent most of her time eyeballing my burger and ignoring her steak. As is oft to happen, my wife decided she would pre-



fer the burger and I had to trade with her midway through the meal. Her steak was well-cooked and my only complaint is the price. It just wasn't good enough to justify the 188RMB price tag.

After the meal we chatted with the manager about the place (opened only last month) and their plans for the spring and summer. They have a large patio space outside that they plan to turn into a outdoor seating area. The space looks excellent and is nestled in the middle of a building complex so din of gaoxin is non-existent. I will be back to check it out.

**Pros:** If you are in gaoxin and want a good burger at a good price this is your best option, period.

**Cons:** Steak is just not enough and I would like to see some more variety in the beers.

**Recommendation:** Check it out. Especially as this place has just opened there is a lot of potential here and if their ideas for the outdoor space come to fruition this could be the hot spot.

**\*FYI they don't accept international Credit Cards**

Average Price per person /人均消费:

**50 RMB**

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# THE LORD'S HOME 伯爵之家

A Unique Twist on the Typical Chinese Banquet

Article By *Daemon Klute*

## 伯爵之家餐厅介绍

西安瑞斯丽大酒店的“伯爵之家”中餐厅完全打破了传统的中餐就餐环境及餐饮服务理念。您可以在一个欧洲传统的老伯爵家中的书房、厨房、或起居室……享受到地道的中式美食及欧洲贵族管家式服务。一切的一切，都源于以下故事：

一位来自欧洲的年轻贵族大卫，将伯爵之家的欧式贵族待客之道传到中国，在西安瑞斯丽大酒店建造“伯爵之家”，向您展现瑞士待客之道的经典与优雅。贵族式的贴身管家服务及浓厚的古典宫廷风格的伯爵包房，必将使您享受到尊贵、独特、优雅的别样用餐体验。

伯爵之家为您提供地道中式美食的同时为您烹饪国际特色菜品，在这里，不但能体验瑞士风格的欧式餐厅，更让您体会到“家的温馨”，是您不容错过的美食之选。伯爵之家位于酒店二层。

The requisite Chinese banquet is an essential part of being in China and often the way business and friendships are solidified. Unfortunately, the lavish rooms soon cease to impress as the more one attends these opulent dinners the more formulaic the rooms appear to be. The Swisstouches Hotel has sought to change this and put a Western spin on the Chinese staple with the The Lord's Home Restaurant.

Located on the second floor, The Lord's Home immediately separates itself from the typical upscale restaurant by only offering private rooms. Each room has been modeled after a European stately home, ranging from a study to the library. I did not have a chance to inspect all of the rooms as diners were occupying most, but the ones I saw re-enforce their concept of offering a unique twist to the typical Chinese restaurant.

The menu is incredibly extensive and



was quite daunting to peruse – boasting some of the most famous cuisine from all over China. I decided on the goose liver as a starter followed by the 佛跳墙 (Buddha Jumps Over the Wall) which is a highly complicated soup that is often the highlight of these meals. Known for its exquisite ingredients, too extensive to list here, and its rich and elegant flavors, this is a dish I have had many times and can be prepared in many different ways. Both the ingredients and long preparation time make this a very costly bowl of soup (usually up to 30 ingredients with a 1-2 day cook time), which is celebrated through-



out China and especially in the areas of its origins in Guangdong and Fujian provinces.

The goose liver arrived upon toasted bread and was cooked quite well. Some do not go for the flavor of goose liver but I find it a rich and pungent flavor that The Lord's Home captured in a way I have not had in China before. It tasted as it should in any upscale restaurant in a Western country and it was a nice homage to this Western classic. The 佛跳墙 is often lauded for its high-end seafood but I have always found the thick broth to be the star of the dish. It resembles more of a Western stew than a soup and this thick broth can be indulgent beyond anything one can imagine and again, The Lord's Home does not disappoint.

It is truly what it promises and for this I was pleased to have the opportunity to eat there. The Lord's Home impresses because of its mission to offer diners a unique environment yet offer the cuisine of China in a way the Chinese have come to expect. It is not a cheap place to eat and does not promote itself as such, my meal cost upwards of 800RMB, as it is catering to the upscale market in Xi'an. What it offers is a unique experience to private Chinese dining that will delight and impress anyone who is looking to entertain a group of guests and is tired of the usual and formulaic Chinese style private

room experience.

**Pros:** The décor and atmosphere is a wonderful change and offers the diner everything they expect but in a very refreshing and unique way.

**Cons:** It is expensive. But it is a high-end restaurant and anyone going to eat in a five-star hotel should expect five-star prices.

**Recommendation:** I urge you to take your guests here the next time you must entertain for social or business purposes. Your guests will thank you for the unique experience.



Average Price per person /人均消费:

**200 RMB**

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# B&G 51 AT CROWNE PLAZA XI'AN

## B&G51餐厅及酒吧

The Height of Fine Dining

Article By *John Hershel and Galina Ford*



Reviews



### B&G51餐厅及酒吧介绍

日前，西安皇冠假日酒店标志性的顶楼B&G51餐厅及酒吧荣耀揭幕。现代时尚的B&G51餐厅及酒吧坐落于酒店最顶层，耀眼夺目的古城全景将一览无余、尽收眼底。西安皇冠假日酒店的B&G51餐厅及酒吧拥有令人羡慕的美景环绕，无论主餐区硕大明亮的落地玻璃，还是户外露天酒吧，于享膳或品酒之时，360度全方位的广阔视野，以使旖旎的风光已如同画卷般，展现在您的眼底。

皇冠假日酒店行政总厨Guillaume Comparat来自法国，他技艺精湛、新意无穷，曾在米其林两星的Leon de Lyon 和米其林一星的Mere Brazier接受培训。并曾在名厨Jane Georges的“Le Market”和Alain Ducasse的“Spoon Food and Wine”任职。



Having a meal 51 stories (almost 200 meters) in the air is quite exciting and in Northern China you can only dine this high at B&G 51 in the Crowne Plaza which also happens to be the tallest building in northwest China.

To get to the restaurant you first have to ride a glass tube elevator giving you a spectacular view of the city scape. Once the doors open you are greeted to the luxury that is B&G 51, a bar and grill restaurant that sets the new standard for high dining in Xi'an.

Chef Guillaume Compart from France created a stunning fine dining menu with carefully selected local organic ingredients and imported specialties from around the world. Chef Comparat's passion for cooking was sparked during his childhood in Lyon, France, when he would help in the kitchen by preparing fresh ingredients alongside his family at mealtime, and he has brought his passion for cooking to Xi'an as the Executive Chef at the Crowne Plaza.

We started off with some organic root vegetable chips from a local organic farmer for 88 rmb, perfectly prepared and lightly salted. A large plate with 24 month air dried Iberico ham arrived at our table next, served with Toasted Sour Dough Tomato Taste “Tapas”. I had the experience once to try a 50 month Iberico ham in a Spanish restaurant, so I was looking forward to this one, and oh boy I was not disappointed at all. The tender ham from the black Iberican pig comes from southwest Spain and has a unique flavor of oak groves, grass, herbs, acorns, roots



and olives. It was worth all of the 328 RMB for the plate.

That was a great start so far I must say.

After that, a set of three classic mini Kobe beef sliders with vegetable, cheese and egg came to our table, roasted to perfection with a juicy patty as you expect from a Grade 8 Kobe beef. Grade 8 Kobe is when the cow has been fed for 400 – 450 days and properly massaged with love. It was nicely presented on the plate for 158 RMB.

We just finished licking our fingers from the burger when a nice garnished plate with slow cooked beef long short ribs arrived. It came with a nice port wine reduction and garlic chips with pasta. The meat was super tender after cooking for a marathon 48 hours.

Wow!! That was some really good

food right here.

But Chef Guillaume didn't want to send us home without a dessert.

A lemon tart came to our table, nicely balanced, not too sweet, not too sour lemon curd cream with a meringue stick and a refreshing mint jelly.

In the end we also got a fruit plate, but, this wasn't any ordinary fruit plate. It featured vacuum marinated pineapples marinated with rosemary, watermelon with basil and the honey melon with thyme infusing the sweet and savory tastes like nothing we've had before. Trust me when I say you won't find anything like this special fruit plate in town for 128 RMB.

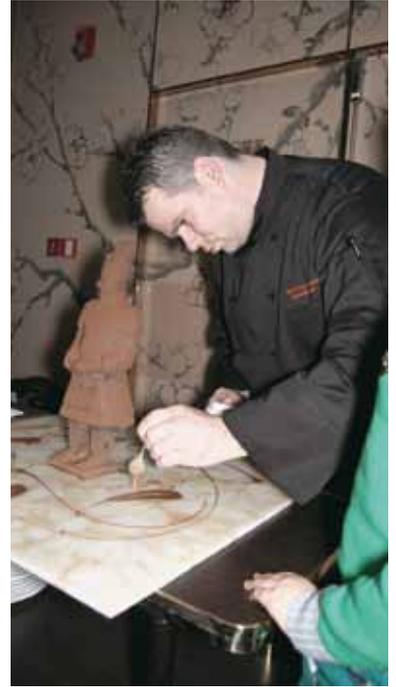
I would like to thank Chef Guillaume for this great opportunity to try the amazing food in the highest restaurant in Northern China.

**Pro:** All the food.

Food you won't find in other places in Xian

The view is just as amazing as the dinner.

**Cons:** Price is way over average, but after you try it you'll know why.



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5:30pm - 10:30pm (Dinner)

## HEN JI 痕迹私房小厨

Article By *Lee Bunting*



“Fancy going to dinner tonight?” asked my friend on my birthday. “Sure” I replied, “where to?” I was expecting Tex-Mex or maybe even an Indian. “In an apartment behind that Macelline store close to Vivo City.” was his response! I thought if birthdays aren't a day to do new things then when is!? Situated on the 16th floor of the apartment block between Macaline and a petrol station on Nan er huan, Han Ji is a new breed of restaurants in Xian. Mixing all the spicyness of Sichuan and the traditional flavours of Shaanxi this place is a break from the norm. It is open from 11am until 1030pm everyday and has seating for 40 people. As previously stated the menu is a fusion of Shaanxi and Si-

chuan cuisine.

First we tried the Chicken Feet!! Chicken feet!?!? I hear you cry! I am not usually a fan but these come without the bones and are pleasant to the taste buds, if you can cast the thought of feet out of your mind! Then we had some sort of secret egg concoction which the chef wouldn't tell us what was in it apart from egg! Then came the piece de resistance, the biggest ribs I have ever set eyes on in my life! They were really tasty if not a little bit dry. The ribs were presented with a mushroom and hazelnut dish, fried prawns and chips which reminded me of the british fish and chips, some spicy chicken

and some sort of very long and thin ocean fish of which I have never seen before!

The owners are old friends from the army and decided to start something up after not finding any good places for them and their friends to hangout before going clubbing, that's where they got the idea for Han Ji. Shi Bi, Yan Shan Tai and Shi Yang all have full time jobs and use their restaurant as their part time work. Shi Yang is the chef. Most of their advertising is by weibo and word of mouth.

I was told that if anyone mentions they have read about their restaurant in Xianese they will get 20% off of their bill, FOREVER!!

**Recommendation:** Although it was a little dry the ribs blew our minds!!!



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## POTATO GNOCCHI

### 意式土豆丸子



#### Ingredients 材料:

- 650g Potatoes (土豆)
- 75g Egg whole (鸡蛋)
- 125g White Flour (面粉)
- 30g Potato Starch (马铃薯淀粉)
- Salt (盐)
- White Pepper - freshly ground (白胡椒现磨)
- Nutmeg - grated (肉豆蔻磨碎)



#### Chef Radi Tip 厨师提示:

Always use floury potatoes which are suitable for storage and contain more starch

务必使用粉质感较高的土豆

#### Preparation 做法:

- 1) Boil the potatoes in salt water (盐水中煮土豆)
- 2) Peel the potatoes and puree (土豆去皮磨成浆)
- 3) Mix in the eggs into the pureed potatoes, season with Nutmeg and White Pepper and set aside to cool (土豆泥中加入鸡蛋, 肉豆蔻, 白胡椒搅拌均匀放一旁冷却)
- 4) Mix in the white flour once the potato mixture has cooled (冷却下来后加入白面粉)
- 5) Take a clean and dry plastic bag and cut off one end leaving a ¼ inch hole (取一个干净的塑料袋在一端剪一个小孔)
- 6) Put the mixture into the plastic bag and pipe 4 inch lengths of mixture onto a surface dusted with potato starch (将土豆泥混合物放入塑料袋在4英寸的地方加入马铃薯淀粉)
- 7) With a spatula or dough scrapper cut even sized dumplings (gnocchi) (用勺子把每个弄成汤圆的形状)
- 8) Shape the dumplings into nut sized balls (if you're feeling creative use the tines of a fork to give them the typical shape) (把每一个都弄成球状)
- 9) Poach in hot salt water for 5 minutes, drain off in a sieve (放入热盐水中5分钟后把水过滤掉取出)
- 10) Allow to cool (待冷却)
- 11) Heat up a frying pan with olive oil and sauté them until golden brown (平底锅中加橄榄油炒至金黄色)
- 12) Arrange on a plate and top with a sauce you like (盛出装盘加入喜欢的酱汁)

# GRANDMOTHER'S DISH

## 外婆菜

### Ingredients 材料:

- 60g Pork Fat – minced (猪肉切碎)
- 25g Dried Radish (萝卜干)
- 25g Green preserved Vegetables (绿色腌制蔬菜)
- 2 - 4 Green Peppers – chopped (青椒切碎)
- 3 - 4 Dried Chili Peppers (干辣椒)
- 1 Garlic Clove – peeled and chopped (大蒜去皮切碎)
- 1 Tbsp Soy Sauce (酱油)
- Bean paste (豆瓣酱)
- Oil (油)
- Salt (盐)

### Preparation 做法:

- 1) Soak the dried radish and pickled vegetables for 20 minutes in warm water  
(将萝卜干和腌菜放入温水中泡20分钟)
- 2) Cut the dried radish and pickled vegetables into small pieces  
(将萝卜干和咸菜切成小块)
- 3) Cut the dried chili with scissors into thirds  
(用剪刀把干辣椒剪碎)
- 4) Heat up a wok and add oil  
(烧热平底锅加入油)
- 5) Add the dried chili and fry for a moment  
(加入干辣椒翻炒片刻)
- 6) Add the pork fat and garlic and sauté  
(加入猪肉和大蒜继续翻炒)
- 7) Add the soy sauce and season with salt and fry for 2 minutes  
(加入盐和酱油调味, 翻炒2分钟)
- 8) Add all the dried radish and pickled vegetables, bean paste and continue stirring  
(加入所有萝卜干, 腌菜, 豆瓣酱继续翻炒)
- 9) Add a half cup water and stew for 5 minutes or until the water evaporates  
(加入半杯水焖5分钟直到水分蒸发)
- 10) Add the green pepper and season again  
(最后加入青椒)



### Chef Radi Tip 厨师提示:

There is a version which adds scrambled eggs, to do this just scramble a few eggs on the side and add the eggs when you add the green pepper  
也可在放青椒的时候加入炒鸡蛋

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# DANDAN NOODLES

## 担担面

### Preparation 做法:

#### For the noodles 面条:

- 1) Bring a large pot of water to boil over high heat (大火把一大锅水烧开)
- 2) Add the noodles and stir - cook until al dente (下面条煮至有嚼劲)
- 3) Drain in a colander and rinse with cold water (盛出面条用冷水冲)
- 4) Be sure to shake out any excess water and transfer to a bowl (确保撒掉所有水后放入另一个碗)
- 5) Add sesame oil and toss well (加香油搅拌均匀)

#### For the toppings 浇汁:

- 1) Heat a wok over high heat until smoking and pour in the peanut oil (大火锅烧热后加入花生油)
- 2) Add the ginger, chilies and garlic and fry for 30 seconds (加入生姜, 辣椒, 大蒜, 炒30秒)
- 3) Add the ground beef and cook until browned (2 to 3 minutes) (加入碎牛肉煮至焦黄(2-3分钟))
- 4) Mix in the Sesame Paste, Soy Sauce, Vinegar and Sichuan Pepper (加入芝麻酱, 酱油, 醋, 四川花椒)
- 5) Cook until the beef begins to crisp (煮至牛肉爽脆)
- 6) Season with white pepper and remove from the heat (用白胡椒调味关火)

#### For the garnish 装饰用:

Mix together the Chili Oil, Sesame Oil, Soy Sauce, Sichuan Pepper and Chilies in a small bowl (将芝麻油, 香油, 酱油, 四川花椒, 辣椒放在一个小碗里混合均匀)

#### For the garnish 装饰用:

- 1) Divide the noodles in to 4 bowls (将面条分别放入四个碗)
- 2) Sprinkle the meat topping evenly over each bowl (将浇汁均匀放入每个碗)
- 3) Pour the hot chicken soup evenly over the noodles (把热鸡汤倒入每个碗)
- 4) Serve with the chili oil mixture, spring onions and cilantro (加入辣椒油混合物放入葱和香菜)

### Ingredients 材料:

- 500 g Ramen (bought in the shop) (拉面(超市购))
- 2 Tbsp Peanut Oil (花生油)
- 1 Tbsp Ginger Root - finely grated and freshly peeled (姜根 - 精细磨碎, 新鲜去皮)
- 3 red chilies - stemmed, seeded and finely chopped (红辣椒去籽切碎)
- 2 Garlic Cloves - finely chopped (大蒜切碎)
- 250 g Ground Beef (碎牛肉)
- 1 Tbsp Sesame Paste (芝麻酱)
- 1 Tbsp Soy Sauce (酱油)
- 1 Tbsp Dark Vinegar (醋)
- 1 Tbsp Ground Sichuan Pepper (四川花椒)
- Freshly ground white pepper (白胡椒)

### Garnish 装饰用:

- 1/4 Cup Chili Oil (辣椒油)
- 1/4 Cup Toasted Sesame Oil (烤芝麻油)
- 1/4 Cup Light Soy Sauce (生抽)
- 1 Tbsp Ground Sichuan Pepper (四川辣椒)
- 3 Red chilies - stemmed, seeded and finely diced (红辣椒去籽切碎)
- 2 Large Spring Onions - finely chopped (大葱切碎)
- 1 Small Handful of Fresh Cilantro (leaves and stems) - finely chopped (香菜切碎)
- 1/2 Liter Chicken Stock - very hot (热鸡汤)

## IRISH STEW

### 爱尔兰烩羊肉



#### Ingredients 材料:

- 1kg Lamb - cut into chunks (羊肉切大块)
- 200g Onions - sliced (洋葱切薄片)
- 200g Celery (芹菜)
- 200g Leek (韭菜)
- 200g Turnip (萝卜)
- 200g Pearl Barley (薏仁)
- 1kg Potatoes - cut into chunks (土豆切块)
- 5 Cups Water (水)
- 4g Thyme (百里香)  
Bay leaf (月桂叶)

#### Preparation 做法:

- 1) Heat frying pan and cook the lamb chunks about 5 minutes until brown  
(烧热油锅加入羊肉煮5分钟知道变棕色)
- 2) Remove the meat from the pan but NOT the Drip-pings  
(把羊肉从锅中夹出, 不要碎渣)
- 3) Add the Onions, Carrots and Herbs to the pan and fry on low until soft  
(锅中加入洋葱, 萝卜, 香草小火炒至变软)
- 4) Return the meat to the pan and stir in the pearl barley (把羊肉和薏仁放入锅中搅拌)
- 5) Pour over the water and bring to a simmer  
(加入水, 继续煮)
- 6) When you see the meat starting to become tender place the chunks of potato on top of the stew and cover to simmer  
(当肉开始煮烂加入土豆在做上层, 盖上锅盖继续煨)
- 7) Once the potatoes are soft and the meat is tender it's ready!  
(直到土豆变软肉质鲜嫩就好了)

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# INSTA FEVER



Article By *Kristen Zhou*



Instagram is one of the most popular apps around the world though it's hard to define as a single functional network. It can be photography showrooms, artist's projects, chef's recipes, a diary or a Fashionista's blog. Sometimes I'm happy just seeing beautiful things and in Instagram you will always get to see something interesting. People from all over the world are showing who they are and what they love. One thing all this viewing I've done has taught me is if you devote yourself to a life of passion, fate will lead you down a relatively successful path.

Fashionistas are using Instagram as a virtual fitting room with brand designers contacting them to wear their brands new lines for free for daily appearance. Famous chefs update a recipe on Instagram to help bolster book sales; actors and actresses show their personal life most likely to get more attention. Anyway, like other social networks, being yourself or being someone else is your own call. But there is always something to attract normal people like you and I, so I collected a few hot items for my own summary and your future reference.

In all my Instagramming I discovered that for folks interested in fashion Denmark seems to be a great place to see new trends. Currently Copenhagen is the center of fashion no matter if it is clothing, furniture or handicraft works; for me, my list



has many artistic Nordic sets. No matter what your taste or passion look over Instagram and you are sure to find folks with similar ideas and you might even discover a larger world.

Chinese New Year is red which also happens to be the symbol of enthusiasm, happiness and good luck, so use a little red color to decorate your room for the New Year and participate in the Chinese New Year atmosphere. Find something red on interior designer's Instagram and easily make your room chic and artistic, plus your friends probably will be surprised by your 'original' ideas.

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# Line One

## - An Afternoon on the New Subway Line

Article by *XIANEASE*

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The subway and I have a good relationship.

I still remember the days when I had to take the 336 from my campus on the north side of Xi'an in order to get anywhere. The trek to the Bell Tower took a solid hour by bus: hot in the summer, cold in the winter, crowded no matter the season. As I peered out between the shoulders of my tightly packed fellow passengers I'd see outcroppings of construction, like beacons of promise along the roadside, vowing to one day offer a better way forward. After about a year, these construction sites became Line Two, Xi'an's first subway route, running north to south.

Line Two was, for me, a lifesaver. Not only did it offer convenient and climate-controlled passage from the high-speed rail station to the T.V. Tower, it served as a harbinger of rapid development. The more developed parts of the city were suddenly open to us, and new restaurants and malls cropped up along the subway route, effectively

bringing downtown to us.

These days I live in the North and go to school in the South, so I run the majority of Line Two between three and five days a week. It's not a bad commute, but it changed drastically with the addition of Line One.

If you traveled regularly by the subway prior to last October, then like me, you noticed an incredible influx of new passengers as soon as the East / West line opened. Which is to say, the addition of Line One caused the number of passengers on the North / South line to double in a single day. I'm not sure why. I don't know exactly what drew the crowd. I'm no expert on urban planning or public transit, but I can tell you from experience that the subway is most definitely being put to use

by commuters, shoppers, tourists, long-range travelers, and perhaps even the occasional explorer.

I wanted to know what new parts of the city had opened up to me with the addition of Line One – the blue line – so without much of a plan, a group of us spent an afternoon exploring Xi'an to the east and west. We started at Bei Da Jie since that's where the two currently operational lines meet. We started east and stopped where it sounded interesting.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of what's out there, but here are some of the places we found on our journey.

## Qing Gong

Fourth stop east of Bei Da Jie

The next stop to the east is called Tong Gua Men. The main feature of this area is definitely the Qing Gong shopping center. Unlike the upscale malls near the downtown area, Qing Gong is a place to barter. Shops of every variety line the five stories of this indoor and outdoor market.

If you need to buy anything ... anything, Qing Gong has it. Beyond the traditional toys and scarves and knick-knacks you might find in the tourist markets downtown, Qing Gong has bedding, office supplies, and at least fifteen stalls dedicated (in the Winter) to Christmas decorations.

Do you need a punching bag? An industrial sized recycling bin? A Masters of the Universe replica sword?

Qing Gong has it.

Qing Gong has a deeper selection than Kangfu Lu, and the aisles are wider (so it feels less crowded), but like the stalls at Kangfu Lu, most of the shop owners are unaccustomed to non-Chinese shoppers. Expect to bargain if you plan on shopping at Qing Gong. You won't find a better deal on next year's Christmas tree than this Chinese market.



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## Kangfu Lu

Third stop east of Bei Da Jie

The market at Kangfu Lu was closed for quite some time, but it has recently reopened – this time, indoors. Some might remember the smattering of stalls in their former, crowded glory. Now you can have the same shopping experience with a roof over your head.

Kangfu Lu can be a great place to find a good deal, but if you look like a foreigner you're likely to be overcharged, and it's not what you'd probably consider the most comfortable shopping experience. The adventure, more than the sales, make it worth a stop.



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## Banpo Museum

Second to last stop on Line One East

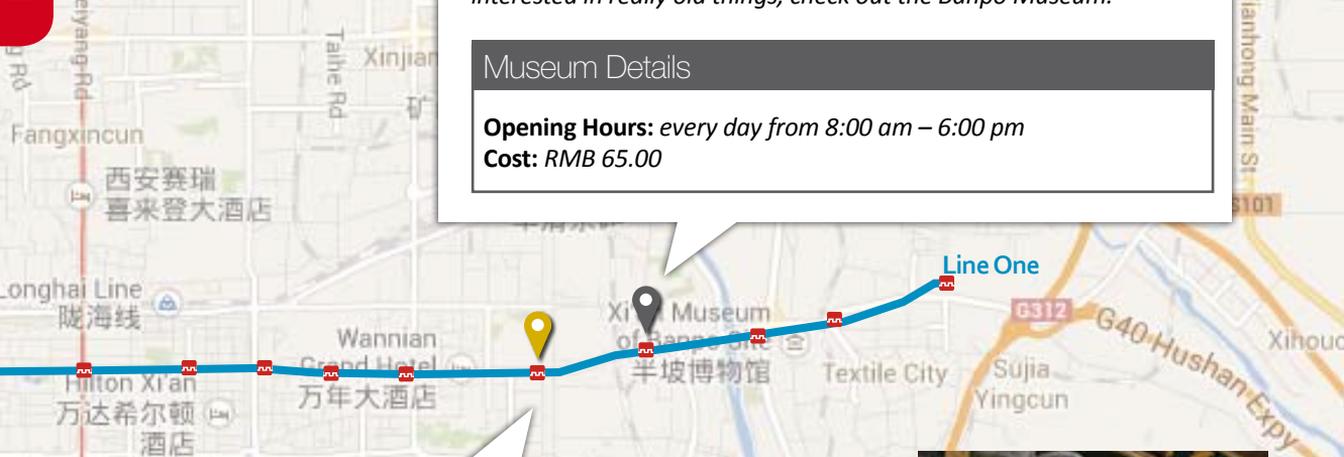
*The Banpo Museum, built in 1958, claims to be the first museum of its kind – that is, a museum constructed around an “early man habitation site” – and it is now easily accessible from Line One.*

*To find the museum, get off the subway at the Banpo stop and backtrack to the west. It’s about a ten-minute walk (or a five kuai ride in bengbengche).*

*Banpo doesn’t have the grandeur of the Terracotta Warriors, but it doesn’t have the crowds either, and it’s a lot easier to find and navigate. The site is reportedly more than 6,000 years old, so if you’re interested in really old things, check out the Banpo Museum.*

### Museum Details

**Opening Hours:** every day from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm  
**Cost:** RMB 65.00



## Jinkang Tea Culture Street

Between the fourth and fifth stops east of Bei Da Jie

*You’ll know it when you see the umbrellas.*

*East of Qing Gong, but not quite to the Wan Shou Lu subway stop lies the Jinkang Tea Culture Street. It begins with a traditional gate and runs south from the main road. A canopy of umbrellas turns the street into a covered walkway of sorts, lined with numerous teashops.*

*The teashops are hard to distinguish from one another. Rather than focus on a single type of tea, most of the shops offer an assortment of all the colors – from Puer to Hong Cha – and most offer the traditional “taste before you buy” service.*

*Jinkang is a must for serious tea shoppers. If you’re looking for a specific kind of Chinese tea, brewed in a specific region or made famous by a certain Chinese historical figure, the shops on or near to Jinkang are your best bet. Beware of the caffeine overdose if you visit more than one shop. Those little cups of tea add up!*



# East Bus Station

## Final stop on Line One East

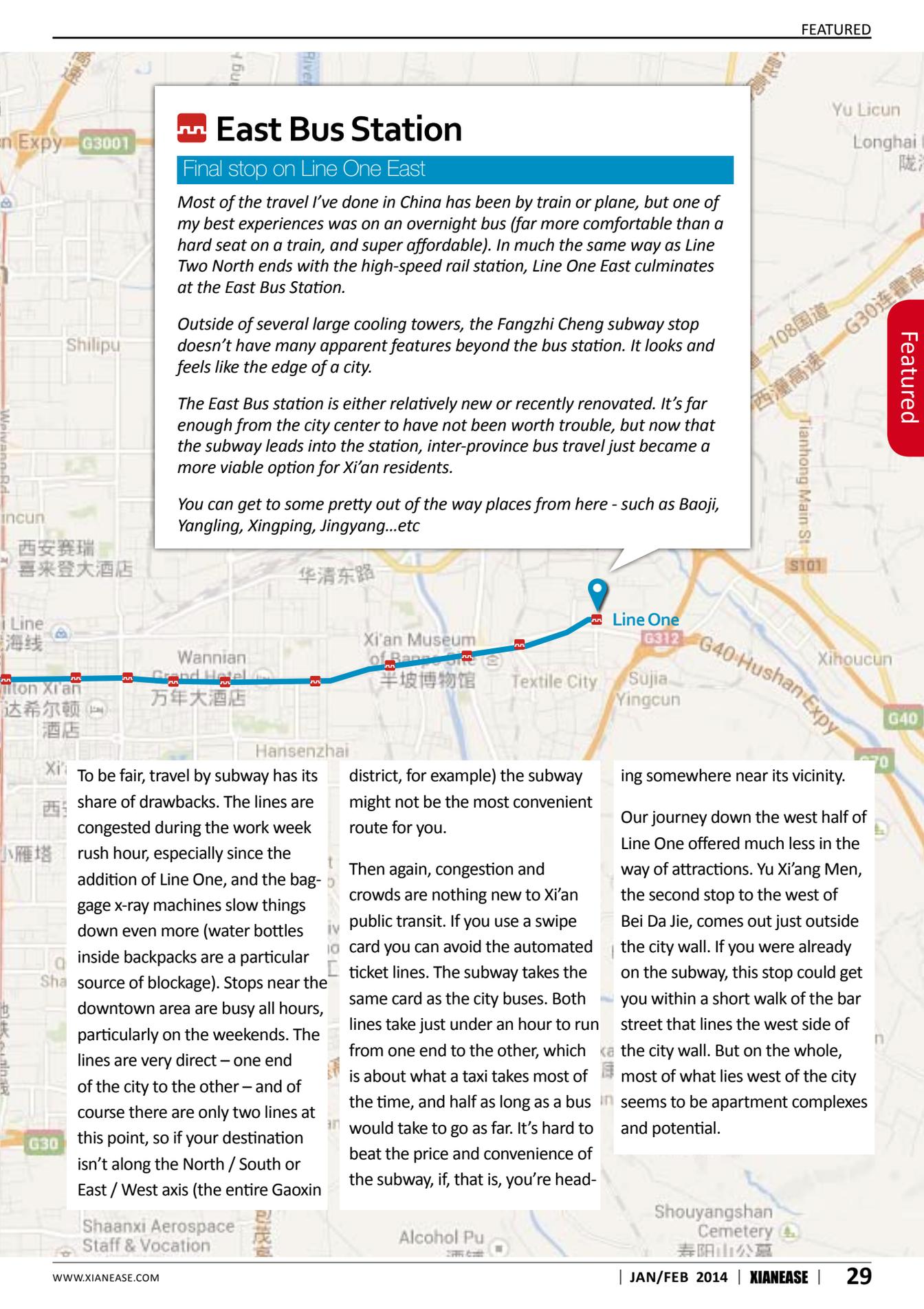
*Most of the travel I've done in China has been by train or plane, but one of my best experiences was on an overnight bus (far more comfortable than a hard seat on a train, and super affordable). In much the same way as Line Two North ends with the high-speed rail station, Line One East culminates at the East Bus Station.*

*Outside of several large cooling towers, the Fangzhi Cheng subway stop doesn't have many apparent features beyond the bus station. It looks and feels like the edge of a city.*

*The East Bus station is either relatively new or recently renovated. It's far enough from the city center to have not been worth trouble, but now that the subway leads into the station, inter-province bus travel just became a more viable option for Xi'an residents.*

*You can get to some pretty out of the way places from here - such as Baoji, Yangling, Xingping, Jingyang...etc*

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To be fair, travel by subway has its share of drawbacks. The lines are congested during the work week rush hour, especially since the addition of Line One, and the baggage x-ray machines slow things down even more (water bottles inside backpacks are a particular source of blockage). Stops near the downtown area are busy all hours, particularly on the weekends. The lines are very direct – one end of the city to the other – and of course there are only two lines at this point, so if your destination isn't along the North / South or East / West axis (the entire Gaoxin

district, for example) the subway might not be the most convenient route for you.

Then again, congestion and crowds are nothing new to Xi'an public transit. If you use a swipe card you can avoid the automated ticket lines. The subway takes the same card as the city buses. Both lines take just under an hour to run from one end to the other, which is about what a taxi takes most of the time, and half as long as a bus would take to go as far. It's hard to beat the price and convenience of the subway, if, that is, you're head-

ing somewhere near its vicinity.

Our journey down the west half of Line One offered much less in the way of attractions. Yu Xi'ang Men, the second stop to the west of Bei Da Jie, comes out just outside the city wall. If you were already on the subway, this stop could get you within a short walk of the bar street that lines the west side of the city wall. But on the whole, most of what lies west of the city seems to be apartment complexes and potential.

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## Hou Wei Zhai

Final stop on Line One West

*Besides a very nice-looking apartment complex in the works, and a street vendor with impressive mounds of raisins and nuts piled on mats outside the subway station, the final stop on Line One West might as well have been the middle of nowhere.*

*A line of school children signaled the presence of a middle school somewhere nearby. In the distance, before the soon-to-set sun, a line of tall buildings faded into the pollution, more like a mirage than the presence of something further west.*

*It could be that Hou Wei Zhai has some hidden treasure we couldn't see. More than likely, it's a village in the final stages of being developed over. The new high-rises going up give this subway stop a feeling of potential, but unless you know something we don't, Hou Wei Zhai isn't quite worth the trip yet.*

## Hancheng Lu

Fifth stop west of Bei Da Jie

*We stopped off at Hancheng Lu after hearing reports of a food factory. The stop had potential, but all we found in the area around the subway stop was a little market, some pharmaceutical shops, and a line of sub-par Cai Jia Mo carts.*

*We noticed a crowd of men all standing around one man seated on a mat. The man had a small pile of corn kernels and a tiny bowl that he used to shift the corn around and then cover it up. From what we could tell, the man would then take bets (presumably on how many kernels of corn his bowl concealed) from the surrounding bystanders. The chorus of gamblers was spirited, though not distractingly loud. A steady stream of men kept handing over 100 yuan bills to the man with the corn. One gambler in particular dropped 500 yuan in the two minutes we stood to watch, waiting for his luck to change as the man with the corn saw his handful of money swell.*

*The man, with his corn and his giant wad of red cash, was by far the most interesting thing we saw at Hancheng Lu.*



I've heard that the urban planners and city officials have set out to create a new city between Xi'an and Xianyang (dubbing it "Xi Xi'an"). I'm not sure how far into the future this plans extends, but my guess is that Line One West and its series of brand new apartment complexes is one of the first steps of the plan.

When the subway first opened, I took my then three-year-old daughter out to a park one afternoon. Unbeknownst to me, a photographer

snagged a photo of us paparazzi style, and submitted it to a Chinese magazine. The magazine ran the picture as part of a larger story, including an entire fabrication of my identity: claiming I was a stay-at-home Dad from the UK who raised my daughter while my wife went to work. I never would have known about it, but one of my students at the time happened to read the magazine, see my picture, and bring the magazine to class one day. She

translated the article for me and we both had a laugh about it.

That story is hilarious to me for a number of reasons, and even though none of the facts are correct, it is true that my family and I use the subway a lot. The subway is our avenue to the rest of the city. I was excited about Line One, and as new lines spread into further corners of Xi'an, I look forward to what that might mean for us.



*The city of Xi'an has a total of six subway lines planned for the future, including a loop around downtown and a line that runs to the airport. Of course, some of those plans are for the not-so-immediate future, and if you've lived in Xi'an long enough, you know to take those kinds of plans with a grain of salt. Lines three and four are currently under construction, with projected completion dates of January, 2014 for Line Three, and October, 2015 for Line Four.*

So when you're stuck in traffic, or your bus gets rerouted due to construction, take heart. All that construction speaks to the promise of a new way forward.

I hope you'll take advantage of the holiday to get out and explore the city. There's always a new sight to see, a new lesson to learn. Maybe your picture will end up in a Chinese women's magazine. Or maybe you'll have an adventure, and discover you feel just a bit more at home here than you did the day before.

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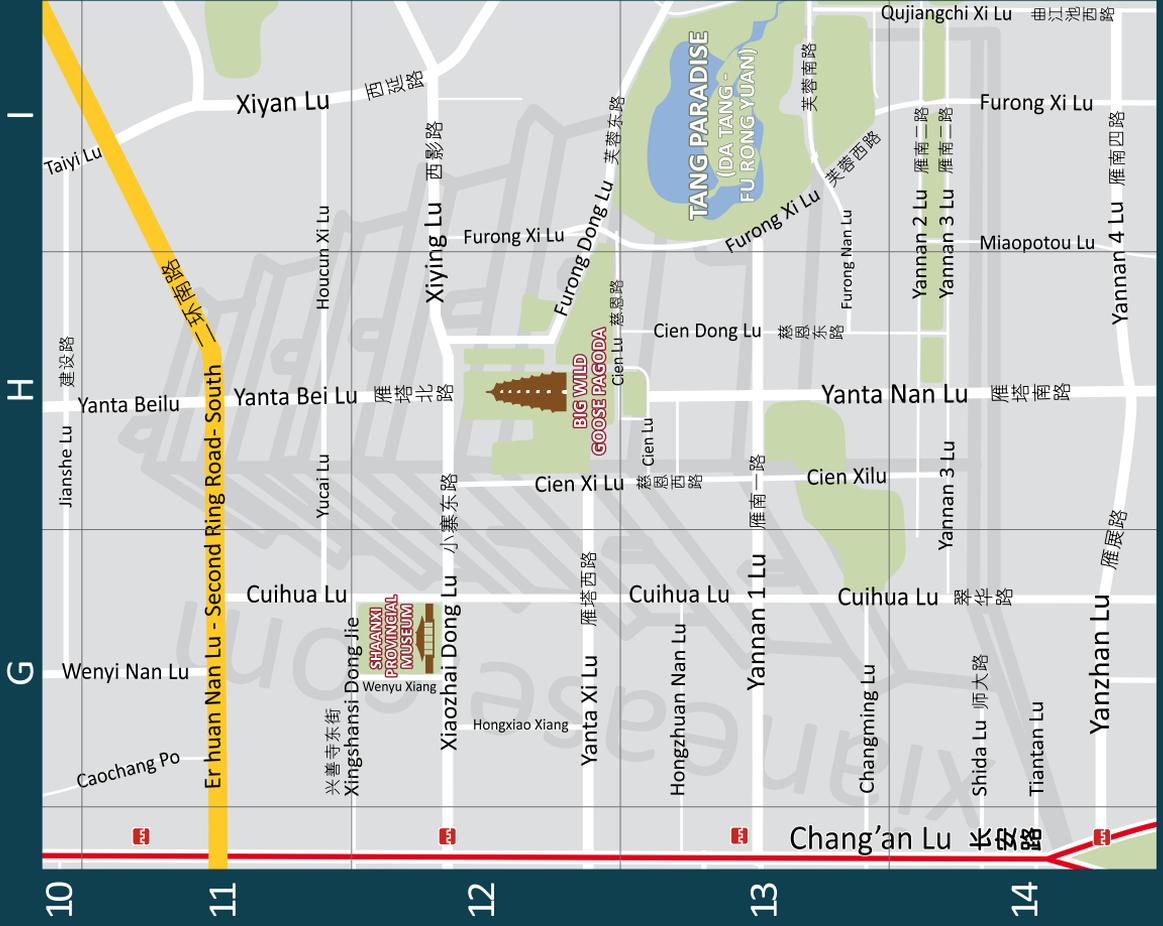
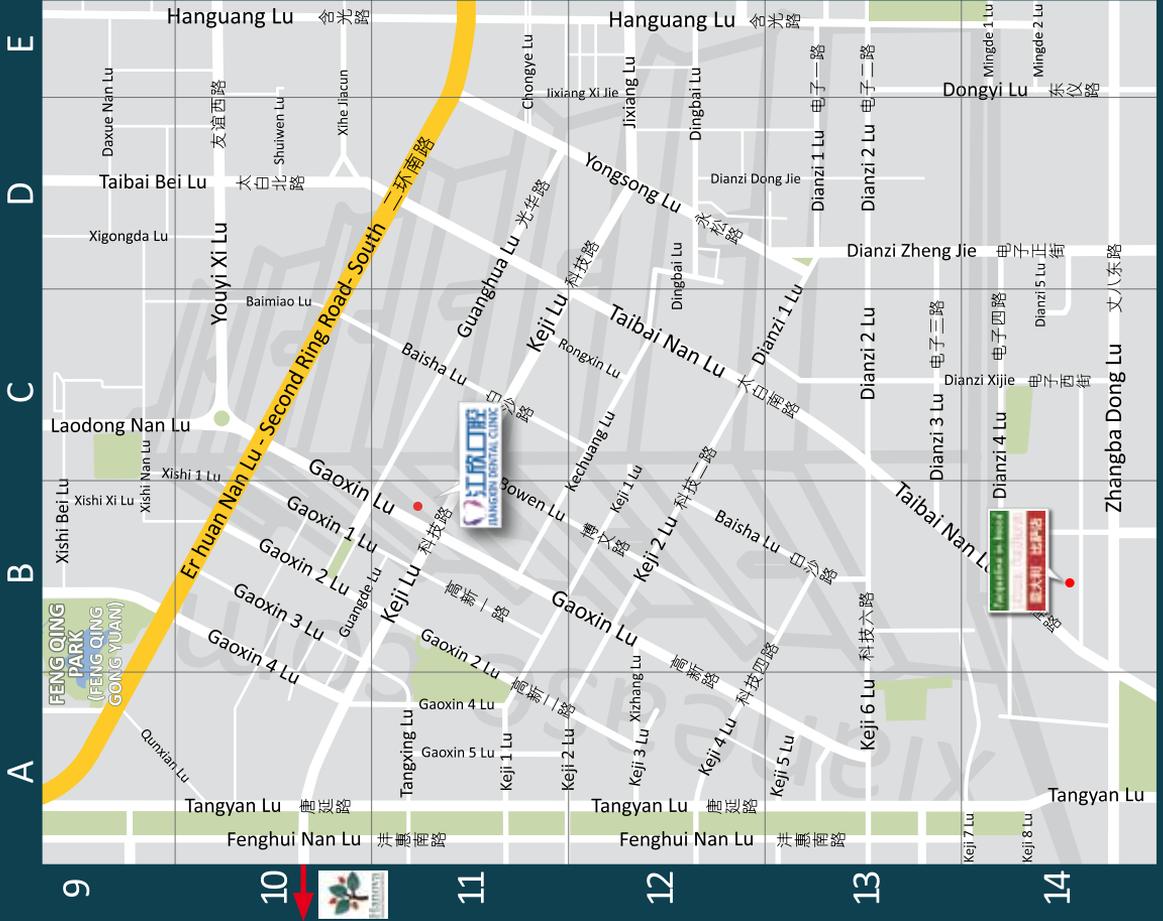




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# XI'AN TOP 5

## SKI RESORTS



January and February is all about cold weather and **MORE** cold weather that isn't going anywhere anytime soon, so take some advice from the eminent philosopher Yosemite Sam, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em" and get out there and revel in the cold Xi'an days. We have come up with 5 of the best ski hills in the area, some are closer to the city than others but that doesn't necessarily mean better. Overall a good thing to keep in mind is that when it comes to skiing in Shaanxi province it's more about the adventure of the trip than it is about perfect powder and ski bunnies.

Top 5



### 1 Bai Lu Yuan Ski (白鹿原滑雪场)

Ski resort offers night skiing and is almost right in the city...which means it's packed on the weekends and holidays!

**Open Until:** February 28th

**Hours:** 8:30 am - 11:00 pm

**Address/地址:**

86#, Shui an Lu, Ba qiao qu - Close to Si Yuan College  
(灞桥区水安路86号 - 近白鹿原思源学院)

**Tel:** 029 - 82615133 or 82615366

**Bus:** 240 from the train station or bus 910 from Nan Men to Xi'an Aviation Tourism College, after getting off walk about 200 meters.



**Price:**

	Weekdays	Weekends
Day time	100 rmb / 1 Hour	150 rmb / 1 Hour
	150 rmb / 2 Hour	225 rmb / 2 Hour
	188 rmb / 3 Hour	275 rmb / 3 Hour
	225 rmb / 4 Hour	340 rmb / 4 Hour
	320 rmb / No time limit	360 rmb / No time limit
Night time	90 rmb / 2 Hour	90 rmb / 2 Hour
	125 rmb / No time limit	125 rmb / No time limit



## 2 Han Zhong Zi Bai Mountain Ski (汉中紫柏山滑雪场)

Zi bai shan International Ski Camp is the newest ski area this year. It is located in the village of Liuhou Liuba about 40 km outside Xi'an, and 120 km from Hanzhong.



**Open Until:** February 28th

**Hours:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Address/地址:**

Ying pan cun - Liu Hou Town - Liu ba Village  
(留坝县留侯镇营盘村红水河组)

**Tel:** 186 9164 5045

**Bus:** From the Xi'an train station take the K1363 train to Lueyang, once there – the station will have taxis that will take you to Red River Zibaishan International Ski Resort.

### Price:

Ticket for Entry	20 RMB/person
Weekdays	Holidays
80 rmb /1 Hour	100 rmb /1 Hour
150 rmb /2 Hour	180 rmb /2 Hour
210 rmb /3 Hour	240 rmb /3 Hour
240 rmb /4 Hour	280 rmb /4 Hour
360 rmb /No time limit	400 rmb /No time limit



\*This is not Xi'an



## 3 Cui Hua Mountain Ski (翠华山滑雪场)

Cui Hua Mountain Ski is at an altitude of 1200 meters, with one of the longest runs in the province it is also one of the largest facilities.

**Open Until:** February 28th

**Hours:** 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

**Address/地址:**

Chang an Tai Yi Gong Cui hua Mountain  
( 西安市长安太乙宫翠华山 )

**Tel:** 029 – 85411178

**Bus:** 905 from the Xi'an International Exhibition Center to Cui Hua Mountain or the Daily bus from the Provincial Stadium East Gate as 8:30am (tickets 30 rmb / person) – the bus returns at 3:30pm. Book by 5:30pm the day prior.



**Price:**

Weekdays	Weekends
80 rmb /1 Hour	100 rmb /1 Hour
140 rmb /2 Hour	180 rmb /2 Hour
180 rmb /3 Hour	220 rmb /3 Hour
220 rmb /4 Hour	280 rmb /4 Hour
300 rmb /No time limit	380 rmb /No time limit



\*This is not Xi'an



## 4 Fengyu Ski (沔峪高山滑雪场)

Two slopes the main one being about 300m long, it's a larger hill that can handle about 500 skiers.

**Open Until:** February 28th      **Hours:** 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Price:** 145 rmb regularly ,or 165 rmb during Spring Festival

**Address/地址:**

Qing gang shu cun, Wei ziping, Chang an qu  
(西安市长安区喂子坪青岗树村)

**Tel:** 029 - 87628283

**Bus:** From the Western bus station take bus no.921 to Fengyu Kou, than transfer to a smaller bus to Feng Yu Zhuang Yuan.



## 5 Yu Hua Gong Ski (玉华宫滑雪场)

Yu hua gong skiing, ice skating and Ice World Tour is the Northwest's largest winter sports area.

**Open Until:** February 28th      **Hours:** 8:30am – 6:00pm

**Price:** To get into Yu Hua Gong Tickets are 70RMB, to ski it is 80RMB per hour, on the weekends it's 100RMB per hour

**Address/地址:**

Yu hua cun,yu hua town, The Northwest of Tong chuan City  
(铜川市西北郊玉华镇玉华村)

**Tel:** 0919 - 7586113

**Bus:** From the Xi'an Northern Bus Station 城北客运站 get on the Tongchuan bus (first bus is at 7am) to Tongchuan Bus Station, this will cost you about 30 rmb and take an hour and a half. Once you get to the Tongchuan Bus station (the last stop) grab a special route bus to Yu Hua Gong (玉华宫) for about 13 rmb and take another 90 minutes to get you to the hill. To get home just do it in reverse...but beware the last Tongchuan – Xi'an bus is at 5pm!



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# Traditional Chill-out

Article by *Deborah Howard*

If you've been reading these columns for a while, you might have noticed I quite often mention tea. And really, it is China – tea and China are pretty synonymous. So from being a gallon a day coffee drinker – black and strong, thanks – I morphed almost overnight into a tea fiend. The free tea at almost every meal helped (although why isn't tea served for breakfast??) and then I was introduced to the tea shops, and from there the tea markets and that was the end of me. Those people intrepid enough to travel with me know that if I see a tea market anywhere, they are in for a long wait a nice sit down and a cup or two while I range through all of the different teas. Everyone respects the process of wine tasting, well tea tasting is exactly the same – without ending up being unable to walk at the end of the day!!

Along with the tea tasting and buying, and collecting tea 'stuff' I started reading about tea, looking for the history of

tea around the world and learning as much as I could. I was taught a baby beginner form of the Japanese tea ceremony by a tea professor in Japan, sat watching open-mouthed at tea masters who can pour tea from a metre long spout backwards and not spill a drop in Yunnan, and tried to emulate the elegance of the tea servers in up-market tea houses. (I failed!)

I was fascinated with the directions for making tea in some of the old books. Water from the exact middle of a particular stream was to be collected just before dawn to make the perfect cup. Tea was meant to be sipped slowly and thoughtfully, accompanied by the genteel arts of writing poetry and music. Tea was a metaphor for life and its changes for each iteration of water addition were clear indications of how our lives would be played out. The stories of the tea culture were stories about 'old' China, and brought some of that into my life in a busy, ever-changing



modern city.

So you can imagine my delight when, at the beginning of the year, a tea market opened up not 500 metres from my place as the crow flies. The 2 floors of tea shops soon became used to the laowai popping in on a regular basis to stock up on favourites, or try new tastes. They took my number and began to call me when something interesting was happening, like a tea festival or new stock in. I thought my tea cup runneth over, but... the best was yet to come.

This week, just outside the back gate of the university where I live, not even 300 metres as a really fast crow flies, a beautiful, traditional tea house opened. A tiny stair well leads to a beautifully decorated space, with gentle Buddhist music playing softly, fish swimming in a pool, the guqing just waiting to be played, calligraphy brushes and paper for practice, and Chinese chess and Go set up at tables.

Tea mistresses (can I call them mistresses??) greet you and let you decide where to sit – in the private rooms with cushioned chairs, or Japanese style seating on the floor, or on carved wooden stools around beautifully carved tree root tables. A list of teas appears, and you are invited to choose snacks to eat with your tea. Once you choose your tea then the tea lady (is that better?) brings it to you, sitting gracefully at your table and demonstrates the elegant perfection of the Chinese cha dao or tea way.

After this first demonstration, she will leave you in peace, only returning to add more water to your kettle. A perfect place for reading, writing, marking papers, or having relaxed chats with friends, this traditional tea house has free wi-fi and isn't filled with middle school students figuring that coffee shops are THE place to be.

Part of the service is you can buy your own tea and leave it on the premises, and when next you need some quiet chill-out time, your tea will appear and the prices are discounted, and the whole venture becomes a very cheap easy way to spend an afternoon. For the next few weeks, this will be my escape from the maddening crowd.

The HuaiSu Tea House (怀素茶坊) promises simplicity, tranquillity and tradition. It's situated close to the south-east gate of Xidian University on Guanghua Lu. Ph 88272183.



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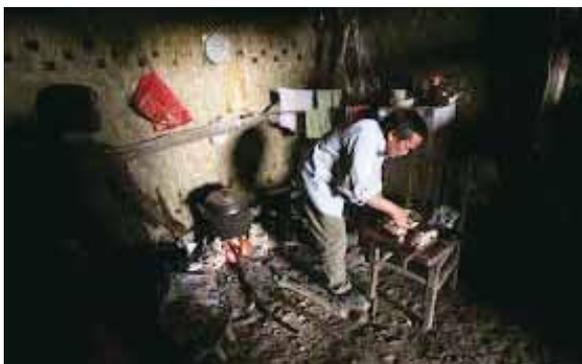




# AT HOME IN CHINA 在中国的家

A DOG, TWO CATS  
AND A PUSHY WHITE CHICKEN.

Article by *Carolyn*



It occurs to me that I've never told you the story about when we moved into our rural Miao village. It begins on a train in Guizhou when our daughter Li Chen befriended a film director who was in the area looking for a location. We booked into the same hotel in Kaili and visited a number of Miao villages with him over the weekend before he returned to Beijing. A couple of days later he called to say some people from the media were on their way to see us. "I've told them you want to live in a village and they're going to help you," he said. Within moments the director of the local television station, the head of the Guizhou province education department, one interpreter, two journalists and a cameraman were sitting in our hotel room.

They were back the next morning at 9 o'clock with a mini bus. "I never go to the countryside," the interpreter whispered to me as we drove out of town, "when I'm not working I stay at home and watch television." "I haven't had a television for 18 years," I whispered back.

Twisting beside a river we wove through a landscape of conical hills and terraced rice paddies where water buffaloes ambled along followed by men guiding archaic wooden ploughs. Driving across a bridge with a fluted tile roof, the road curled steeply round a hill then ended abruptly in a small cobbled square. We were greeted by a group of local officials and taken directly into a meeting. They discussed our aims and our background and told us what the village could offer. We'd feared bureaucratic complications but none arose. Even our concerns about language were quelled; lessons in the village school were taught in Mandarin which most of the villagers also spoke, along with the Miao language and the local dialect. We moved swiftly onto the matter of accommodation.

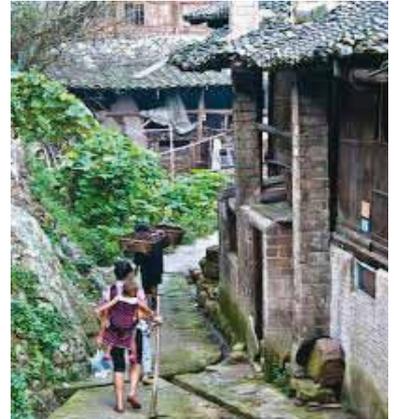
While the cameraman filmed and the reporters took notes, 15 of us filed out of the office down the cobbled street and into a new pine lodge at the foot of the village. "We were really hoping to rent an older building or even share with a family," said Cassian. His comment was translated and the group shuffled uncomfortably. "This is the only building in the village with a shower," mumbled the interpreter. "A shower is not essential, if other people manage without one so can we," I replied blithely. Heads nodded, there was a brief discussion and we trotted back along the cobbled path, down a flight of steps, past a fish pond and onto the courtyard of just the kind of place we'd had in mind. A dog barked and cats and chickens scattered as we trooped up. A short man with

a big belly and a dimpled smile came hurrying out followed by a thin woman with a pink carnation in her hair. They invited us to look around. We entered a dark, stone floored kitchen; two great woks were set into a counter above a fireplace, vegetables lay in a pile on the floor, crockery was stacked in a card board box and a low table surrounded by stools sat in the centre of the room. There was no sink. The main room was more promising with a 4 meter long balcony with a view of the valley and the hills. There were a number of bedrooms on the second floor but what appealed most was the rickety two-story pagoda-like structure on the side of the building. Cassian was confident he could make it weatherproof and Mr Pan and his wife Wan said they'd bag up their rice and store it elsewhere. They proposed a rent, including meals, of 300 Yuan per month and everyone started to smile.

The following night we watched ourselves on the 9 o'clock news and the morning after we moved in. Both the village and the landscape were so picturesque we felt like we'd arrived on a classical Chinese film set only no one was acting and we were part of the scene.

Li Chen was now free to roam and Cassian started happily sawing wood again. But Wan's hygiene procedures alarmed me and my digestion did not adapt readily to the quantities of pig fat we were expected to eat. The dog, the two cats and the pushy white chicken who milled round our feet at meal-times did better than usual. Then the newspaper articles started coming out. We took a bus to the next village and people came running up to us in the street. Chinese tour groups began to include us on their itinerary. The English couple and their adopted Chinese daughter who lived in a Miao village; we were an enigma. I was washing my hair one morning and looked

up to see 20 cameras pointing at me from the other side of the fish pond. One reporter flew in from Shanghai, two from Taiwan. We were treated like celebrities and deluged with presents; most of them sweet and unsuitable including a baby black rabbit who was the cause of much concern. The media said we were going to stay two years but in those first few days it seemed unlikely we'd last two weeks.



If you have any questions or comments you can reach Carolyn at [carolyn@xianese.com](mailto:carolyn@xianese.com)

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## CHRISTMAS WIZARD OF OZ SHOW

In December, Hanova's staff and students produced and performed a winter drama production, "A Christmas Wizard of Oz." The show was a lovely atmosphere and event - full of humour, fun and songs and which got great response from the audience. The show followed the basic plot of the classic Wizard of Oz, but with quite a few humorous and holiday-related twists!



The performance highlighted appearances by a tall snowman, living Christmas trees, Santa Clause and a large group of elfins, a tin soldier and a big, cowardly toy lion. The students did fantastically well to produce 4 performances in a week! The very hard work that the students, the staff and many of our parents had put into the production was clear. It was lovely to see so many students and the audiences enjoying so many special moments!

## TYPHOON HAIYAN FUNDRAISING

Hanova Student Council would like to sincerely thank the Hanova community for contributing to our fundraising drive to assist victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Through projects such as Movember, Learner Profile Week, and donations made during our production of "A Christmas Wizard of Oz", the final amount that will be sent to UNICEF on December 19th comes to a grand total of 7393 RMB. We are pleased with the generosity displayed by Hanova students and parents. Thank you all!



# ORIGAMI

Article by **Simon Hagemann** - XIS Student



Origami can be used to make many different objects. It is a hobby to many people around the world. You can create almost anything with just a piece of paper. You can literally make anything you see in your daily life through origami.

A lot of people do origami as a hobby, me included. For me personally, origami somehow eases my mind. People might think that making an origami crane is really easy. The truth is, trying to make an origami crane perfectly is not an easy process. To make it perfect, you must make sure that the paper you are using is the correct size, that every fold you make is done exactly right, and that the color on each side of the paper will create the most beautiful origami crane at the end. When you try to make something perfect, like an origami crane, it can take you up to half an hour or even an hour to finish just one piece.

Origami is limitless. Origami can be done with basically all sizes of papers and the best part is that if the paper isn't the appropriate size, you can always cut it to the right size. Another great thing about origami is that it is portable and that you can pause what you have completed and continue later on. Origami is easy to carry around and most of them you can fold it to make it flat when you are carrying it around to conserve space. You can always come back later to finish what you have started.

If you commit your time origami, you can even make the entire city of Xi'an with as much detail as possible and show it off to your friends and family. If you want to be more romantic, you can make a beautiful rose for someone you love. There are many different types of flowers you can make with rose being one of the most common and one of the trickiest origami flowers you can make. If you want to be a ninja, you can make a star shuriken, a small sharp weapon that is usually thrown at targets, which can be thrown a great distance with a decent accuracy if you know how to throw it. Want to write a letter but don't have any envelopes to put your letter in? There is a simple, yet fancy look-

ing envelope that you can make by using an A4 paper.

I highly recommend you to do origami, especially if you have a lot of free time, but even if you don't have much free time, origami can still be a good friend to you. There are many books and websites that gives you a step by step guide with pictures on how to make things. A great site that has a picture for every fold is [www.origami-fun.com](http://www.origami-fun.com) Origami paper is usually sold in every store that sells writing tools and in every Ren Ren Le.



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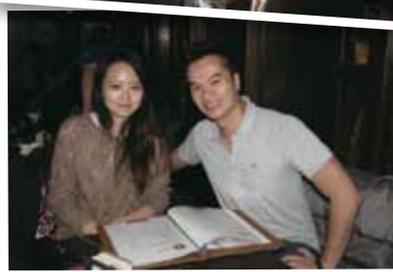
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# PUB QUIZ



December's pub quiz was a great one with some great questions by Trivia Master Phil. Even with three HUGE teams the team **Ningbo Nick** with only 5 people won with 19 out of 25. Don't be a bump on a log head on out to the Belgian Bar in January and see if you have what it takes!  
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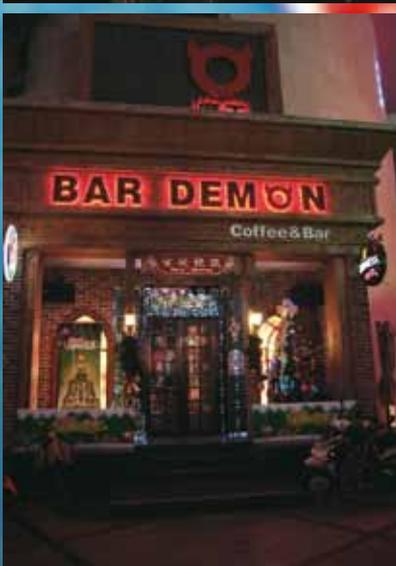






# KING OR QUEEN OF THE TABLE POOL TOURNAMENT

December's Pool Tournament was well attended with lots of good players and some exciting matches. This month a new king was crowned running the brackets and staying on top through it all! It's the third Wednesday of every month at Demon bar so come on out and see if you can take the crown!

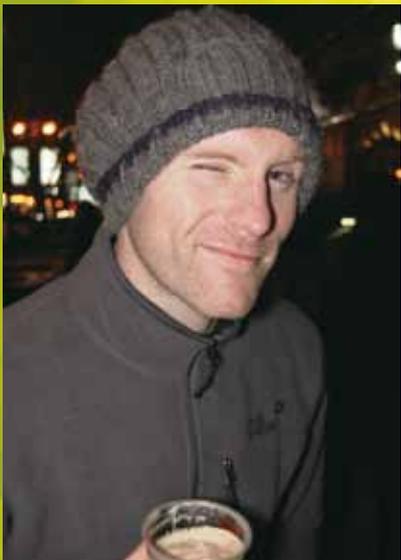


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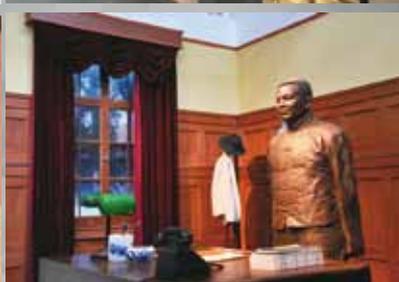
Our school Principals delivered New Year speeches. The ceremony was participated by some of our foreign friends with their best wishes. The programs organised by the students association has gained a high appraisal from participants. Our new music teacher, director in Hungary Royal Opera House Performance Department, has showed a wonderful opera performance during the concert. Parents Association provided delicious home-made snacks. Every student was excited after they had their Christmas gifts.



# DAHUA FAMILY DAY



The newest and one of the most unique cultural sites in Xi'an has finally opened its doors but before the official party they let a bunch of us in through the side door to show us around the museum and the grounds, all the while stuffing us with SIT cheese cake and coffee. In other words it was a great day for everyone who attended!





# MEXICO DART TOURNAMENT



The first time that there has been a dart competition in Xi'an was a small gathering but brought some pretty good players out. You don't have to be good player to possibly win so come on out to Mexico the first Tuesday of the month and give it a try!



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**Vegetarian**

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书院门

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#### 强制性批注:

**葡萄酒地理标志 (GI)**。它们把AOC/AOVDQS重组为AOP。指定区域的名称必须与特定的传统名称一起出现。因此,对于法国来说,这个名称叫做“法定产区称谓控制”或“称谓控制”。称谓名称可进行特指,譬如“加雅克”。但是欧洲法规重新硬性规定了在单词“称谓”和“控制”之间的名称标识。除了香槟葡萄酒可以用唯一指定的产区名在市场上销售,被命名为香槟譬如。

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# HOW TO IDENTIFY REAL WINE

Article by *windculture*

Around Xi'an there has always been the fear of fake wine and I've had quite a few people ask me how to tell the difference between real and fake wine. Besides the taste of course.

Let me show you the legal information that should be found on every bottle of wine.

## **Wines with geographical indication (GI) -**

They reorganized the AOC / AOVDQS into AOP. The name of the specified region must appear together with the specific traditional mention. So, in France there is the mention of AOC or Appellation Controlled. The name of the appellation may appear, for example, Gaillac. However, European regulations require mentioning again the name between the words "name" and "controlled". Except that champagnes can be marketed only with the name of the specified region as in Champagne.

## **Wines with protected geographical indication (PGI)-**

The label must have the brand name, the vintage year, appellation "Vin de France", the grape and the IG.

All Wines need to have the following on the back label;

- The indication of the alcohol content.
- Net content of the bottle - stated in liters, centiliters or milliliters.
- Reference contains sulfites or contains sulfur dioxide. A small

reminder! This annotation involves only the wine which has a total SO<sub>2</sub> content more than 10 mg / l.

- Residual milk and eggs. The indication of residual milk and eggs is required if residues are found in the final product, in a detection limit of 0.25mg / l.
- Pictogram or health message for pregnant women. "The consumption of alcoholic drinks during pregnancy, even in small quantities, can have serious consequences for the health of the child".
- Name, name of the bottler and the address or postcode of his principal place of business.
- Identification number of the Lot. It is an obligatory to mention imposed under a directive on indications or marks identifying the lot which the foodstuff belongs to.
- The country name of the producer with several formulations: Product of France, French Product, or Vin de France.



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seen making one random life decision after another all through college. She was unfocused and unguided, following the whims of a young, untamed heart. The recipe for disaster. Finally, after expressing these things to her, she calmed down enough to hear me out, trusting that after three or four years of friendship I wasn't just insulting her or grossly underestimating her out of ignorance. I was serious and I was using this opportunity to get a very important point across...If you don't know what you want from this world, this world takes what it wants from you, and it doesn't care what you're left with. After some time, and cooling down a bit, she understood, and even forgave my less-than-delicate approach.

A couple years later, I find myself in Xi'an, China, a rapidly 'capitalizing' city with new and astounding developments each year. I help a rapidly growing English school in a small county town outside Xi'an. As if to prove I had been right, a new teacher recently came to try out our growing school, and had quite a tale to tell. This guy had traveled China hoping to find work with which to support his family back home as well as feel he had really made a difference in some students' lives. But one after another, teaching organizations failed to meet his hopes, until he found himself in league with a couple businessmen who sought to open a school and advertise it via having a foreign teacher. When asked what he wanted out of the job, he said he wasn't sure, he just wanted to teach. Sounds pretty well-meaning, right? Well, this fair-hearted soul winds up pouring his salary for his entire first year into a new school that he was basically left in charge of building from scratch, a nearly insurmountable goal for most any foreigner in China. In the end, one of the partners, their local contact, backed out and walked away, leaving the school to slowly decay and close down. My friend was scarred for life. He'd put everything he had for the past year into this fledgling school, loved the students, trained the teachers, and organized the curriculum. And in the end, he was left with nothing to show for it.

On the other hand, the owner of the school where I now work is an amazing man, has a good head on his shoulders, and is full of dreams and aspirations, all well-inspired. He is focused and passionate. But even he hit some bumps. This past summer was especially



# FOCUS OR FAILURE

Article by *Benjiman Grutner*

My senior year of college in America, I was sitting in my favorite tiny bar with my usual "corona-no-lime" during one of the senior-nights in our small college town. A very close friend of mine, let's call her K, (my housemate since sophomore year) tossed her coat into the booth across the table from me and sat down. She looked right at me with a perplexed and thoughtful look. She had my attention. Then she shared with me the experience that had been afflicting her. "So, last weekend I was in Chicago visiting my mom, and she took me to a fortune teller." If you knew how I feel about fortune telling, you could probably predict the 'uh-oh' that slipped out of my mouth at that moment. "Well, she asked the fortune teller to tell me my future, and she said—seriously—that I would end up with several kids by different guys!" I immediately looked away. "Can you believe that?" She threw her head back and took a swig from her cheap draft.

"Actually..." she looked back at me more in surprise, "I can believe it." She looked at me a moment, perhaps expecting some sort of 'ha-ha, just kidding,' but I gave her nothing.

She grabbed her coat without looking at me, saying she didn't really feel like drinking anymore tonight. Can't blame her. After chasing her to the bar and holding her attention while she was waiting to pay her tab, I explained; K didn't really know what she wanted. She didn't have a plan. She was an art student who I'd

hard on him. With a growing family working and living Beijing, and a ten-year-old school not making much progress outside Xi'an, he was at a crossroads this year. He wasn't sure what he wanted, and it ate at him. Night after night he was kept awake and worrying, wearing down his emotional stability, his spirit. Of course, at this time I had also arrived in Xi'an and was actively contributing to the school and the community. Because I had just arrived, he'd determined, finally, to give the school one more year and see what we could do. If we made no progress, he'd give it up and move on.

That summer I hosted a volunteer program through AIESEC, the largest student run organization around, and together with about 30 volunteers, half foreign half Chinese, we gave a free English training summer camp to the students of our school. In this program, we all communicated with English, had team meetings everyday to play team building games and perform exercises that helped us empathize with a student who speaks a different language than his/her teacher(s). The Camp was hugely successful, and concluded with a grand dance party one evening at HeYang's humble park and water fountain. It seemed the entire town came to see the foreigners dancing and singing in their unique and exotic ways. Each class of students also performed their own song and dance that night, as well as a fairytale play the next day. The community was forever changed. Its people still talk about that huge group of crazy foreigners who raided the fountain-park, and we keep the Weinan newspapers with our story on the cover from that week to remind us of what started the change.

To make a long story short, since the summer, our school nearly quadrupled in size and has opened a new, second campus with plans for a third by next summer. Before his eyes, my boss watched his dream begin to materialize. And as we speak, a story for the ages is unfolding just outside Xi'an. All because a couple guys shared a vision, pursued a righteous cause, and determined to stick to it.

Those of you coming to Xi'an for the first time, know this; it's a place where success rewards the faithful and the focused. But make no mistake, I've seen both sides of the coin. Just like any other place in this world, if you come here not knowing what you want from or for Xi'an, it will gobble you up, chew you down to nothing, and spit you back out into the world at large. It's a tough lesson, and the city is a strict professor. Seek a righteous dream. Stay focused. Fight hard. Do these things and I promise, Xi'an won't let you down.

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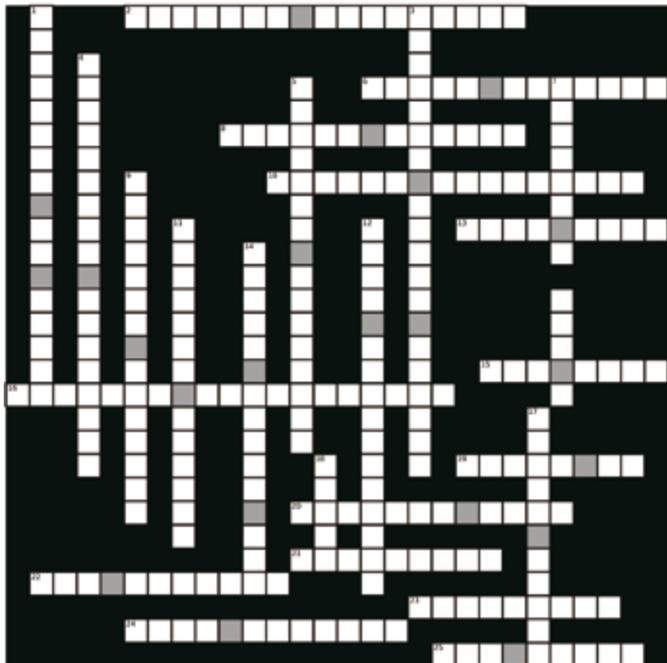
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# DECEMBER

## Pub Quiz Questions



December's pub quiz was a great one with some great questions but Trivia Master Phil. Even with three HUGE teams the team **Ningbo Nick** with only 5 people won with 19 out of 25...the dates for the next two months are right there so make time and come on out and see if you have what it takes to win 3 Liters of Delicious Belgian Beer.

Want the answers? Head over to [www.xianease.com/trivia](http://www.xianease.com/trivia) for this month's answers

### Across

2. When asked about his surprisingly good health, what famous politician claimed, "I drink a great deal. I sleep a little, and I smoke cigar after cigar"?
6. What New Zealand filmmaker directed The Lord of the Rings and Hobbit films?
8. Who did Time Magazine name 'Man of the Year' in 1938?
10. What heavyweight boxing champion is also a member of the Ukrainian Parliament?
13. What fashion designer designed uniforms for the Nazi SS and Hitler Youth, among others?
15. What famous Spartan king led the allied Greek forces at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480BCE?
16. Who did Anne Hathaway marry in 1582?
19. What actor, director, and puppeteer voiced Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, Cookie Monster, and Grover?
20. Arnold Schwarzenegger's line in Conan the Barbarian about what is best in life, "Crush your enemies, see them driven before you, and hear the lamentations of their women", is a paraphrased quote from which, real life conqueror?
21. Born in Halicarnassus in the fifth century BCE, what Greek historian is known as the Father of History?
22. What Russian-born Mongolian was the first Asian to win an Academy Award for acting?
23. What Star Wars character was played by English actor Peter Mayhew?
24. Who was the first man in space?
25. Who wrote, 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?

### Down

1. Which artist painted the Mona Lisa?
3. What 17th century Welsh pirate has a brand of rum named after him?
4. What famous action film star sang country music with Dolly Parton in the 1984 film, Rhinestone?
5. What famous action film star sang country music with Dolly Parton in the 1984 film, Rhinestone?
7. Richard Marin and Tommy Chong are better known by what names?
9. Who claims to have sold more books on physics than Madonna has on sex?
11. Norma Jean Mortenson, who died in 1962, was better known by which name?
12. In the 1993 film, The Nightmare Before Christmas, who is the Pumpkin King of Halloween Town?
14. What American author and poet, famous for his tales of mystery and the macabre, was kicked out of West Point for failing to attend Church?
17. What character has been played in film or television by Tim Allen, Richard Attenborough, Paul Giamatti, and William Shatner?
18. What musician wrote and performed the title song to the 2012 James Bond film, Skyfall?



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