



Jiading Temple Fair has attracted a large crowd. Going to the temple fair gains popularity among locals.

Jiading offers options to join tourist festival

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A series of activities in Jiading for Shanghai Tourism Festival started from mid-September, blending elements of the ancient and modern, speed and passion. Let's find the highlights in the festival for more fun.

Car culture

The Shanghai International Automobile City in Anting Town is famous for advanced automobile manufacturing and a strong car culture.

Shanghai International Circuit, Auto Museum and Auto Expo Park are landmarks of the place.

The "Car Culture Tour Experience Week" in Anting is a highlight of the festival.

Tourists can experience speed on the track, enjoy fun by trading from the car boot market, see antique cars in the Auto Museum or attend an auto music party.

As well, the temple fair for Taiwan products offers many specialties for visitors.

Steamed bun

The old Nanxiang Town gave birth to the famous Nanxiang steamed bun (*xiaolongbao*), a highlight in this festival.

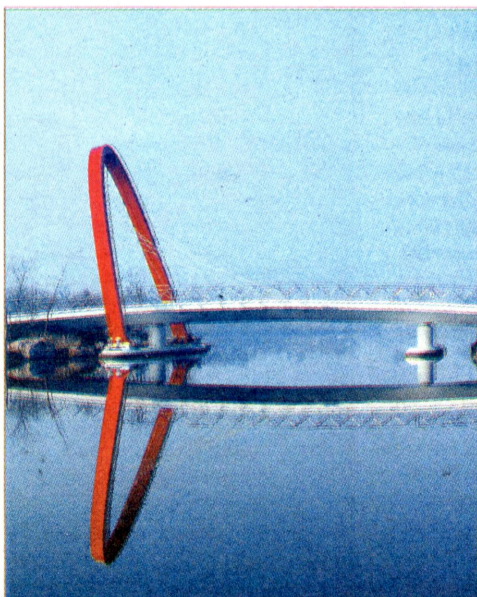
This autumn the Shanghai Nanxiang steamed bun exhibition includes various activities like photo shows and tours.

Natural scenery:

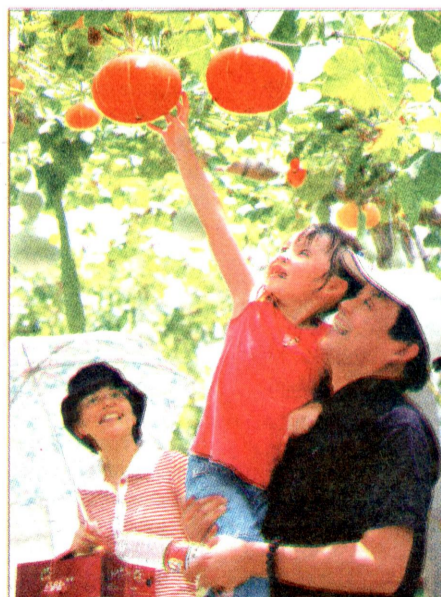
Huating Family in Maoqiao Village opens the gates to urban dwellers for a natural taste.

Family fishing competitions, pet shows and agricultural product shows are the best choices for people living in the concrete jungles.

Activities	Date	Venue
2009 Shanghai Automobile Festival	through late October	Shanghai International Automobile City
Car Culture Tour Experience Week	October 1-8	Anting Automobile City (Drive-in Cinema 6:30pm-midnight, Auto Expo Park)
Auto Culture Tour- Music Party	October 3, 12pm-6pm	Shanghai International Circuit
Automobile Wetland Crossing Challenge	October 24-25	Liudao Island, Huating Town
Shanghai Nanxiang Xiaolong Festival 2009	through October 8	Old Street, Guyi Garden
Happy Trip to Huating Family	through December	Huating Family, Maoqiao Village
Guyi Garden Tour	through October 25	Guyi Garden
The 4th Temple Fair for Taiwan Products	September 29-October 5	Shanghai Automobile Exhibition Center



Visitors can enjoy the car culture in the Auto Expo Park.



Visitors have farm fun by picking pumpkins.

Jiangqiao lamb tradition kept in good shape

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LAMB is a favorite food of Chinese for its delicious taste and rich nutrition.

In northern China, nomadic tribes often set a campfire to roast lamb, while in the south, lamb cooking is more delicate. Boiled lamb slice is a typical dish of southern China.

Jiangqiao lamb has a fame lasting over 100 years and its unique flavor and quality attracts numerous diners. Zhu Wenbin, creator of Jiangqiao lamb, opened a shop during the late Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) to sell lamb.

At that time, Jiangqiao Town was called "Home of Hu Sheep." Almost all the families raised Hu sheep and sold lamb but now only six or seven lamb shops still exist.

An expert in Shanghai claims that among them Dongming lamb restaurant is the best for Jiangqiao lamb.

Owner Zhu Dongming carries on the tradition and sustains lamb cooking skills. In addition to traditional boiled lamb slices, the shop serves many creative lamb dishes. It has grown to a capacity to serve 350 diners in its three storied premises.

Another lamb shop, A Xue, is also distinctive. The price of lamb has been rising, but A Xue sustains the price of three years ago. For regular buyers from other districts, A Xue will reimburse their transportation fees.



Owner hankered for HK desserts so opened shop

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ABOUT 40 shops scatter along the traditional Jiading Town Old Street, ranging from cafes and dessert shops to others selling jewelry and ceramics.

At the corner near Qinghe Road is a shop named "Love at the Corner." The 70-square-meter shop consists of two floors, the top one for board games and the first floor serving dessert.

Shop owner Cai Peipei, 23, studied for four years in Guangdong Province and on returning to Jiading she missed the delicious Hong Kong-styled desserts served there. So, she opened this boutique with her sister.

They serve about 100 types of desserts that are very popular among youngsters. The stewed milk bean curd is the leading favorite. Only 30 of them are made each day to ensure freshness and good taste. So make sure to come early for a try.

The wooden stairs lead to the second floor which has 12 tables offering a dozen free board games like Mikado Sael and Wood Toy's. You can order a dessert for a full day's free playing. The highlight of the second floor is the "stars and moon" pasted on the ceiling, which glitter at night.

Heading south from the shop, you can find another eye-catching store selling stones. It has various types of crystals, jade, fluorite, emerald and so on. It also sells DIY jewelry and prices range from 1 yuan to over 1,000.