



CHENGDU

Travel Guide

Restaurants · Street Food · Markets · Sights

Spicy, smoky, and endlessly fascinating — Chengdu is one of China's greatest food cities. This guide collects the best spots: from Michelin-listed noodle shops to night markets, from the birthplace of mapo tofu to giant Buddha temples.

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Where to Eat

MICHELIN · NOODLES

Zhujizhi Mianpu (Shenxianshu Branch)

竹记制面铺

Tasty noodles. Michelin Bib Gourmand-awarded — try the twice-cooked pork noodles (hui guo rou mian) or the classic pea-and-pork wontons (wan za mian). Deeply local and delicious.

Address: Wuhou Zizhu South 1st Street No.43

MICHELIN · FUSION · SAKE

Moxiaoguan

磨小馆

Chengdu's first bistro specializing in sake. The kitchen here is fusion-style and creative. Awarded a Michelin Bib Gourmand — small, unpretentious, and delicious.

Address: Wuhou Zongyuan Alley No.2

SICHUAN CLASSIC · MUST-TRY

Chenmapo Beancurd (Chunxi Direct Selling Store)

陈麻婆豆腐店

If you want to dig into proper Sichuan tofu, this is the place — where mapo tofu was invented more than 150 years ago. Silky tofu in a fiery mala sauce — a non-negotiable stop in Chengdu.

Address: Jinjiang Chengshou Street No.73



NOODLES · UNIQUE

Laochengdu Sanyang Mian (Guojielou Street Shop)

老成都三面

Here you can try the specialty — sweet, thick cold noodles. A local favourite, cheap, filling, and utterly authentic.

Address: Qingyang Guojielou Street No.46

HOTPOT · INSTAGRAMMABLE

Yushaoxia · Panda Yard Hot Pot (Chunxi Road Branch)

渝少侠·熊猫火锅

A hotpot restaurant! Famous for its adorable panda-shaped desserts and playful presentation. More about the vibe than haute cuisine — a great spot for photos and a fun group dinner.

Address: Jinjiang Beixin Street No.26



STREET FOOD · LIGHT

Dongzikou Chenshi Cold Powder

洞子口陈氏凉粉

An interesting street food spot! Simple, refreshing cold jelly noodles — the antidote to Chengdu's heat. Fast, cheap street food at its finest.

Address: Jinniu Dongzikou Fude Road No.42 (Jindi 44 Middle School Xiao)

NOODLES · LOCAL FAVOURITE

Rongrong Beida Pugaimian

蓉荣北大铺盖面

Famous for its flat noodle soup. The choice of toppings is relatively concise, but spicy and mild versions are available. Try the spicy beef with a hint of sweetness, or for a milder option, order the stewed free-range chicken loaded with shiitake aromas.

Address: 2-4 Jie Fang Lu Er Duan, Jin Niu Qu

GRILLED FISH · SPICY

Kao Jiang

烤匠

Top-notch grilled fish with intense mouth-numbing heat from Sichuan peppercorns. The most popular grilled fish chain in Chengdu — expect queues, but every minute of waiting is worth it.

Address: 9F Qunguang Plaza, No. 8 South Section of Chunxi Road, Jinjiang

CLAYPOT · HOMESTYLE

Laoxinxian Casserole

佬新鲜砂锅

Spicy, delicious Sichuan food. A beloved neighbourhood restaurant with fried rice, dumplings, and bubbling clay-pot stews at very affordable prices.

Address: Dongjiao Jiye Road No.201



Night Markets

NIGHT MARKET · STREET FOOD

Fuqin Night Market

抚琴夜市

One of Chengdu's most atmospheric night markets. Grilled skewers, stinky tofu, cold noodles, osmanthus rice wine — wander and eat everything.

Address: Fuqin area, Chengdu

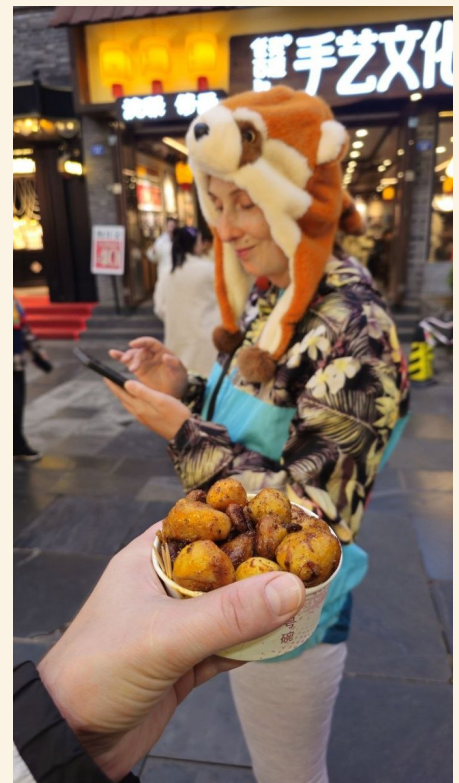
NIGHT MARKET · LOCAL

Jianshe Alley Night Market

建设巷夜市

A lively alley packed with food stalls after dark. More local and less touristy than Jinli — great for late-night snacking.

Address: Jianshe Alley, Chengdu



Sights & Experiences

NATURE · WILDLIFE

Giant Panda Base

成都大熊猫繁育研究基地

The world's best place to see giant and red pandas in a near-natural habitat. Go early (before 9am) to catch feeding time — pandas are most active in the morning.

Address: No. 1375 Xionghao Avenue, Chenghua District

**CULTURE · TEAHOUSE****People's Park & Heming Teahouse**

人民公园·鹤鸣茶社

Chengdu's beloved park and the city's oldest teahouse. Join locals for a pot of jasmine tea, ear-cleaning, and mahjong. The most relaxing afternoon in Sichuan.

Address: People's Park, Shaocheng Road

**HISTORY · FOOD STREET****Jinli Ancient Street**

锦里古街

A reconstructed Han Dynasty street lined with snack stalls, souvenir shops, and lanterns. Touristy but charming — especially magical after dark.

Address: Adjacent to Wuhou Shrine, Wuhou District



HISTORY · ATMOSPHERE

Kuanzhai Alley

宽窄巷子

The 'Wide and Narrow Alleys' — a preserved Qing-era neighbourhood of teahouses, boutiques, and street performers. One of Chengdu's most photographed spots.

Address: Qingyang District, central Chengdu



DAY TRIP · UNESCO

Leshan Giant Buddha

乐山大佛

A 71-metre stone Buddha carved into a cliff — the largest stone Buddha in the world. A 2-hour bus ride from Chengdu. Take the boat for the best view.

Address: Leshan City, ~2 hrs from Chengdu

Practical Tips

Spice: Mala spice (ma la) numbs and burns — start mild and work up.

Timing: Most noodle shops open early and close by 2pm — go for breakfast.

Transport: The metro covers most sights. Get a transit card at the airport.

Payments: Cash is useful at markets; most restaurants also accept WeChat Pay.

Pandas: Book the Panda Base online in advance — it sells out in peak season.