

# The Portman Ritz-Carlton: VIPs Head to Shanghai

Located in the heart of the city's historical past and the modern-day buzz is The Portman Ritz-Carlton, Shanghai – a contemporary world of personalized luxury built on the foundations of service excellence. Following an extensive US\$40 million transformation, guests are welcomed to 610 spacious rooms and suites with a contemporary décor enriched by touches of Asian influences.



Located on the famous Nanjing Xi Lu, the hotel offers guests convenient access to the city's finest shopping, cultural attractions and entertainment options. After a day spent sightseeing, guests can indulge in a soothing spa treatment, enjoy an exceptional meal at one of the six on-site restaurants or simply take in the skyline views from their luxurious accommodations.

Awarded "Best Hotel in Shanghai" by Institutional Investor magazine, the hotel has been recognized by Conde Nast Traveler as the "2010 Top 100 Best Hotels In The World" and the China National Tourism Administration as Shanghai's only Platinum Five-Star Award winner – the highest hospitality award in China.

The award-winning hotel has accommodated numerous presidents and head of states, including President Obama, US Secretary of States – Hillary Clinton, President Lee Myung Bak...During Obama's Shanghai visit, the security was understandably tight as it was his first time state visit in China and the trip has attracted lots of media reporting in China and all over the world. Since Obama's security contingent and staff comprised a huge number, a lot of rooms in the hotel were booked. The National Security Bureau also requested an extremely tight X-Ray security check for all the people who work in the hotel and all other hotel guests.

The 500 square meters Ritz-Carlton Suite, where the president stayed, is the largest presidential suite in the city, making it the accommodation of choice to host royalty, heads of state, celebrities, heads of multi-national corporations and their accompanying entourage.

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Setting the standard for hotels in Shanghai, The Portman Ritz-Carlton offers an array of luxurious

amenities to ensure a memorable stay, not only for VIP and statesmen. The hotel features 610 well-appointed guest rooms and suites, 6 restaurants and lounges serving Chinese, Italian, Japanese and Western favorites, an extensive health club with outdoor and indoor swimming pool, gym, squash and racquetball courts, convenient access to world-class shopping, cultural opportunities and entertainment.



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