

WENHUA APARTMENTS

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Wenhua Apartments Information Guide

I. Wenhua Apartments & Its Rooms

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The apartments at Wenhua Apartments have the newest and best rooms on offer to X-Global students. The Wenhua compound has several accommodation buildings, a hotel for visitors, ebike parking and charging, and sports and exercise areas. All rooms at Wenhua offer free Wi-Fi Internet access, shared kitchens for cooking, and shared laundry rooms. You must buy your own bedding, including sheets, pillows, and quilts for the duration of your stay at all accommodation, including Wenhua. These are all available cheaply and locally.

The Wenhua neighbourhood is a fast growing and modern district. It is becoming increasingly international, with many of SIP's international schools operating close to the apartments. This means there are many international workers and families in the area, and its shops and restaurants cater for these customers.





Single Rooms

These spacious rooms have a double bed, a private bathroom, a study desk, a wardrobe, a TV, and a balcony. They have air conditioning, which both cools the rooms in summer and heats them in winter. On the balcony there are water outlets for you to be able to buy and fit a washing machine if you wish. You can also buy a small fridge, and a kettle for your room.

These rooms cost 62RMB (\$8.60USD) per day, or approximately 1,860RMB (\$260USD) per month, on year-long or semester-long contracts.











Double Rooms

These are the same size as the single rooms but have single-sized bunk beds for two occupants. They also have a private bathroom, two study desks, two wardrobes, a TV, air conditioning, and a balcony where you can put a washing machine. You can also buy a small fridge, and a kettle.

These rooms cost 31RMB (\$4.30USD) per day per occupant, or approximately 930RMB (\$130USD) per month, on year-long or semester-long contracts.



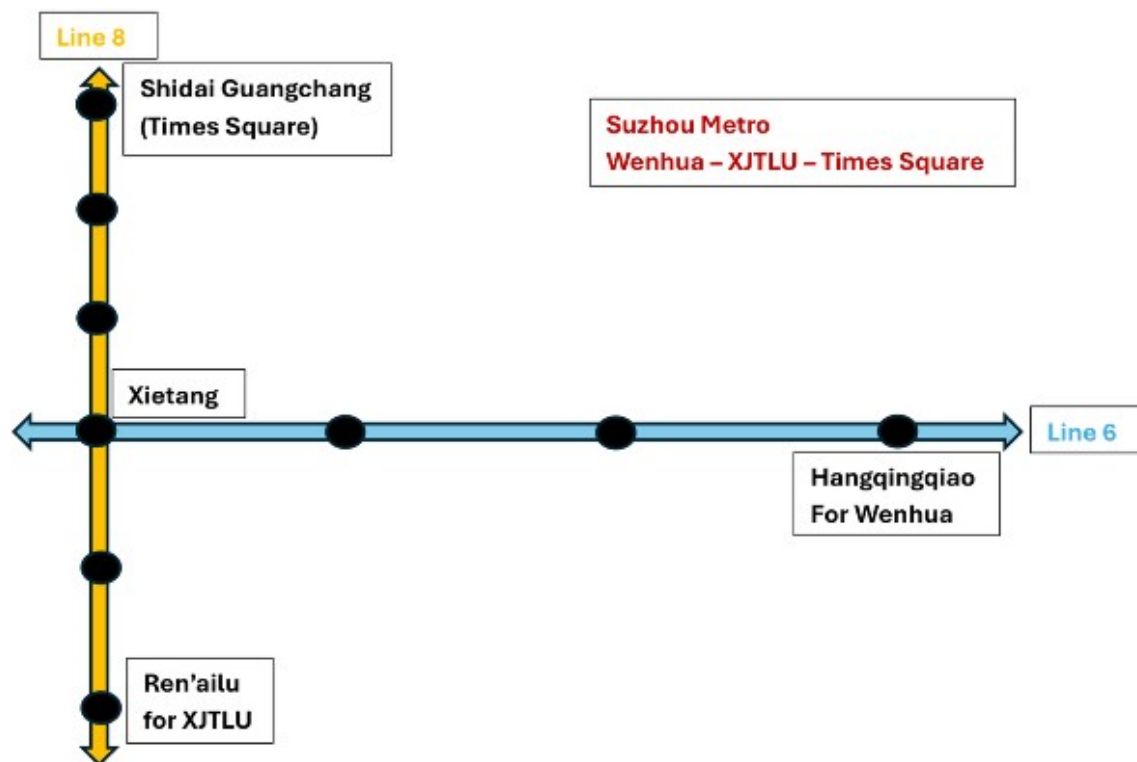


II. Travel from Wenhua to XJTLU University

Just under 1km walk or bike ride from the apartments, there is a metro station (Hangqingqiao, Line 6). This new line is fast, sleek, and modern. The total journey time to XJTLU's station (Ren'ailu, Line 8) is, on average, 24 minutes, with one change at Xietang station. This journey costs 3RMB (\$0.40USD).

A taxi (called a DiDi in Suzhou) costs around 20RMB (\$2.80USD) directly from Wenhua to the university, a journey which takes approximately 20 minutes.

If you have a bicycle, riding to the university from Wenhua Apartments takes around 30 minutes. All the roads to the university have dedicated bicycle lanes, separate from the car and bus traffic.







III. Shopping, Eating Out, & Entertainment Zones Near Wenhua

There are many shopping and restaurant areas near to the Wenhua Apartments. These are often called Neighborhood Centers in SIP. Some of the main ones are:

Fangzhong Street

This row of restaurants is behind the famous Dulwich College. It is only 500m from the apartments. It offers Chinese restaurants, a McDonalds and a Starbucks. There is also a Family Mart convenience store for your daily needs.



Fenghuang Xintiandi Neighborhood Center

This is the largest shopping area near the apartments. It is only around 800m from the flats and offers several consumer buildings with many shops, including a large supermarket that sells all manner of groceries, fruit and vegetables (Lianhua Selected), banks for ATMs, mobile phone shops, Chinese restaurants, a KFC, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Pappa John's Pizza, a bakery and coffee shop (Eggsy), and many more.









Zhaojia Alley Linli Center Mall

Although this is slightly further away, this is a lovely mall with a range of high-quality shops and eateries. There are supermarkets, technology shops such as Huawei, coffee shops, Wava Pizza (a great local pizza shop, probably Suzhou's best one), Café Mersey (also a popular local coffee shop and bakery - there is a smaller branch on our north campus in SIP too), a craft beer bar, a spa and bar, to describe but a few of the shops to be found here.







Suzhou Olympic Park

Although it is still awaiting its first Olympics, this is a fabulous sporting area and the perfect place for a swim in its olympic-sized swimming pool. If you can think of a sport, it is probably available there. It also has an ultra-modern shopping mall with shops and a wide range of local and international food choices.

It is only around 2km west of the Wenhua Apartments.

Times Square

This is a major entertainment hub and a must-visit place for all of us who live in SIP. It has fantastic shopping, restaurants, bars, hotels, and leisure facilities. It is a major tourist attraction and is next to Suzhou's Culture Center, Suzhou's National Convention Center, Moon Harbour entertainment zone and the new Suzhou Eye ferris wheel and its neighbouring Museum of Contemporary Art.

It is also a transport hub, and you can take Line 1 of the Metro to the enormous and world-famous Suzhou Center, Xinghai Square entertainment hub, and Suzhou Old Town and City.



Jade Emperor Palace Park

About 1km south-west of Wenhua there is a beautiful park alongside the Xietang River that has the historical Jade Emperor Palace and offers a wonderful green place for a walk or run besides the river. It is also a lovely place for a picnic or to sit under the shade of the trees when the weather is hot.





IV. Registering Your Accommodation

When you move into a new apartment, you must register your address with the local authorities within 24 hours of moving in. Luckily, when you move into the Wenhua Apartments, the Xietang Public Service Center is only 3km away.

Xietang Public Service Center/斜塘民众服务中心
8 Dunhuang Road, Suzhou Industrial Park
苏州工业园区斜塘街道敦煌路8号

To register, take your check-in receipt and your passport. It only takes a few minutes.

Next to the Xietang Public Service Center, there is an excellent shopping mall with perhaps the biggest supermarket in the SIP area.



V. How to Apply to Live in the Wenhua Apartments

Although XJTLU guarantees university-organised accommodation for at least the first year of your study in Suzhou, there is always limited availability of particular types of rooms, so please apply as early as you can to secure the room of your choice. To book a room, once you have your offer and have paid your deposit, and know the date you are arriving, just complete the accommodation booking survey here:

<https://survey.xjtlu.edu.cn/vm/wj2xGA.aspx>