

Places of Interest in Chengdu

Here is a brief list of interesting places in Chengdu. You can visit them conveniently by taking a taxi and showing their Chinese name to the driver. All places are also connected by metro and bus routes for you to explore.

1. **熊猫基地 (Xiong Mao Ji Di) Panda Base**
Cute pandas and beautiful environment. The house at the end has baby pandas.
2. **金沙遗址 (Jin Sha Yi Zhi) Jinsha Site Museum**
Archaeological site of ancient Shu civilization (~1000BC), where the gold ornament with sun bird is found.
3. **永陵 (Yong Ling) Yong Royal Tomb**
Tomb of Wang Jian who founded the kingdom of Former Shu (~900AD). Inside there is a sculpture of the king and carvings of musicians with high artistic value.
4. **杜甫草堂 (Du Fu Cao Tang) Du Fu Thatched Cottage**
Residence of Du Fu, a famous poet who lived in Tang dynasty (~700AD). Most buildings are rebuilt after Ming dynasty (~1500AD). The Sichuan Provincial Museum is also nearby.
5. **武侯祠 (Wu Hou Ci) Wu Hou Shrine**
Shrine of Zhuge Liang, a famous prime minister of the kingdom of Shu (~200AD). Most buildings are rebuilt after Qing dynasty (~1600AD). The tomb of Liu Bei who founded the kingdom of Shu is at the same site. The Jinli Folk Street is also nearby.
6. **青羊宫 (Qing Yang Gong) Green Goat Temple**
Taoist temple established in Tang dynasty (~700AD). Most buildings are rebuilt after Qing dynasty (~1600AD). Inside there is a bronze goat which is said to bring good fortune. Its restaurant serves vegetarian food (following Taoist standards).
7. **文殊院 (Wen Shu Yuan) Wenshu Temple**
Buddhist temple established in Sui dynasty (~600AD). Most buildings are rebuilt after Qing dynasty (~1600AD). Its restaurant serves vegetarian food (following Buddhist standards).
8. **宽窄巷子 (Kuan Zhai Xiang Zi) Kuanzhai Folk Street**
Alley cultures and architecture styles as well as good food. The People's Park with a monument for the 1911 Revolution is also nearby.
9. **天府广场 (Tian Fu Guang Chang) Tianfu Square**
City center. Attractions around the square include the Sichuan Science and Technology Museum, the Chengdu City Museum, the Sichuan Art Gallery, the Jincheng Art Palace, etc..
10. **春熙路 (Chun Xi Lu) Chunxi Road**
Flourishing commercial street with shopping malls and restaurants.
11. **望江楼 (Wang Jiang Lou) Wangjiang Pavilion**
Park in memory of Xue Tao, a female poet lived in late Tang dynasty (~800AD). Most buildings are rebuilt after late Qing dynasty (~1800AD). It is within walking distance from SCU. A street with many bars is also nearby (by walking 1km to the north).

If you want to spend a day out of Chengdu, Dujiangyan Irrigation System or Leshan Giant Buddha are good choices and you can check with us or travel agencies.

The map on the next page shows the places mentioned above. You can get an idea about their directions and distances before consulting more detailed maps.

