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Shanghai Expo “Tips” – Ten More

1. To avoid the most crowded areas and to get a good perspective on the pavilions' architecture, **use the elevated walkway** through/between the zones. There is some shaded seating – benches – along the walkway.
2. Before the entry gate, **purchase a “Shanghai Expo Official Passport”** for RMB 30 as a unique souvenir. Each pavilion has its own stamp and will stamp your passport upon entry or exit. However – there can be lines to get the stamps.
3. **Purchasing an Expo entrance ticket** the day of your visit is easy – particularly if you speak Chinese. This can be done outside the main entry points (look for the official Expo store) and also at Shanghai grocery and convenience stores. One day ticket is RMB 160. Night entrance ticket is RMB 90. Three-day tickets are also available. Use cash.
4. Many of the **public toilets** are “squat” style. If looking for a more “Western” version, ask/gesture to bathroom attendant or ask an Expo volunteer. The volunteers are the many young people dressed in bright green uniforms
5. **Make sure any batteries are fully charged.** There are very few electrical outlets or places selling disposable batteries.
6. Go with a high level of **self-awareness, tolerance and patience**. Tired tourists can be pushy, especially in lines, and the regard for “personal space” is different in different cultures.
7. **Talk to people who are working the pavilions.** Most are very happy to be asked questions about their respective countries and glad to have someone to talk with.
8. **There is no main “Expo hotel”** or best-located place to stay. Choose a hotel for other reasons. Many hotels will offer an “Expo package” that includes entrance ticket and transportation to the grounds.
9. Only special **“Expo taxis”** can go into the Expo grounds or pick up at the exit points. These taxis can be called by dialing 96822. Taking other public transportation requires a longer walk.
10. **It is worth going to the Expo** even if you do not want to wait in line to enter specific pavilions. Many have very interesting architecture that can be enjoyed from the outside, and there are many pavilions that are not crowded. This is a very unique event.

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