I got here at 10:30 at night from the flight a few hours earlier. I strongly recommend taking a private car if you have the budget. It’s quick, you have to take your bags and get off to enter China, but the car service is very efficient in getting you where you need to go.

Initially, there was no one to push a cart with my stuff in it, so I asked if I could handle this and I went to the 29th floor to check – in. First world problems, I know, but this post is about first world problems.

I was offered a drink, a snack, or 1000 points as a welcome gift. I choose the points. I was told that everything in the hotel closes in a little bit (around 11:00) or closed. What I was also advised was the street food selling in a nearby street, so with me hungry (and wanting to stock up on food for the night), I ventured out.

I took a separate set of elevators to the 46th floor, where I went to my room. There were two queen beds, a desk, a TV (CNN is available, though it’s the international version), and two lounge chairs. My room faced the river (thanks to my elite status, I think).

The bathroom was closed by sliding door. I was more than surprised to see that the toilet and shower room were separated by glass doors that were a foot shy of the ceiling. More surprising was the small bottles of shampoos and lotions. In the world of cost – cutting, I was surprised.

Breakfast was at the 29th floor. It was very good, offering *two* cooks (they called it live cooking), and I ordered an omelet and a noodle soup from both of them. For those wanting some comfort food, eggs can be made to order of most types, there were potatoes (and ketchup), no pork sausage, and doughnuts.

The cook at the noodle station (in the Chinese section) socialized with everyone he served and cooked with a smile. I am willing to assume that he loved his job.

Coffee looked to be from the machine, which was programmed to dispense half a cup. I wondered if anyone can press the “two servings” button on the machine. My cup had a crack on the bottom, so I did not drink.

I asked what the price of breakfast A La Cart was. It was RMB 170 (so a little under $25 USD). I can say that it’s worth it if you’re happy with what you get, but there are cheaper options (that you can get simply by walking on the street I talked about earlier outside of the hotel) for a much cheaper price (for everything you get *combined*).

I also tried their Dim Sum lunch. It was… interesting. I’d say below average and below my expectations (which are kind of high, for such hotel).

Transportation options to the city is ok if you’re willing to walk a little bit to the bus station. I did not take a look at the options available. The closest intercity train stations (trains marked Cxxxx) is West Lake East (xihudong). I believe taking that train to Xiaojinkou takes you to Huizhou Station for some ordinary long – distance trains. Otherwise, you can always call a taxi if you want to, either by downloading Didi (you’ll need a phone number) or asking the hotel to call one (on the ground floor, someone should be at the desk willing to help).

I like this hotel as it has decent rooms, breakfast, and service. I’m not a fan of the high floors here, but I recommend this hotel, at least much more than the hotel I stayed later in the day. That being said, you’ll need to take the taxi. Prices begin at 7 RMB (around $1) for the first two kilometers, then it increases 2.4 RMB for every two extra kilometers.