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China

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This leaflet has been designed to allow you to explore as the mood takes you. Both well-known and lesser-known attractions are included and they are randomly listed so that you plan your own itinerary and visit as many or as few as you wish.

Please note:- some places restrict entry and ask for prior application either in writing or by telephone. This is indicated where known. Others may change opening days and hours with little warning – it may be worth checking by phone if they are off the beaten track.

A very brief description of the reason for the choice of site is given but because of space it is not possible to include much detail. Again a telephone call to the site may help you to decide on whether a visit is worthwhile. Remember there may be other items that interest you at the same site.

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Enjoy Your Explorations

Chinatown

Gerrard Street and Macclesfield Street, Soho, W1

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Leicester Square u/g; buses 3,6,12,13,14,15,19,23,24,29,38,53,88,94,139,159,176
the Chinese community moved from the Limehouse area of East London to this community in the 1960s and 70s. Here you will find Chinese family shops and plenty of restaurants. The street signs are in English and Chinese and as you would expect there is colourful street entertainment especially at the Chinese New Year (late January/early February)

Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4

01753 831118 www.the-royal-collection.org.uk

transport: Windsor rail, Green Line coach from Victoria
facilities: audio guide; disabled visitors should contact visitors' office; shop for books, postcards & gifts; pre-arranged tours for groups

opening: daily Mar-Oct 09.45-17.15 (last admission 16.00); Nov-Feb 09.45-16.15 (last admission 15.00)
admission charge

this is the largest castle in England and is the oldest royal residence to have remained in constant use by reigning monarchs. Well worth a visit it has a lovely collection of Chinese porcelain in the King's Drawing Room

Lanesborough Hotel

Hyde Park Corner, SW1

020 7259 5599

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g, Victoria u/g & rail;
buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

opening: Conservatory Restaurant Mon-Sat 07.00-11.30,
noon-14.30, 15.30-18.00, 18.30-23.30, Sun 07.30-11.30,
noon-14.30, 16.00-18.00, 19.30-23.30

the Conservatory Restaurant of this smart hotel has Chinese lanterns, towering Oriental figurines and marble urns the size of paddling pools

St Peter's

Vere Street, W1

transport: Bond Street & Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7,
8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,94,98,113,137,139,159,
176,189

on Sundays this church has services for the Chinese community

Sun Yat Sen

4 Warwick Court, WC1

transport: Chancery Lane u/g; buses 8,25,45,242,341

a bronze relief portrait of the revolutionary leader Sun Yat Sen (1866-1925) is inscribed 'Father of the Chinese Revolution' and marks the house where he lived whilst in exile

Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7

020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information

www.vam.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74,345,
C1

facilities: disabled access and wcs; library; café and restaurant; shop; tours

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00
admission free

the TT Tsui Gallery of Chinese Art covers items dating from 3000BC. Displayed according to use the artefacts look at Chinese ways of life, eating, burial, The Court and

temple worship and include textiles, porcelain and furniture. Every dynasty is illustrated: the Han dynasty (206BC-AD220) has tomb paintings, reliefs and jade funeral items; the Tang (618-906) tomb carvings (camels & horses), silver & gold receptacles, jars and white porcelain; the Song (960-1278) ceramics and embroidered ritual robes; the Yuan (1279-1368) paintings and ceramics; the Ming (1368-1644) furniture including a 1650 canopied bed, writing mats, silk textiles and tapestries; the Quig (1644-1911) goods specially manufactured for European markets. The Gallery is the first one in Britain to have labelling in two languages - English and Chinese

the Gerard Godfrey Gallery of Chinese Export Art is a special collection of goods in porcelain, wood and ivory that appealed to European taste and were made by the Chinese solely for export

Cadiz Memorial

Horse Guards Parade, Horse Guards Road, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail;
buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159

this cast iron French mortar mounted on Chinese dragons was constructed in the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich in 1814. It was presented by the Spanish government "to commemorate the raising of the siege of Cadiz in consequence of the glorious victory gained by the Duke of Wellington over the French at Salamanca on 22 July MDCCCXII "

Royal Marines Memorial

Admiralty Arch, The Mall, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail;
buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159

this 1903 war memorial by Captain Adrian Jones was originally erected to commemorate those who died between 1899 and 1900 in the Boer and China Wars. In 2000 it was refurbished as a memorial to all conflicts in which the Royal Marines had been involved. The relief by Sir Thomas Graham Jackson shows various battles in the original South African and China campaigns

General Charles George Gordon

near the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,
88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

this statue of 1887 shows 'Chinese Gordon' (1833-85) with a cane under his arm and a bible in his hand. Having fought in the Crimean War (1855-6) he then crushed the Taiping Rebellion in China in 1860 (that's where he got his nickname). In 1884 he was besieged at Khartoum for 10 months by the Mahdi's troops and died two days before the relief force arrived

Phoenix Oriental Art

24/25 The Mall, 359 Upper Street, N1

020 7226 4474

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153,
214,274,341

here you will find bronze secular and religious art from the Sung dynasty to the 20th century

Austins Antiques

137 Grays Antique Market, 58 Davies Street, W1

01425 478712 www.austins-antiques.co.uk

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23,
73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189

opening: by appointment only

an antique shop stocking Chinese and Japanese ceramics

Osterley Park House

Jersey Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7
01494 755566 (infoline) www.osterleypark.org.uk
transport: Osterley u/g ½ mile; Syon Lane rail 1½ miles;
buses H28,H91
facilities: parking; refreshments; shop; tours by arrangement

opening: house 1 April-end Oct Wed-Sun 13.00-16.00;
park daily 09.00-19.30 or dusk
admission charge to house; park free

the Dressing Room has a display of 18th century Chinese porcelain while in the grounds stands a Chinese Pavilion donated in 1987 by the Hutchinson Whampoa company of Hong Kong following a Chinese festival held in park

Percival David Foundation of Chinese Art

53 Gordon Square, WC1H
020 7387 3909
transport: Goodge Street, Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,24,29,59,68,73,91,134,168
facilities: library by application; sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-17.00
admission free

an interesting display of 1400 pieces of Chinese ceramics and porcelain collected & bequeathed by Sir Percival David in 1950. The collection exists to promote the appreciation, study and teaching of the art and culture of China and the surrounding regions and the library is devoted to both Western and Eastern Asian books on the subject

Queen's Gallery

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A
020 7839 1377 www.royalresidences.com
transport: St James's Park & Green Park u/g, Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,9,10,11,14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,185,211,239,C1,C10
facilities: no access for wheelchairs; sales desk; group tours in evenings by arrangement

opening: daily 10.00-17.30 (last admission 17.00) entry by timed ticket
admission charge

among the items of porcelain displayed here are Chinese pagodas made for holding flowers

Sir John Soane's Museum

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A
020 7405 2107 www.soane.org
transport: Holborn u/g; buses 1,8,25,38,59,68,91,98,168,171,188,242
facilities: library; sales desk; tours (Sats 14.30, small charge)

opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00. 1st Tues of every month 18.00-21.00 when parts lit by candle
admission free except for tours

this museum was the home of the architect Sir John Soane (1753-1837) who designed the house not just to live in but also to provide a setting for his extraordinary collection of antiquities and works of art. Among the fascinating items is a Nankin Chinese dinner service of 200-300 pieces

Twining Museum

216 Strand, WC2R
020 7353 3511
transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,

15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341;
boat Savoy & Embankment Piers
facilities: tours by arrangement

opening Mon-Fri 09.30-16.30
admission free

the Golden Lion over the doorway symbolises the family tea business. Two Chinese figures stand with it

Croydon Clock Tower

Katharine Street, Croydon, Surrey, CR1
020 8760 5400 www.croydon.gov.uk/clocktower
transport: East & West Croydon rail, Tramlink George Street & Wellesley Road; buses to West Croydon bus station
facilities: restaurant; shop

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-17.00, Sun noon-17.00
admission charge

the exhibition in the Riesco Gallery includes over 200 pieces of pottery and porcelain from China dating from 2500BC to the 19th century

Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8
020 8781 9500 www.hrp.org.uk
transport: Hampton Court rail; buses 111,216,267,411,416,726,R68; boat Hampton Court Pier; Green Line coach 718 from Victoria
facilities: audio guides in 6 languages; disabled access (wheelchairs available); disabled wcs; parking; Tiltyard Tearoom or Privy Kitchen Coffee Shop, ice cream kiosks; 4 themed shops (Base Court, Garden, Tudor Kitchen, Barrack Block); costumed guides and family trails; free group tours (choose from daily programme)

opening: daily mid Mar-Oct Mon 10.15-18.00, Tue-Sun 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Nov-mid Mar Mon 10.15-16.30, Tue-Sun 09.30-16.30 (last admission 15.45)
admission charge

this former royal palace has a display, in the King's Little Bedchamber, of Chinese and Japanese porcelain collected by Queen Mary II

Kensington Palace

Kensington Gardens, W8
020 7937 9561 www.hrp.org.uk
transport: Queensway, Notting Hill Gate & High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,12,49,52,70,94
facilities: limited disabled access to Dress Collection & The Orangery only; multi-language audio guides; refreshments in The Orangery - morning coffee, light lunches & afternoon tea (Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00); jewellery, china & souvenirs shop (Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00 (Suns opens at 09.30)); tours

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.00); Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.00)
admission charge

another royal palace with a collection of 17th and 18th century Oriental porcelain in Queen Mary's Drawing Room and 17th and 18th century Chinese in Queen Mary's Dining Room

Marble Hill House

Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1
020 8233 7435 (information), 020 7413 1443 (box office)
www.english-heritage.org.uk

transport: Richmond u/g & rail, Twickenham & St Margarets rail; buses 33,290,490,H22,R68,R70
facilities: audio tape with hearing loop to ground floor; disabled access to ground floor (1 wheelchair available);

snacks & meals (200m from house); shop; guided tours by arrangement; group access only during winter months
opening: Wed-Sun Apr-Sept, 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00 (last admission 30 mins prior to closing)
admission charge

this 1729 Palladian riverside villa built for Henrietta Howard, Countess of Suffolk, mistress of King George II houses the Lazenby Bequest Chinoiserie. Chinoiserie is the use of Chinese motifs and techniques in Western art, furniture and architecture

Fenton House

Windmill Hill, Hampstead Grove, Hampstead, NW3
020 7435 3471 (office), 01494 755563 (infoline)
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

transport: Hampstead u/g, Hampstead Heath rail; buses 46,268

facilities: *disabled access to ground floor only*

opening: Mar Sat-Sun 14.00-17.00, Apr-Oct Wed-Fri 14.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.00-17.00 (last admission 30 mins before closing)
admission charge

the private home of Lady Katherine Binning between 1936 and 1956 bequeathed to the National Trust. She inherited furniture, pictures and 18th century porcelain from her uncle, the collector George Salting and continued adding to the collection. There is porcelain from British factories such as Chelsea, Bow, Worcester, Bristol and Plymouth and from oriental factories including some early white and blue Chinese

British Museum

Great Russell Street, WC1B
020 7323 8000 www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

transport: Russell Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134

facilities: *audio guides for certain displays including the Parthenon Sculptures (6 languages); disabled access & wcs; licensed restaurant (self-service) and snacks (daily Mon-Sat 10.00-16.30, Sun noon-17.30); shop selling books, postcards, posters and replicas; eyeOpener gallery tours of 50mins +Spotlight talks of 20mins*

opening: daily Sat-Wed 10.00-17.30, Thur-Fri 10.00-20.30. Great Court Mon-Wed 09.00-21.00, Thur-Sat 09.00-23.00, Sun 09.00-18.00. Clearance 10mins before closing

admission free except for some tours - donation welcomed

here amongst one of the greatest national collections in the world you will find Chinese vases from the Ming period 1368-1644: one of blue and white porcelain with floral and avian decorations, another of copper-red depicting flowers of each month. There are also statues, art, snuffboxes, porcelain (Ming, Yuan, Ru, Song dynasties), money, bronzes, jades, ceramics, tombs, silver - a treasure trove of Chinese art and craft

Dragons' Gate

West India Dock Road, E14

transport: Westferry DLR; buses 15,115,D3,D7

this 1996 sculpture of two dragons twisting to form the shape of the river round Docklands celebrates London's 1st China Town Art of Change

Solveig and Anita Gray Antiques

Grays Antique Market, 58 Davies Street, W1
020 7408 1638

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23,73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189

here you can buy antique Chinese and Japanese porcelain and works of art

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