

# CHINA: JOURNEY TO THE EAST

## During your visit information

### Before you arrive

We request that you visit the museum before your class visit. You are welcome to come any time during museum opening hours and you do not need to book your pre visit unless you would like to meet an education officer.

Please brief your pupils and your adult helpers on what they will be seeing and doing during the visit and allow an adult/pupil ratio of KS1 – 1:5 and KS2 – 1:10. Additional adults are always useful to have!

### Opening Times

Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm

### Disabled access

Two wheelchair ramps lead to our main entrance.

### Drop off/parking

The coach drop off is in New Road and linked to the museum by pedestrian walkways.

### On Arrival

Please report to reception. They will contact the education team. Children will be provided with space to leave coats and bags. Children will be free to use the museum shop afterwards, which features Chinese souvenirs. It would help the museum if prior notice is given.

During the time that you have booked your visit to CHINA: JOURNEY TO THE EAST, other school groups will not be using the gallery but your class will be sharing it with the public.

Eating and drinking is not permitted in any of our galleries.

Non- flash photography is permitted in the gallery.

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The following educational support is available for you to use when you visit the exhibition.  
All visits must be booked in advance on 01256 465902.

### CHINA: ART TO INSPIRE

*Available 2 September - Friday 18 December 2009.*

Covering all five themes of the exhibition as well as using the extensive handling collection, our sessions will help you lead your class on a journey of investigation, culminating in a hands on visual arts activity led by trained museum staff to create a display of work to be taken back to your school. The rich array of resources both in the exhibition and handling will fire the imagination and inspire your class into looking east.

### CHINA: CELEBRATIONS FROM THE EAST

*Available 2 September - Friday 18 December 2009.*

Chinese culture is rich and fascinating, dating back thousands of years, with much of the ancient being kept alive today by traditional lunar-based celebrations. This session helps students discover how myth, legend and belief feature in artefact, story and celebrations today. Your class will be led through activities looking at exhibits from the 5 themes, handling artefacts to discover how important celebrations are to China today, using their imagination to interpret this vibrant eastern culture.

Moon Festival 2009. Join us for a special fortnight of sessions looking at the Chinese Moon Festival, learning what it is about and how we celebrate it.

See Willis Museum Website for session details.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/museum/willis-museum/willis-schools.htm>

**Self led** visits to the exhibition are also welcome. All visits must be booked.

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