

CALLIGRAPHY

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to Chinese calligraphy, one of the most revered forms of traditional Chinese art. Participants will learn about the history of calligraphy, the different styles, the evolution of calligraphy and the tools used to create calligraphy pieces. Participants will also experience writing simple Chinese characters with calligraphy brushes.

CHINESE ETHNIC GROUPS

There are 56 officially recognised ethnic groups in China (one majority group and 55 minority groups). Each ethnic minority group has its own social customs, language, culture, dress, language, and more. In this workshop, participants will learn more about the ethnic groups in China and their diverse cultural traditions.

CHINESE KNOTS

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the traditional Chinese handicraft, Chinese knots. Participants will learn about the history of Chinese knots, its cultural and historic significance, the different types of knots among other topics. Participants will learn how to apply simple knot-making techniques to create basic designs and/or more complex creations such as miniature figures, animals, flowers and friendship bracelets.

CHINESE LOVE LEGENDS

To understand Chinese culture well, one must know about the myths and legends within the culture. Romantic legends such as the story of Chang'e and Houyi are the most striking and popular. In this workshop, participants will be transported into the world of Chinese love stories, learning about their complex characters and the touching and tragic experiences they encountered.

CHINESE PAINTING

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the various types of traditional Chinese painting namely landscape painting, figure painting, flower and bird painting. Using the specific painting tools, participants will also have the opportunity to try simple Chinese painting.

CHINESE PEKING OPERA AND MASK PAINTING

Peking Opera is the most popular style of Chinese opera and one of China's intangible cultural treasures. In this workshop, participants will learn more about Peking opera and the facial masks used by different characters. Also, participants will have the chance to paint a mask of their own!

CHINESE TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the many different Chinese traditional festivals (e.g. Spring Festival, Lantern Festival, Dragon Boat Festival and Mid-autumn Festival) and their associated customs.

INK BLOW AND SPRAY PAINTING

Blow painting involves using regulated puffs of air to spread ink on paper instead of using a brush. This style creates a picture with unexpected effects and that is unique in shape. In this workshop, participants create masterpieces of their own using this style of painting.

GONGFU/CONGOU TEA AND TEA REFRESHMENTS

In this workshop, you will learn about the method of Chinese tea making called "Gongfu Tea", which is also known as "making tea with great skill". Participants will have the opportunity to brew tea using this method and taste their final product.

SEAL CUTTING

The art of seal cutting is the combination of calligraphy (mainly the seal character) and engraving (including chisel and cast). It is a unique art form which involves the engraving of Chinese characters on a seal. It has a history of more than 3700 years. In this workshop, you will learn more about this art form and even make one for yourself!

TIE DYE

In this workshop, participants will learn about traditional Chinese tie dye techniques. Participants will also use the techniques learned to create distinctive designs on handkerchiefs.