

Society for Asian Art
Ireland and Great Britain: Top Asian Art Collections
October 1st to 12th, 2019



Chester Beatty Library



Ashmolean Museum



British Museum

Please join the SAA to explore the most celebrated Asian art collections in Ireland and Great Britain next fall. Our itinerary will start in Dublin to view famous Asian artworks in the Chester Beatty Library and the Albert M. Bender Collection in the National Museum of Ireland. Then we fly to London and travel by coach to Bath to see the small but select Museum of East Asian Art, where our group will handle rare Chinese ceramics. Next we travel to Oxford for visits to the Ashmolean Museum and Bodleian Library. Our tour will finish in London, where we will pay special attention to the Japanese galleries at the Victoria and Albert Museum. We will also have an intensive visit at the British Museum, focusing particularly on the Chinese and South Asian galleries, the Percival David Collection of Chinese ceramics, and the museum's newest acquisitions. Our Asian collection visits will feature curator-led tours, and we'll also be visiting sites like Trinity College (Book of Kells), the National Gallery of Ireland (European painting) and Bath's extraordinarily well preserved Roman baths, in addition to participating in walking tours of Dublin, Bath and Oxford with local guides.

*******Tour Highlights*******

Dublin – 4 nights

- Reception at the home of private collectors
- Dublin walking tour including Book of Kells
- Highlights tour at National Gallery of Ireland
- Study sessions and tours at the Chester Beatty Library
- Curator-led tour of the National Museum of Ireland's Albert Bender Collection of Asian art and other Asian materials

Bath – 2 nights

- Bath walking tour including the Royal Crescent, Roman Baths, and Assembly Rooms
- Curator-led tour and handling session of Chinese ceramics at Museum of East Asian Art

The Details:

- \$5,220 (per person double occupancy, based on a minimum group size of 18)
- \$1,250 Single Room Supplement

The tour cost includes:

- 10 nights' accommodation
- Full breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 1 welcome reception, and 3 dinners
- Transportation by coach as specified
- Museum entrance fees
- Curator, docent and guide fees
- Airfare from Dublin to London
- Services of a Tour Director from Travel Muse

Oxford – 2 nights

- Oxford walking tour including Christ Church Cathedral
- Curator-led tours at the Bodleian Library
- Option to attend Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral
- Gallery tour and study session at Ashmolean Museum

London – 2 nights

- Curator-led tour at the Victoria & Albert Museum
- Curator-led tour at the British Museum
- Farewell dinner

- All tips

Not included are:

- Airfare to Dublin and return from London
- Airport transfers in Dublin and London
- Meals and beverages not indicated
- Items for personal use, including phone and fax charges, minibar, and laundry services

Difficulty Level: MODERATE

This trip will spend considerable time standing in museums and will require being able to be on your feet for extended periods. We will be walking to many of the trip sites which will take 10 to 20 minutes.

Health Requirements:

Travelers must be in good health and with good mobility to enjoy this program. Travelers should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with an active group of participants on long days of touring. Any condition that may require any individual accommodations or special medical attention must be reported at the time you make your reservation. Travel insurance is recommended for this trip.

Please complete and send this Reservation Form with your deposit (by check, American Express, Visa or MasterCard) to: **TRAVEL MUSE INC., 369 Montezuma Avenue, #319, Santa Fe, NM 87501.**

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on the postmarked date. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will send you the complete Itinerary, a Liability Release Form, a Participant Information Form and an Invoice for the balance, which is due on or before **August 1st, 2019**. You must be a member of the Society for Asian Art to go on this trip. If you are not currently a member, you may join or renew at <http://www.societyforasianart.org/membership>.

Please find an enclosed deposit of \$1,000 per person for _____ places.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Cell (if it works in Europe & the U.K.): _____

E-mail(s): _____

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PAYMENT BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

_____ Check enclosed (*payable to Travel Muse Inc.*).

_____ Please charge my card no. _____

Expiry _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

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ACCOMMODATIONS

_____ I/We would like to share a room with two beds. My roommate will be: _____

_____ I would like to have a room with one bed for single occupancy, and will pay the single supplement of \$1,250.

_____ Please assist me in finding a roommate. (*If none can be found, I will pay the single rate.*)

_____ I/we would like to have a _____ non-smoking room _____ smoking room

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DIETARY ISSUES

Please advise if there are any food allergies as well as any foods you prefer not to eat:

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For a complete Itinerary or for any questions, please contact Meg MacDonald, Travel Muse Inc., at (617) 480-0250 or meg@travelmuse.net