

# THE SOCIETY FOR ASIAN ART PRESENTS

## ASIAN ART IN NORTHERN EUROPE

AUGUST 9 – 21, 2015

WITH OPTIONAL EXTENSION IN BERLIN

LED BY DR. STANLEY ABE



*Museum of East Asian Art, Cologne*

Enjoy this extraordinary opportunity to explore the vast Asian art collection of museums in Stockholm, Cologne, Zurich, and Berlin. Through our connections we will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes and admire masterpieces not open to the public. Meet with curators, friends, and others who share our affinity for Asian art. In addition to the museums, we have planned carefully designed sightseeing programs in each location, highlighting the beauty of these European cities. We expect this program to sell out and we encourage you to register as soon as you receive this information.

### Synopsis of the Tour

#### STOCKHOLM – 3 NIGHTS *RADISSON BLU WATERFRONT HOTEL*

- Visit the storage collections at the Museum for Far Eastern Antiquities
- Enjoy a private art handling opportunity with the museum's curators
- Meet members of the Friends Ostasiatiska museet
- Explore the narrow streets to the Royal Palace and the Royal Chapel to admire the beautiful baroque architecture.

#### COLOGNE – 2 nights *Excelsior Hotel Ernst*

- Two visits to the Museum of East Asian Art – known for its fascinating collection of Buddhist paintings, Japanese woodblock prints, and Korean ceramics
- Enjoy a lunch with friends of the museum
- Admire Cologne's magnificent stained glass at the city's cathedral



*Portrait of General Mingliang Qing dynasty, dated 1776,  
Museum of East Asian Art in Cologne.*

#### ZURICH – 2 nights *Swissotel Zurich*

- Two visits to the museum and storage of the Rietberg Museum, situated on the 17-acre Rieterpark
- Guided tour of art storage at the Museum of East Asian Art.
- Explore the city Zurich, surrounded by captivating snowcapped Alps in the distance

#### BERLIN – 4 nights *Adina Apartment Hotel*

- Enjoy two visits to the Museum of Asian Art to witness one of the most important Asian Art collections worldwide
- Meet with the Society for East Asian Art
- Participate in a private guided tour of the Reichstag Building and its gorgeous glass dome
- Free time to explore Museum Island and numerous galleries

#### DIFFICULTY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

*There will be extensive walking on uneven surfaces, stair climbing, and extended periods of standing. This trip is not suitable for those who have mobility problems.*

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Accompanied by **Dr. Stanley Abe**, begin the trip in Stockholm where, surrounded by grand public buildings, we will explore, on two visits, the Museum for Far Eastern Antiquities, a vivid meeting place for Asian cultures. We have arranged a private art handling opportunity with museum curators. Time has been set aside for independent exploration of Old Town whose famous labyrinth of cobbled streets, alleyways, colored town houses and meeting squares reflect the city's beauty.

Fly to Dusseldorf and drive to Cologne for two nights where we have scheduled two visits to the Museum of East Asian Art. The museum hosts an outstanding collection of Japanese antiquities, Buddhist paintings and sculptures, Japanese screen paintings and Korean ceramics. The museum, with its Japanese garden, is also known for its beautiful modern design by architect Kunio Maekawa. Admire the beautiful stained glass windows of the Cologne Cathedral and stroll through the lovely Botanical Gardens along the Rhine River.

From Cologne fly to Zurich, the vibrant heart of Switzerland situated on the Northwest tip of Lake Zurich and surrounded by the captivating snow-capped Alps in the distance. Explore the Rietberg Museum the only art museum for non-European cultures in Switzerland exhibiting an internationally renowned collection of art from Asia, Africa and Ancient America. After a guided tour of the art storage at the Museum of EastAsian Art, enjoy a half-day tour with a walk down Bahnhofstrasse, Zurich's most popular boulevard for fashion and art. Stop at the Opera House and Grossmünster en route to see the beautiful Lake Zurich. End the trip with four nights in Berlin where two visits to the Museum of Asian Art have been arranged. The

museum houses one of the most important collections of art from the Indo-Asian cultural region dating from the 4<sup>th</sup> millennium BC to the present day. Discover the arts of China, Japan and Korea which are exhibited in individual galleries surrounding a central room dedicated to items of Buddhist art common to all three cultures. A city tour is included with a private tour of the Reichstag building

ending in Norman Foster's gorgeous glass cupola on its terrace roof. Helical ramps allow people to ascend to the cupola's top and enjoy a 360-degree view of the city — while symbolically standing above the heads of their elected representatives in the chamber below.

A two-day extension to Berlin will be offered at the end of the program.

The trip will be led by **Dr. Stanley Abe**, a leading expert on Asian Art. Dr. Abe, who received his PhD from the University of California at Berkeley, has published on Chinese Buddhist art, contemporary Chinese art, Asian American art, Abstract Expressionism, and the construction of art historical knowledge. He is currently Associate Professor, Department of Art, Art History & Visual Studies and Director, Program in the Arts of the Moving Image. Dr. Abe will deliver four lectures in the course of the program.

**Asian Art in Northern Europe**  
**\$6,270 PER PERSON • SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$1,340**  
**TRIP IS LIMITED TO 20 PERSONS**

**The tour cost includes:**

- Accommodations in double occupancy in hotels as listed
- Flights in economy (Stockholm/ Dusseldorf/Zurich/Berlin)
- Meals as listed in the program
- All sightseeing and entrances listed
- Transportation in a private air-conditioned bus
- A Distant Horizons tour manager who will accompany group
- Bottled water at all included lunches & dinners
- All gratuities and portorage at hotels
- A \$400 donation to the Society for Asian Art

**Not Included are:**

- International airfares to and from Europe
- Visa and passport fees
- Drinks other than water with meals
- Excess luggage charges
- Personal insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation
- Any items not listed

**For more information or a detailed itinerary, call  
Distant Horizons at (800) 333-1240;  
or the Society for Asian Art at (415) 581-3701.**

**Berlin Extension**

Enjoy two additional days in Berlin exploring the many museums and sites the city has to offer. Visit Berlin's contemporary art museum, and tour Berlin's historical sites. We will have a guided program of Gallery visits on Friday, followed by joining the locals for an evening "Gallery Crawl".

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**R E S E R V A T I O N F O R M**

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for the *Asian Art in Northern Europe* tour.  
Enclosed is a deposit of \$500 per person, in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please make checks payable to Distant Horizons.**

**Your deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure less a \$250 per person administration fee.**

**Trip Arrangements**

- I/we would like to join the main program.
- I/we would like to join the two-day extension in Berlin

**Room Arrangements**

- Single Supplement
- Double Occupancy, I will be sharing a room with \_\_\_\_\_
- I would prefer a roommate, but will pay the single supplement if one is not available.

**Personal Information**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Send application to:* the Society for Asian Art, 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

**Applications will be accepted by mail only and your inclusion will be based on the postmark date.**

**A confirmation letter, a declaration & waiver form and a travel insurance application will be mailed to you upon receipt of your deposit.**