

Shopping for Chinese Arts and Crafts

Beijing



Jade Factory: Visit a Chinese Jade factory and witness first hand the rich culture of this olden tradition of jade carving. The Beijing jade factory hosts the largest jade collection in China. You will see hundreds of thousands of precious jade, jadeites and handmade jade carvings. The raw jade comes from the Northeast of China and travels along the famous Silk Road.



Pearl Farm: Take the opportunity to tour the Pearl Shop in Beijing which has a variety of home grown sea pearls and fresh water pearls. View the prized queen and king sized pearls of rare quality. You can purchase real Pearl Powder used by the Royal Family during the Qing Dynasty.

Ming and Qing Dynasty Furniture: Tour an Ancient furniture fair exhibit. Including newly made furniture of Ming and Qing Dynasty style. Shipping is available.



Cloisonne Factory: Born in Beijing 300 years ago, cloisonne is a handmade craft used by the Royal Family and those of wealthy means. On this tour you will visit a workshop where the elegant cloisonne is crafted. This factory attracts both domestic and overseas tourists.

Suzhou



Suzhou Embroidery Institute: Visit a state owned handicraft research institute that creates the stunning hand-made double-sided embroidery works with colorful pet and flower motifs.

Suzhou Silk Factory: This factory produces one fifth of the country's silk products. Take the opportunity to see brilliantly designed silk clothes during this factory tour. Silk quilts of various sizes are for sale.

Hangzhou



Hangzhou Dragon Well Tea Farm: The Dragon Well Tea planted in this village was once grown exclusively for the Chinese Royal family. It remains a famous brand of Tea in China. The Tea Farm tour and lecture given by a local farmer, makes this an enjoyable and healthy tour.

Shanghai



Shanghai Carpet Mill: Superior quality silk tapestries of all kinds and sizes are produced in the Shanghai Carpet Factory. Hand-made silk tapestries of 400 to 600 knots per square inch are a valuable sought after work of art.