

Beijing to Yunnan Art Study Tour

Experience the Beijing art scene.

Visit the cultural and historical sites of Beijing & Xi'an, including the Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Army.

Participate in a three day reduction woodcut course with master printmaker Hekun at his studio in the Yunnan Province.

Explore Simao, Dali with its diverse Ethnic groups and the ancient town of Lijiang.

Date: 19 March 2009 – 02 April 2009

Itinerary:

Day 1. Depart London, Heathrow for overnight flight to Beijing.

Day 2, Arrive in Beijing & transfer to a traditional courtyard style, Siheyuan hotel with some free time for exploration or relaxation.

Day 3,. Visit **Tiananmen Square**, the largest central city square in the world and the magnificent Imperial Palace complex in the **Forbidden City**. In the afternoon, tour the **Centre Academy Fine Art Institute** (CAFA), a leading higher education establishment which attracts outstanding visiting artists and students from all over the world, then have a cup of tea in one of Master printer's studio.



Day 4, Visit the Badaling section of the **Great Wall**, one of the World Heritage listed 'Eight Wonders of the World'. 2.587miles long, the Wall winds up and down across deserts, grassland and mountains like a gigantic dragon. In the afternoon: visit the vibrant 798 art centre. Evening Duck Dinner at a local restaurant followed by a lively **Peking Opera** performance at the Liyuan Theatre.

Day 5, Visit the **Temple of Heaven**, the largest group of structures in the country dedicated to religious ritual. It was built specifically for the worship of heaven and prayers for good harvests during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Afternoon: enjoy the local **Art & Craft market**. Flight to Kunming.



Day 6. Drive to **Dali**. Visit the three Pagodas of Chongsheng Temple and the south gate of the Dali ancient town.

Day 7, Drive to **Lijiang**, which was listed as a World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 1997. It is the main region inhabited by the Naxi People, one of China's 55 minority ethnic groups. Their Dongba Culture reflects their descent from Tibetan nomads along with influences from the Central Plains along the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow River. A matriarchal society, they are famous for their pictographic script and traditional music with antique instruments. **Music concert** in the evening.



Day 8 Visit the **Yuhu Village**, home of the 1930's eccentric botanist-anthropologist, Joseph Rock who wrote "*Ancient Naxi Kingdom of Southwest China*"; and **Snow Dragon Mountain**.

Day 9, Flight from Lijiang to Jihong, then drive to **Simao**.

Day 10,-Day 12. [Reduction Woodcut Course](#)



Location: Hekun's Studio, Simao, Yunnan.

Course Content:

History of Chinese printmaking; in particular the development of the reduction woodcut.

Introduction to contemporary Chinese Printmaking.

Practical experience of reduction woodblock carving & printmaking in the Chinese style, learning from Hekun his unique technique and use of colour to build rich textures.



Hekun' works

Course Timetable:

Morning: Studio 10.00-12.00. Lunch: 12.00-14.00, Afternoon: 14:00-16:00.

Alternative itinerary for non-printmakers:

Day 10. Explore the village and local countryside.

Day 11. Visit Yunbou Mountain Tea Plantation and the Choi Yang River State Forest Park, a tropical rainforest nature reserve.

Day 12. Visit the Confucian Temple, built in 1840; and the Wenchang Palace in Pu' er County.

Day 13. Flight to *Xi'an*, via Kunming. In the afternoon, Visit ***the Provincial History Museum***, Shaanxi Province is the birthplace of the ancient Chinese civilization. Xian City was the capital city in thirteen dynasties which in total lasted over 1100 years. Consequently, the ancient history of Shaanxi is to some degree the ancient history of China; then visit the ***Xi'an Fine Art University*** and exhibition.

Day 14. visit the ***Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum***. It is praised as 'the eighth major miracle of the world' & the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Work is ongoing at this site, which is around 1.5 kilometers east of Emperor Qin Shi Huang's Mausoleum, Lintong County, Shaanxi Province. It is a sight not to be missed by any visitor to China. Then visit the ***Great Mosque***. is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China.

Day 15. Flight to Beijing, then flight back to London.

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Join us for 15 day special art trip including 3 days woodcut course, total price: £1883.00

Due to the exchange rate changed from £1=14.30yuan to £1=12.60yuan since last year, therefore it affects our price too.

Price Includes:

- 1 LHR-Beijing-LHR round trip economy class air tickets.**
- 2 5 Domestic flights in China: Beijing to Kunming; Lijiang to Xishangbanla; Simao to Kunming; Kunming to Xi'an; Xi'an to Beijing.**
- 3 13 nights accommodation in 4 or 3-star hotels on shared-twin basis in the cities or alternatively high standard accommodation in the countryside.**
- 4 All meals.**
- 5 Course tuition and materials.**
- 6 All excursions, performances and sightseeing by coach.**
- 7 All hotel baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person**
- 8 All state and local taxes.**
- 9 All UK and Overseas airport taxes and security charges.**

Price Excludes:

- 1 China Visa fee**
- 2 Travel Insurance**
- 3 Excess luggage**
- 4 Gratuities to Tour guides and drivers**
- 5 Other personal expenses, such as telephone and laundry**

Important:

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