



SHOPPING FOR FAMOUS CHINESE ARTS & CRAFTS

Beijing

Jade Factory: China is rich in its jade resources, and its cultural impact to the Chinese people and later to Asians has been historical. Tourists will get a chance to visit the Beijing Jade Carving Factory which has the largest jade collection in China. Tourists will find hundreds of thousands of precious jade, jadeites and handmade jade carvings, the raw material of which comes from Northeast and the Silk Road areas of China.

Pearl Farm: The Pearl Shop in Beijing has been exhibiting a rich variety of home produced sea pearls and fresh water pearls due to both the historical reason and the modern market. Among them, the king and queen size pearls are of "precious" quality. The type of Pearl Powder on sale was first used by the Qing Dynasty Royal Family as a cosmetic, and can be found here too.

Cloisonné Factory: Born in Beijing 300 years ago, cloisonné is the kind of handmade arts and crafts used a great deal by the royal family and rich families of the past. Now it is popular to everybody. Tourists will have an opportunity to visit the workshop and see how the beautiful articles are made with their own eyes. The gorgeous designs, hand-made workmanship and tremendous styles make cloisonné articles very attractive to both domestic and overseas tourists.

Suzhou

Suzhou Embroidery Institute: This state owned handicraft research institute displays many products. Among them are hand-made, double-sided embroidery articles in vivid colors of pets and flowers that are gorgeous.

Suzhou Silk Factory: This factory produces one fifth of the country's silk products. The beautifully designed silk clothes and its model showroom of the factory make it an real attraction to tourists. Silk quilts of different sizes are specially produced for sale here.

Hangzhou

Hangzhou Dragon Well Tea Farm: The famous Dragon Well Tea planted in this village was once enjoyed by only the Chinese Royal Family. Through touring the Tea Farm and the tea lecture given by a local farmer, tourists will find the stay both enjoyable and healthy.

Shanghai

Shanghai Carpet Mill: Super quality silk tapestries of all kinds and sizes are produced in the Shanghai Carpet Factory. The hand-made silk tapestries of 400 to 600 knots per square inch are regarded as some of the finest quality merchandise available.