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The **NEWSLETTER** of the Friends of the Art Museum,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Message from the Chair

electronic Friends Fortnightly Flashes (the FFF). The other major expenditure are fees related to the annual audit. We are actively pursuing sponsorship of the newsletter printing costs and would appreciate any ideas or offers in this respect.

And

- Javanese Dance and Shadow Puppet lecture kindly hosted at Sin Sin Gallery..

Kung Hei Fat Choy
Vicki

Successful events over the last 2 months have included...

- Fotanian Artists Studios;
- Sunday Cultural jaunts to the Jiao Festival Ho Chung with lunch at Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Tin Sam Lantern Lighting ceremony with lecture and lunch at the Art Museum;
- Picasso at Ben Brown;
- Curated visit to Damien Hirst at the Gagosian;



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EVENTS CALENDAR ... please check Friends Fortnightly Flash (FFF) for updates and full details

March

2nd (Wed) - Trip to Tai O

3rd (Thur) Gallery Group Chancery Lane tea visit

4th to 13th Japan Trip

9th (Wed) Lecture "Hidden Hong Kong History" Geoffroy Emerson

16th (Wed) Cultural Photo Workshop

17th (Thurs) Sin Sin Gallery "Women Artists"

24th (Thurs) In Conversation with Brian Mc Elney

APRIL

Date TBC In conversation with Chris Hall; Collecting and Collections

13th (Wed) Lecture "Prehistoric Rock Art In Hong Kong and South China- Bill Meacham

MAY

19th (Thurs) In Conversation with Stacey Gould; Collecting and Archiving, Public and Private

JUNE

1st (Wed) AGM

4th to 7th visit to Shanghai/Suzhou

9th (Thurs) In Conversation with Angelina Kwan- Guide to Jade

OCT 15th to 24th Anniversary Week

Oct 16th, Sun Garden Party 3pm to 6pm

Oct 20th, Thurs Gala Dinner and Oxford – HK Scholarship Lecture presented by Dame Jessica Rawson at CU Art Museum

Oct 21st to 23rd Anniversary trip weekend Mystery Tour: Second of Three Clues:

A UNESCO site will be taken in
and a museum which is well worth seeing;
We'll walk among some Daoist temples, too.
Use this information well - it is your second clue

Mystery Prize for the correct destination: send your answers to Diana, digor@netvigator.com

LIVING HISTORY: A TRIP TO TAI O WITH PROFESSOR TIK-SANG LIU

Speaker: Tik-sang Liu

Date: Wednesday, 2 March

Venue: Tai O

Time: Meet at the GPO in Central at 8:00 am for 8:15 am departure by bus to Tai O

Cost: \$400 members; \$500 guests (both prices include transportation and lunch)

We will travel by coach to Tung Chung and on to Tai O, arriving about 10:00 am. We will visit the local history gallery and learn about the local history and society of Tai O. We will then walk to the stilt house area where we will meet and talk with a local resident. From there, we visit the Kwan Tei temple. Following the tour, we will drive to The Stoep, a restaurant offering Mediterranean South African cuisine. After lunch, the coach will return to Central, arriving around 4:30. Because this is a restricted area, only vehicles with special permits are allowed so the group must all travel together. However, we

may be able to stop for a pick-up in Tung Chung if requested.

About our Speaker: Tik-sang Liu is a cultural anthropologist, currently Associate Professor in the Division of Humanities and Director of the South China Research Center at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Liu was born in Tai O, and this connection lead to his research interest in South China's fishing population. Liu is also interested in popular religious activities. He is currently involved in the survey on Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage.

Booking and Enquiries: Send tear sheet and cheque payable to 'Friends of the Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.' to Susan Kreidler, G/F, Apt. A Brewin Court, 5-7 Brewin Path, Mid Levels, Hong Kong. email: sjkreidler@aol.com.



Tai O Stilt House (courtesy of Sandra Yuen)

Tai O (courtesy of Susan Kreidler)



**In Conversation with Brian McElney: Collector, Lawyer,
Long-time HK resident: "Collecting Chinese art in Hong Kong 1958-
1992 and advice to the new collector"**

Some of the Friends who were most fortunate to enjoy the Friends trip to London, Oxford, Bath and Bristol last October enjoyed an educational and enlightening day at the glorious Bath Museum of East Asian Art.(Brian's philanthropic contribution of his collection to Art Education).

Brian will share with us some of his experiences in Hong Kong; in his legal practice as well as the collecting scene during his collecting period. An extra treat in store for us is that Brian was, in fact, born in Hong Kong and has some fascinating memories of pre-war HK as a youngster.

Date Thursday 24 March

Time 6-8pm

Venue 24/f Lounge, Club Lusitano, Ice House St , Central

Cost \$250 members \$350 non-members includes 2 glasses of wine and Portuguese canapes

Contact Vicki Ozorio
oz@pacific.net.hk mob 92613931



The East Asian Museum of art, Bath

Spring Study Group

Spring Study Group began on January 25th with a fascinating talk on the customs of Chinese New Year and Lai See and with a PowerPoint Workshop on how to prepare a very basic PowerPoint presentation.

Handouts and personal help will be given to any new members who are unfamiliar with PowerPoint. There is a wealth of books and past Study Group papers to help with research both in the Friends Library at the Chinese University and at The Helena May.

A wide range of topics will be covered this term including Chinese and Tibetan beads, Coromandel Screens, Weights and Measures, Otafuku, Asian Maps and

Mao's Little Red Book.

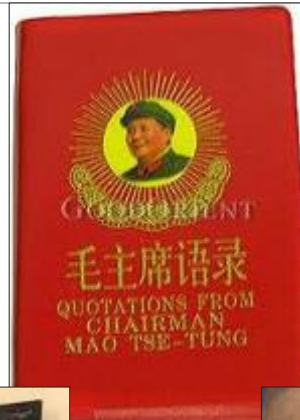
We are always happy to welcome new members at any stage in the term so if you are interested please contact either Elizabeth e.miles@btinternet.com or Patrick prmoos@netvigator.com

Venue: The Helena May

Time: Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12pm

Dates: The last session will be April 12th

Membership of the group is open to members and guests of members of either The Helena May or the Friends.



Lecture: Hidden Hong Kong History - Civilians in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation

Date: 9 March 2011

Venue: HK Visual Arts Centre

Time: 6:30 pm.

(reception); 7 to 8 pm (lecture) - followed by book signing, (copies of Mr. Emerson's book will be available for purchase on the night at special price to attendees).

Cost: \$150 (members) \$200 (Guests)

Bookings & Enquiries:

Paul Yu, Lectures Coordinator
pauyupk@netvigator.com

About the speaker:

Geoffrey Charles Emerson, a resident of Hong Kong for more than 40 years, retired from St. Paul's College in 2000 where he taught history and English. Originally from upstate New York, Mr. Emerson has been President of the Hong Kong History

Society and a Council member of the Royal Asiatic Society (Hong Kong Branch) for many years. He is also a long time HKGS member

AND -

for all those who missed the Friends tour to Stanley, Mr Emerson will lead a group of HKGS members on a special guided tour of St Stephen's College, Stanley on Friday 15 April, 2011 followed by lunch at the Prison Officer's Club (**this event is organized by the Hong Kong Gardening Society**)

Bookings & enquiries (For HKGS event)
juanita@gardeninghongkong.com



Gallery Group: Afternoon Tea with Artist, Christine Nguyen

Date: March 3 (Thurs)
Time: 2:00pm
Venue: Chancery Lane Gallery,
10, Chancery Lane,
Cost: \$100 members, \$150 guests
Speaker: Christine Nguyen

About the Speaker: Christine Nguyen is a young Vietnamese American artist with a prolific exhibition history. She creates her art like a scientific laboratory of chimerical fantastical worlds lost between the deep sea and the cosmos. Using combinations of painting, drawing and growing salt crystals on transparent

sheets she creates vibrant large murals by way of a camera-less process of photography. A unique process likened to a scientific microscope's glass slide. She has held ten solo exhibitions in the US, notably at the UCLA Hammer Museum, LA and the Huntington Beach Museum of Art 'Rock, Paper, Salt' 2010.

10 Chancery Lane Gallery is proud to re-launch its gallery space and celebrate it's 10th anniversary with this exceptional work of Christine Nguyen.

Contact / Reservations: Barbara Macho
barbarabeej@gmail.com (Mobile Phone: 9192 5978)



Photography Workshop and Visits with Paul Lau:

In response to interest from participants in our wonderful exploits to the New Territories recently we have organised:

Culture Photography

Improve your photographic expertise while enjoying HK's Intangible Cultural Heritage at the same time. This is geared for students who own a single-lens reflex camera system, both film or digital; however, non-SLR users are also welcome.

Introductory Class, Session 1

This will cover camera equipment, basic photography skills, the diversity, and variety of cultural topics, intangible cultural heritage, field experience sharing, and the code of field behaviour.

Session 2

This will be a visit to practice your new skills at a cultural event or festival at a date convenient to the majority of participants.

Places are limited so please apply early

Date: Wednesday 16 March
Venue: Visual Arts Centre,
Kennedy Rd
Time: 10-12noon
Cost per session: Members \$300,
non-members \$400

Contact: Roberta Wong Leung
robertawongleung@gmail.com

We will offer further workshops if this is popular, so please don't be too disappointed if you miss out this time.

In Conversation with Chris Hall , Collector , Finance Professional, Long-time HK resident "Collecting Chinese Textiles"

Date: April - TBC

Time: 6-8pm

Venue: 24/f Lounge, Club Lusitano, Ice House St, Central

Cost: \$250 members
\$350 non-members
includes 2 glasses of wine and Portuguese canapés

About the Speaker:

Chris Hall's Chinese Textiles Collection and knowledge are so encyclopaedic that he is greatly sought after. He has generously hosted the

19th Century Court lady's robe
<http://elopedelart.cahalblog.com/archives/2009/04/19/13435290.html>



Friends at his decorative, dramatic home and shared viewing of some rare textiles from his collection. Chris will share some of his experiences collecting and his advice for the collector.

Contact: Vicki Ozorio

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Layered Beauty: The Baoyizhai Collection of Chinese Lacquer



From 20 November 2010 to 17 July 2011, Gallery III, Art Museum, CUHK

This special exhibition presents the lacquer collection of the late Dr. Hu Shih-

Chang which comprises Chinese lacquer ware from the Warring States period (475-221 BCE) to the late Qing (end of 19th century), the highlights being various Ming lacquer pieces.

The different techniques and artistic interpretations adopted during these two millennia will be amply illustrated by the exhibits, which will include monochromes, items with painted and/or filled-in designs, items decorated in gilt or inlaid with mother-of-pearl, as well as carved items in red, black, and polychrome.

Art Museum Hours:

Open daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm.
Closed Public Holidays

Volunteer and Sponsorship Opportunities:

The Friends are looking for Interested members with computer skills.

We would like to update and improve our website and mailout systems.

If you have experience in building a website and computer experience, please email Gillian at gilliankew@yahoo.com

Sponsorship for newsletter printing

As mentioned in our Chair letter, our only expenses are our auditor and the newsletter printing costs. Can you, or do you know someone who would like to, sponsor the Friends Newsletter? We would, of course, give proper attribution. If you can help, please email Vicki at enquiries@asianartworks.com.hk

Asian Tour: Suzhou / Shanghai trip (June 4 - 7)

Hong Kong – Shanghai - depart at 8:05am / arrive at 10:20 (MU 726)

Shanghai – Suzhou

Take an early flight to Shanghai and transfer via coach to Suzhou, a historical city famous for rivers, bridges, hills and the classical gardens. In the afternoon, guided tour at **Suzhou Museum** designed by Mr. I.M.Pei. After dinner, browse along the **Guan Qian Walking street** and shop for souvenirs. Accommodation at the Suzhou Pan Pacific or equivalent.

Suzhou Museum (right) and Suzhou Garden (below)

Shanghai

Guided tour at **Shanghai Museum** in the morning. Lunch at **Xintiandi** area, a fashionable pedestrian street composed of



Shikumen and modern architecture style. Visit some of the leading galleries / studios at **M50 Moganshan Road Art District**.

Transfer to hotel (optional time afterwards, no formal dinner arranged)

Accommodation at Hyatt on the Bund or equivalent.

Shanghai

Suzhou

Visit a representative Suzhou Garden: **the Humble Administrator's Garden**.

Guided tour at **Suzhou Embroidery Research Institute**. After lunch, visit **Kunqu Opera Museum**. Transfer to Shanghai and stay at Hyatt on the Bund or equivalent.

After check-out, a casual walk on **the Bund**. Visit **Shanghai Museum of Textile and Costume**. Lunch on **Hengshan Road**, after lunch, walk the nearby consular area, also part of former French Concession. In the afternoon, docent tour at **Shanghai Gallery of Art**. Transfer to Pudong airport, depart at 19:00 / arrive at 21:35 (MU711).

Indicative tour cost (based on 16 pax

Asian Tour: Suzhou / Shanghai trip (June 4 - 7)

pax): *HK\$9,800* for twin-share (plus airport tax and fuel surcharge ~HK\$520), *HK\$2,500* for single supplement

Extra HK\$500 fee for non-member

Please note that a \$1,000.00 portion of the deposit is non-refundable.

Booking and Enquiries: Please issue a cheque of HK\$5,000 per person to Friends of the Art Museum, The CUHK Ltd. Mail it together with completed tear sheet and scan of passport detail page or colour photocopy to Jane Yu, email: jane.h.yu@gmail.com

Package inclusive of:

Airfare (Economy class), applicable airline taxes

Three nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast

Meals as specified (one dinner and three lunches)

Museum Admission fee as stated above

All transfers by private coach with luggage

English Speaking private tour guide

4 days basic tipping for driver and local guide

One bottle of mineral water per person per day

Package does not include: Visa & Travel insurance, Personal expenses including drinks, laundry, telephone / fax charges etc



Ladakh - 8 Days / 9 nights: Sept 10th to 19th

Ladakh – an ancient Kingdom set between two of the world's highest mountain ranges, the Karakorums and the Himalayas, through which one of the routes of the Southern Silk Road passed despite all difficulties. Its geographical isolation has resulted in this region being one of the last undisturbed Tantric Buddhist populations on earth, protected from colonial interference, marauding Mughals and the impact of the Cultural Revolution by sheer force of its location.

From November to May, Ladakh is almost completely cut off from the outside world. Even in summer, getting there involves crossing the highest mountain passes in the world, or flying in from Delhi. Isolation has preserved its almost medieval way of life.

Leh, its capital, situated at 3,500m on a desert plateau in the middle of the Indus River valley, has always been somewhat of a crossroads between Tibetan Buddhist culture from the East and later Islamic influences (mostly Shia) from the west.

The architecture of Ladakh consists of both Tibetan and Indian influences, whilst monastic architecture reflects a deeply Buddhist approach. The Buddhist wheel, along with two dragons, is a common feature on every gompa (monastery) including the likes of Lamayuru, Likir, Thikse, Hemis and Alchi – all of which we shall visit.

It is one of the few remaining abodes of Buddhism in South Asia, other than the Chittagong Hill tracts, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. Age-old monasteries, quaint lanes, colourful markets and stunning views of the Himalayas all contribute to Leh being an exotic destination.

Please be warned that accommodation may be more basic than what we are used to and that the variety of food may

be limited – we hope that the wonderful mountain vistas and amazing monasteries will compensate on this trip.

8 Days / 9 nights

Sat, 10th Sept HK - Delhi - by air.

Flight: 9W 77 Depart HK 19:40 Arrive Delhi 23:00

Upon arrival at Delhi airport, we will be met and transferred to the Radisson Hotel for the night

Sun, 11th Sept Delhi - Leh - by air.

Flight: 9W 609 Depart Delhi 05:40 Arrive Leh 06:55

Upon arrival, we shall be met and transfer to Uma Shila or Shambala for 3 nights.

At 3300m above sea level, it is advisable to take the day easily.

After a light lunch in the hotel, we shall have a short walking tour of Leh and explore its bazaar.

Before dinner, we shall pay a visit to *Project Ladakh* managed by The International Society of Ecology & Culture (ISEG) to view the short video known as Ancient Futures: Learning from Ladakh, by Helena Norberg-Hodge.

Helena, Director of Project Ladakh, shared the 1986 Right Livelihood Award (also known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize') for her work on the project.

Mon, 12th Sept Leh - on foot, by coach

Have a relatively easy start in the morning with a walk to Shankar Monastery (gompa) for the morning prayer. Then, we visit Leh Palace, a replica of the Potala Palace in Lhasa and Leh Gompa for a beautiful view of the city and the sur-

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rounding mountains. After lunch in a local restaurant, we shall visit the Stok Palace Museum known for its fabulous display of costumes and jewelry belonging to the Royal Family of Ladakh. Then we visit a Tangka painting school before continuing to Thikshey monastery, rated by many the most spectacular monastery in Ladakh, is located on a small hilltop.

This evening, we shall attend a talk by the *Snow Leopard Conservancy*.

Tues, 13th Sept Leh - by coach

This morning, we make an excursion to Hemis Gumpa about 2 hours drive away.

This is one of the most important monasteries to the Ladakhi people and has some of the best preserved examples of Ladakhi mural art. It is also the largest & richest gumpa in Ladakh.

After a picnic lunch on site we shall return to Leh.

This evening, visit the *Ladakh Amchi* Association for a talk on the Australian Himalayan Foundation Project

Wed, 14th Sept Leh – Alchi - by coach

After checking out, we drive about 62 km (with photo-stops, about 1½ hours) to Alchi. En route, we visit Phyang monastery. We shall request an audience with the Head Lama “HH Togdon Rimpoche” of this monastery but this can be confirmed only after our request is accepted.

The drive to Alchi is spectacular as we cross the vast Ladakhi plateau. En route we shall stop at Chiling, a small village known for its metalwork.

After checking into the Alchi Resort, we

shall have lunch there, before visiting the rarely -visited 11th century Alchi Monastery and the highlight of Ladakh. We will also visit Likir Mon Alchi Monastery and the highlight of Ladakh. We will also visit Likir Monastery (known as the house of water spirit) with lovely villages around it.

Thurs, 15th Sept Alchi – Lamayuru – Alchi - by coach

This morning, we drive about 2 hours (85 km) to Lamayuru. Of all the gompas, Lamayuru has the most stunning setting and is the oldest in the region. The surrounding medieval village appears to have grown out of the rocky Cliffside. We shall make an excursion to Fatu La pass for a stunning view of the western Himalayas. Enjoy a picnic lunch amidst the spectacular scenery.

Return to Alchi for the night.

Fri, 16th Sept Alchi – Leh - by coach

We spend the morning doing a bit of hiking around the Alchi/Likir area before returning to Leh for a late lunch.

After checking into the Uma Shila or Shambala for 1 night we shall have the afternoon at leisure to explore the ba-

zaar of Leh before our farewell dinner that evening.

Sat, 17th Sept Leh – Delhi - by air and by coach

Flight 9W 610 Depart Leh 07:30
Arrive Delhi 08:50

Upon arrival in Delhi, we shall transfer to the Hotel Imperial for 1 night, with late check-out the following day.

You have the day at leisure with the guide



Village north of Leh, the capital of Ladakh

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and driver at our disposal – schedule to be planned later.

Dinner in Chor Bazaar

Please note: this flexible day has to be inserted here as the flight from Leh is dependent on the weather conditions. Sometimes we cannot get out of Leh and have to wait another day.

**Sun, 18th Sept
Delhi**

We have another full day in Delhi with lunch at Broadway and a farewell dinner

Flight: 9W 78 Depart Delhi 00:45
Arrive HK 08:45 the next day (19th sept)

Note: We arrive in Hong Kong on 19 Sep (Monday)

Estimated tour cost based on 16 participants: Per person sharing twin HK \$19,070.00 + tax \$2,009 as on 18.12.10; Single supplement HK\$ 4,840.00; Non-member surcharge HK \$ 600; Land only \$16,370 (Airlines, flight schedules and hotel choices subject to alteration as new flight schedules only appear in April each year. Speedy sign-ups secure hotel bookings in hotels of choice).

Tour Price Includes: Economy air ticket HK / Delhi / Leh / Delhi / HK by Jet Airways - (Non refundable); ~all hotel rooms provided as per itinerary; with breakfast; ~All sightseeing tours as per itinerary with local English speaking guide and driver; ~ All meals as per itinerary at local restaurants, including 1 bottle

of non-alcoholic beverage or local beer per person per meal; ~ Plentiful supply of mineral water in the vehicle; ~ All transportation by 4-wheel drive – 3 in one vehicle;

~ Supply of oxygen bottle in the vehicle; ~ Entrance fee to sites as per itinerary; All airport transfers in Delhi and Leh; Gratuities for guides and drivers.

Tour Price Excludes:

Visa & Travel insurance, Airport tax and fuel surcharge.

Booking and Enquiries: Please issue a cheque of **HK\$5,000.00** to **Friends of the Art Museum, the CUHK Ltd.** Mail it together with completed tear sheet and passport detail page colour photocopy to: Diana Williams, 1A Victoria Court, 56 Hing Fat Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Please also send to Diana a scan of your passport detail page.

Email: digor@netvigator.com

Please note that a \$1,000.00 portion of the deposit is non-refundable.



Wonderful landscape of Ladakh

Lebanon, Syria & Jordan 25 Oct - 9 Nov

Join the Friends on this trip to an area in the Middle East which many associate with the origins of civilization. At the crossroads of trade between the Mediterranean and the East, it was here that civilization had its beginnings in 9000 BC as man became interested in agriculture and trade, later developing tools of bronze and copper for farming, rather than only hunting. Lebanon was the home of the Phoenicians, a maritime culture that flourished for nearly 2,500 years (3000–539 BC. Currently one of the most divided and complex countries in the region, Lebanon has been at times, at the heart and on the fringes of the Middle East conflict surrounding the creation of Israel.

Syria, on the other hand, as well as Jordan, whilst being strategically located, have been fought over and ruled by many different masters, among others, the Hittites, The Arameans, The Persians, Alexander the Great, the Romans, The Mongols, The Byzantine Empire and The Ottomans. In 1400 Damascus was hit by its fiercest attacker yet, Tamerlane, who destroyed most of Syria and Jordan and with the resulting rerouting of European goods around Africa, trade dropped. Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, significant in the early history of the Christian and Islamic religions, harbour a wealth of archeological remains, many of which we shall explore.

16 Days / 15 nights

Tue, 25 Oct Hong Kong – Dubai – Beirut – by air

Flight: EK 381 Depart Hong Kong 00:35 Arrive Dubai 04:35 (8hrs 40mins)

Flight: EK 957 Depart Dubai 07:00 Arrive Beirut 08:00 (3hrs 20mins)

Note: Hotel check in time is at 3pm only.

Our day will start on arrival in Beirut which was once known as the Paris of the Middle East. Today, it is a city of delightful contrast, beautiful architecture alongside ruined buildings, traditional houses dwarfed by modern buildings and winding alleys turning off from wide boulevards. We shall enjoy a walking tour of the Downtown area and explore the Pigeon Rock area. In the evening, we shall have a welcome dinner. Check into the Intercontinental for two nights.

Wed, 26 Oct Beirut – Qadisha Valley – Beirut – by coach

It is a long day today! We start out early and drive along the Mediterranean Coast to the ancient town of Byblos (45 mins drive) to tour the old harbor and the excavated ruins of the Phoenician, Greek, Roman and Crusader periods. Byblos dates back to the 5th millennium BC. Then we continue north to Tripoli (a 1 hr drive), Lebanon's second largest city with a long & colourful history. We will visit its medieval fortress and covered souq. From Tripoli, we continue into the beautiful Qadisha Valley- a 1- hour drive through beautiful mountain scenery clad in rich cedar forests – the cedars of Lebanon.... We will also visit a number of monasteries - Deir Mar Elisha, Chapel of Mar Chmouni and Deir Mar Antonios with the Grotto of St. Anthony. Return to Beirut for the night.

Thu, 27 Oct Beirut – Baalbek – Homs – by coach

This morning, we drive to Anjar, which dates back to the Umayyad period on our way to visit Baalbek. The acropolis is one of the world's biggest. It is one of the most impressive archaeological sites in Lebanon and arguably one of the most important Roman ruins in Middle East!

Mid afternoon, we cross the border into Syria and drive to Homs. Check into Safir

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Homs for 1 night.



Baalbek in Lebanon

Fri, 28 Oct Homs – Aleppo – by coach

This morning, we visit Krak Des Chavellier. Paul Theroux described it as the epitome of the dream castle of childhood fantasies of jousts and armour and pennants. TE Lawrence simply called it the finest castle in the world.

After lunch, we will visit another great Roman ruin – Apamea overlooking the Al-Ghaba plain. Then we continue to Aleppo (about 2 hours drive) and check into the Sheraton Aleppo for 3 nights.

Sat, 29 Oct Aleppo - on foot and by coach

Our exploration today starts at the hilltop Byzantine Cathedral of Qalat'a at Saman (Saint Simon) considered it to be one of the oldest churches in the world. Then we return to town to enjoy a walking tour of the Old City with the ancient Citadel - a UNESCO as a World Heritage Site - in its midst. We shall visit the Great Mosque and Al-Jdeida. Many consider the souq here to be the most vibrant and interesting in Middle East.

Sun, 30 Oct Aleppo – on foot

You have the day on your own in Aleppo. The bazaar here is considered by many to be the least commercial sizable bazaar in the Middle East.

Mon, 31 Oct Aleppo – Palmyra – by coach

Today, we drive about 5 hours to Palmyra – one of the highlights of our trip and for that matter of any visit to Middle East. It awes even the most jaded ruin explorer!

Upon arrival, check into Tadamora Hotel for 2 nights.

Tue, 01 Nov Palmyra – by coach

Spend a full day exploring Palmyra. Visit the Temple of Bel and the Colonnade, Diocletian's Baths, the Theatre, the Agora in the morning.

In the afternoon, visit the museum during the heat of the day. In the late afternoon, we shall visit the funerary towers and tombs and enjoy the sunset from the Arab Castle on top of the hill.

Wed, 02 Nov Palmyra – Damascus – by coach

For the energetic, enjoy sunrise at the ruins.

Return to hotel for breakfast before driving 3/4 hours back to Damascus. En route, stop at the Baghdad café.

Arrive in Damascus for late lunch and check into Four Seasons Hotel for 2 nights.

Damascus is the capital of Syria and one of the most charming cities in the Middle East, with its timeless Old City and outstanding mosques and museums. It was the capital of the oldest Muslim empire – The Umayyad. This afternoon, we explore the Old City of Damascus - a laby-

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rinth of alleys, the lovely old souq and beautiful houses, before moving on to the outstanding Umayyad Mosque.

Thu, 03 Nov Damascus – by coach
We visit the National Museum of Damascus in the morning.

The afternoon we shall be free to explore the souk on our own. **Krak fes Chavelier the world**

Fri, 04 Nov Damascus – Amman – by coach

Today, we drive to the border of Jordan (about 2 ½ hours). En route, we visit Bosra with arguably the world's best preserved Roman Amphitheatre, which is special in that it is contained within an Arab Fort.

After crossing the border into Jordan, it is another 2½ hours to Amman. En route, visit the Roman ruin of Jerash. Upon arrival in Amman, check into Grand Hyatt for 1 night.

Sat, 05 Nov Amman – Petra – by coach

This morning, have a short tour of Amman City before starting our journey to Petra. The first stop will be in **Madaba**, to see St George's Greek Orthodox Church with its famous mosaic floor. Constructed during the 6th C AD, the mosaic depicts the pilgrimage routes from the surrounding areas to the Holy Land.

Your next visit recalls the story of Moses and his journey to the Promised Land. At **Mount Nebo** there is a Memorial to Musa (Moses) and a 4th C church which Italian Franciscan priests excavated and re-

stored in 1933. The panoramic view overlooks the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and Jerusalem. Then we continue our drive to Petra. Check into Movenpick Hotel for 2 nights.

Sun, 06 Nov Petra – on foot

– the finest castle in all



We devote the full day to visiting the famous red rose city of Petra, the Nabatean capital that dates from the 1 BC to the 7th AD. Monuments of different Nabatean/ Roman and Christian periods await us – tombs, temples, houses and

churches.....

Mon, 07 Nov Petra – Dead Sea – by coach

In the morning, we set out for the desert of **Wadi Rum**, the wild desert landscape, which fascinated the British liaison officer Lawrence of Arabia. Describing Wadi Rum as "vast, echoing and god-like", he could not have said it better. We will drive for two hours in a 4-wheel drive jeep through the desert to see Lawrence's spring, passing majestic mountains and stopping to explore a gorge with some ancient rock drawings.

We will then return and drive to the **Dead Sea**. The lowest point on earth and the largest natural spa in the world, the Dead Sea is one of the world's true natural wonders and a unique destination. 417 meters (1,373 ft.) below sea level, the mineral-rich waters and mud flows have natural health and beauty benefits acclaimed globally. Recognized as a mini-universe

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with its own micro climate, the Dead Sea is the saltiest and most mineral-laden body of water in the world. The unparalleled buoyancy and warmth of the water has everyone floating. And its health promoting thermo-mineral springs and world famous cosmetic black mud have been praised by visitors for millennia. Overnight at the Movenpick hotel.

Tue, 08 Nov Dead Sea – Amman – Dubai – Hong Kong – by air

Have the morning free to enjoy the Dead Sea views, float in the mineral rich waters, have a Dead Sea mudbath, or try the many spa facilities (at own expense).

At 1.30pm, drive about 1 hour to Amman airport.

Flight: EK 904 Depart Amman

16:30 Arrive Dubai 21:15 (2hr 45 min)

Upon arrival, check into the Dubai Airport International Hotel for 1 night. (The hotel is within the airport transit area)

Wed, 09 Nov Dubai – Hong Kong – by air

Flight: EK 380 Depart Dubai 10:05

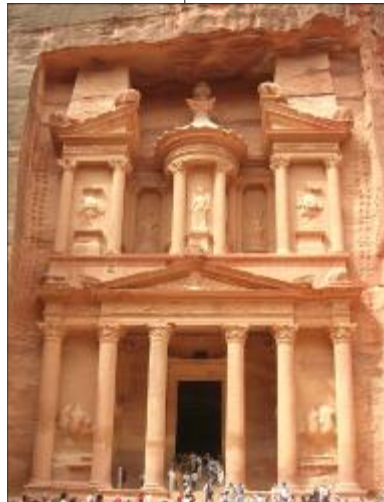
Arrive Hong Kong 21:05 (7h non-stop)

Estimated tour cost based on 16 participants: Per person sharing twin HK \$58,350.00 + tax - to be supplied closer to the time (currently HK\$ 497); Single supplement HK\$ 14, 200.00; Non-member surcharge HK \$ 600

(Airfares, flight schedules and hotel choices subject to alteration as new flight schedules only appear in April each year.

Speedy sign-ups secure hotel bookings in hotels of choice.)

Tour Price Includes: Air ticket HK / Dubai / Beirut. Amman / Dubai / HK by Emirates Airlines, Economy class (Non refundable); all hotel rooms provided as per itinerary; with breakfast; ~All sightseeing tours as per itinerary with local English speaking guide & driver; ~ All meals as per itinerary at local restaurants ~One bottle of drinking water provided on the coach per person per day; ~Entrance fee to sites as per itinerary ; All airport transfers in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan; 4WD vehicles in Wadi Rum- 3 pax to a car; Gratuities for guides and drivers.



Tour Price Excludes: Visa & Travel insurance, Airport tax and fuel surcharge, Departure taxes (Syria, SP 550 each, Jordan JN 8 each).

Booking and Enquiries: Please issue a cheque of

HK\$5,000.00 to Friends of the Art Museum, The CUHK Ltd. Mail it together with completed tear sheet and passport detail page colour photocopy to: Diana Williams, 1A Victoria Court , 56 Hing Fat Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Please also scan your passport detail page to Diana : Email:

digor@netvigator.com

Please note that a \$1,000.00 portion of the deposit is non-refundable.

Upcoming Tours at a Glance				
Dates	Country	Destination and Status	Tour Contact	Tour Contact Email
4 th - 7 th June	Shanghai / Suzhou	Coming up...	Jane Yu	jane.h.yu@gmail.com
10th to 19th Sept	Ladakh / Dehli	Leh, Alchi and Delhi. Almost Full	Diana Williams	digor@netvigator.com
Oct 21st to 23rd	Anniversary Mystery Trip	??	Diana Williams	digor@netvigator.com
25 Oct - 9 Nov	Lebanon / Syria / Jordan	Beirut, Damascus, Petra	Diana Williams	digor@netvigator.com
16 th to 29 th Jan 2012	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa, Gondar, Tigray, Lalibela	Diana Williams	digor@netvigator.com
2012 March 24th to April 7th	Mexico & Guatemala	Mayan Kingdom, Central America .	Diana Williams	digor@netvigator.com

Oct 21st to 23rd **Anniversary trip weekend Mystery Tour:**
Second of Three Clues:

A UNESCO site will be taken in
and a museum which is well worth seeing;
We'll walk among some Daoist temples, too.
Use this information well - it is your second clue

Mystery Prize for the correct destination: send your answers to Diana, digor@netvigator.com

Booking Forms: ACTIVITIES

Please send a separate cheque and booking form for each event.

Be sure to include the names of guests on the booking form.

As places are limited, early registration is recommended.

- Make cheques payable to "Friends of the Art Museum, the CUHK Ltd."
- Please write your name, telephone number and activity on the back of your cheque.
- Send the cheque and booking form to the organiser listed on the same page as the description of the activity at least 5 days before the event.
- Your reservation will be confirmed to you by email. If the event is full you will be advised accordingly and your cheque will be destroyed.
- Refunds (except travel deposits) will be given for cancellations up to 8 days before the event.
- Please note that your membership number is on your newsletter envelope label.

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Friends: Activities Booking Form

Activity: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Number of Guests: _____ Separate Payments? Yes No _____

Names of Guests: _____

Amount Enclosed: HK\$ _____ Bank/ Cheque Number: _____

Contact Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Booking Form ----- TOURS

- Please send a separate cheque and booking form for each tour to the tour coordinator listed with each tour.
- Please note that your membership number is on your newsletter envelope label.
- Make cheque payable to: "Friends of the Art Museum, the CUHK Ltd."
- Please write your name, telephone number and tour on the back of your cheque.
- Please email a colour scan of your Passport Details Page to the tour organizer

TOURS TRAVEL POLICY:

- Space is not reserved until your deposit is received.
- Airline deposits and tickets once paid are non-refundable.
- Cancellation less than 45 days before departure will result in non-refundable charges. Cancellation less than 21 days before departure must be in writing and may result in no refund.
- Please note that the first \$1000 of your deposit is non-refundable.

Name of Tour: _____

Membership No _____ Name exactly as it appears in Passport:

Name (s) of travelling companion(s): _____

Amount enclosed: HK\$ _____ Bank/Cheque Number:

_____ E-Mail: _____

Fax: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

I require a single room at extra rate. YES/NO

I wish to share with

I _____ (Full Name) have read and agree to the above

Travel Policy Terms.

Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____



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☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
☐ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Welcome to the Friends of the Art Museum, the CUHK. We are a non-profit organization established in 1981 to promote art education and raise funds for the Chinese University Art Museum, through various fund-raising activities.


Surname _____ (Joint members please provide spouse's or partner's name) Surname _____ Address _____ _____ _____ Telephone _____ Mobile _____ Email _____ From time to time, the Friends of the art Museum, the CUHK, Ltd., produces a membership directory. for Friend's purposes and related matters only. If you DO NOT wish your details to appear in the directory, please tick here <input type="checkbox"/> We are all volunteers and greatly appreciate any help you can offer. Please let us know if you would like to assist us with our activities. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Processed: _____ Membership Number: _____ Membership Category: _____ Member Since: _____ Directory? _____ Cheque: Amount: _____ Number _____ Bank: _____ Cash: Amount: _____ Given to: _____ Notes: _____	Given Name _____ Given Name _____ <i>I hereby apply for membership in Friends of the art Museum, the CUHK, Ltd.</i> Signature: _____ Date: _____ Please tick the category you desire: <input type="checkbox"/> Single Member: \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Member: \$600 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member single: \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member joint: \$6,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Student Member: \$200 (Please supply copy of student ID card). Make crossed cheque payable to: "The Friends of The Art Museum, the CUHK Ltd" and mail to: Gillian Fox, Helene Court, House 7, 14, Shouson Hill Road, Shouson Hill, Hong Kong. <i>Please note that the mailing label of your newsletter indicates your membership number and expiry date.</i> _____ ** Note - Friends membership runs annually from October** _____ 
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Photo Gallery:

Jiao Festival (top) and Picasso close up, at the Ben Brown Gallery (bottom)



Information

Art Museum Hours: Open daily from 10:00am-5:00pm. **Closed Public Holidays**

Friends' Library Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10am-4:45pm. **Closed Public Holidays. Note:** The library is situated in the Art Museum.

Driving Directions to CUHK:

Take any of the cross-harbour tunnels (it is now only 15 minutes from IFC to CU via Route 8 and the Western tunnel) and follow signs to Shatin /Taipo/Racecourse/ University. Continue on the highway and you do not have to go through any traffic lights. The Racecourse is your marker, the exit to the University is off the highway on the left exit opposite. It is clearly marked UNIVERSITY. You are now on Tai Po Road. Continue along this road until you reach the main University Entrance Gate (first gate on your right is the Chung Chi College entrance). First 30 minutes of parking free, first Hour \$20 and thereafter \$10 for each 30 minutes. Drive 200 yards past gate. Parking lot is on right, Museum is on left. Surrender card, pay at gate when leaving.

Friends members may enjoy 3 hours free parking when visiting the Library and Art Museum. To obtain your Free Parking ticket visit the ground floor reception desk.

Public Transportation to CUHK:

From TST take KCR East to the University KCR station (25 minutes from Kowloon). Turn right when leaving the station to reach University shuttle bus making regular runs to Art Museum. Alight at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall (second stop); walk straight to Institute of Chinese Studies building, where the Art Museum is located. To return, catch bus on lower side of the Art Museum.

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