

2012 CHINA TRIP

[SHOPPING]

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IT'S SMART BUSINESS.

BEIJING

JADE FACTORY

Because of China's rich jade resources, jade has had a powerful historical and cultural impact on the Chinese and other Asian people. Travelers on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce's April 2010 trip to China will get a chance to visit the Beijing Jade Carving Factory, which has the biggest jade collection in China. Travelers will find hundreds of thousands of precious jade carvings with raw material from the northeast and Silk Road areas of China.

PEARL FARM

The Pearl Shop in Beijing exhibits a rich variety of home-produced sea and fresh water pearls, including king- and queen-size pearls of precious quality. Pearl Powder, originally made for the Qing Dynasty Royal Family as a cosmetic, can also be found here.

MING AND QING DYNASTY FURNITURE

An ancient furniture fair offering antique items as well as newly made furniture of Ming and Qing Dynasty styles. Shipping is available.

CLOISONNÉ FACTORY

Born in Beijing 300 years ago, hand-made, Chinese cloisonné crafts were historically used by royal and wealthy Chinese families. Cloisonné, an ancient metalworking technique, is an enamel process to create jewelry, vases, platters, bowls and other decorative items. Travelers get the chance to visit a cloisonné workshop to see how these beautiful articles are made. The gorgeous design and hand-made workmanship of the wares at cloisonné factory make this a popular stop for domestic and international travelers.

SUZHOU

SUZHOU EMBROIDERY INSTITUTE

A state-owned handicraft research institute offering hand-made, double-sided embroidery articles depicting vivid images of flora and fauna.

SUZHOU SILK FACTORY

This factory produces one-fifth of China's silk products. The beautifully designed silk clothes, quilts and fabrics are produced specially for sale here.

HANGZHOU

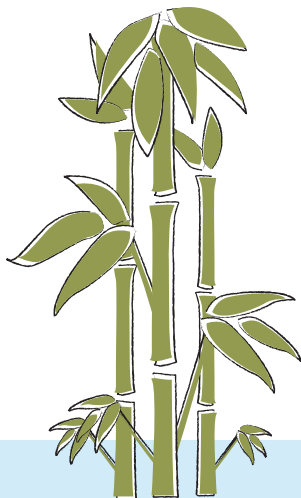
HANGZHOU DRAGON WELL TEA FARM

The Dragon Well tea planted in this village was once produced only for Chinese Royalty. It is a famous brand of tea in China, and travelers will enjoy viewing the farm and meeting local farmers.

SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI CARPET MILL

Superior quality silk tapestries of all kinds and sizes are produced at this mill. These hand-made silk tapestries – of 400 to 600 knots per square inch – are precious merchandise.



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