



Wuhan and Wudang
Friday, May 9 – Wednesday, May 14
With Professor Jenny F. So

The New Hubei Provincial Museum and Daoist Wudang Mountain

The OCS is delighted to announce our upcoming trip to Hubei Province. With the expert guidance of Professor Jenny So, world-acknowledged Chinese antiquities authority, we will visit the new Hubei Provincial Museum and have access to its storage room to see objects not on display to the public. Professor So received her doctorate from Harvard University and was the Senior Curator for the ancient Chinese collection at the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, D.C, before returning to Hong Kong in 2001 where she is currently Professor of Fine Arts and Director of the Institute of Chinese Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

In 1977, the remarkably rich and undisturbed tomb of the Marquis of Yi was excavated. Dated to about 433 BCE, its stunning finds included over 15,000 objects including bronze ritual vessels, bronze bells, stone musical chimes, jades, and lacquer. More recently, in 2001, the tomb of Prince Liangzhuang (9th son of the Ming Yongle Emperor) who died in 1441 was excavated with over 1,400 artifacts, including large numbers of outstanding gold objects, jades and blue-and-white porcelains. Our trip will provide ample opportunities to view these objects, with the benefit of Professor So's insights.

The sacred Daoist Wudang Mountain lies north of Wuhan. Its Five Dragon Temple existed as early as the Tang dynasty (618-907) and by the Ming dynasty, the Emperor sent 300,000 soldiers and craftsmen to build temples, pavilions and other structures. Today there were 36 halls, constituting the largest existing Daoist complex, rich in architecture, sculptures, scriptures and more. As a national park area, the mountain also has flourishing plant life and impressive landscapes. To put the mountain in its religious context, we will have a discussion on sacred geography and there will also be an

introduction to *neigong*, the Chinese breathing and meditation disciplines associated with Daoism. On our return from the mountain, we will stop by the excavated Marquis of Yi tomb site.

To take advantage of the Buddha's Birthday Weekend of May 9th, we depart early Friday morning and return on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 14. As this is a busy time of travel in China, if you are joining us, please send your cheque as early as possible so airline seats can be confirmed.

It is a rare treat to have the company and scholarship of Professor So and we look forward to welcoming you on our trip.

Trip Cost

HK\$10,000 per person (twin sharing) based on 16 participants
Single supplement HK\$2,200.

Cancellation Policy:

Notice received (Day prior to tour)

More than 30 days

16-30 days

8-15 days

Within 7 days

Cancellation charges

Deposit

50% of tour fare

75% of tour fare

100% of tour fare

Itinerary

Friday, May 9

HK to Wuhan, KA 850 (0925/1120)

Wuhan Airport, Lunch, Hubei Provincial Museum, Marquis Yi of Zeng bells etc, Dinner, Renaissance Wuhan Hotel or similar

Saturday, May 10

Wuhan, Wuhan to Xiangfan

Hubei Provincial Museum – new galleries Ming dynasty Prince Liangzhuang, new lacquer finds, Lunch (under own arrangement), Drive to Xiangfang, Dinner Ammon Hotel or similar

Sunday, May 11

Xiangfan to Wudang and return

All Day Wudang Mountain

Ammon Hotel or Similar

Monday, May 12

Xiangfan to Suizhou to Wuhan

City Wall, Lunch, Marquis Yi of Zeng Tomb, Dinner
Renaissance Wuhan Hotel or Similar

Tuesday, May 13

Wuhan

Hubei Provincial Museum *Special Viewing* Storage Area, Lunch, Wuhan Museum,
Or Archeological Institute. Dinner
Renaissance Wuhan Hotel or Similar

Wednesday, May 14

Wuhan to Hong Kong KA 851 (1115/1325)

Remarks:

Please note that the fare includes a donation of HK\$1,000 to the OCS. The fare is based on a minimum of 16 participants, and the trip is limited to 20 participants. Should the group fall below that number, the fare will be increased. The fare is based on prices as of February 20, 2008. In the event of an increase in charges by airlines, hotels or other suppliers, the cost will be passed on to participants. All arrangements are subject to change and the Wuhan tour may be cancelled in the case of unforeseen circumstances. The Oriental Ceramic Society of Hong Kong Limited (OCS) and its officers, directors, employees and members shall not be liable to the participant for: (1) any injury, damages, death, loss, accident or delay to persons or property directly or indirectly attributable or arising out of or in relation to this tour and (2) any refund due to cancellation of this tour or portion thereof unless such refund is received by the OCS.

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REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to participate in the OCS trip.

Passport Name

Address.....

PhoneFax:.....Passport Nbr.....

Please reserve a single room for me

I enclose herewith my deposit of HK\$2,000 by cheque Nbr.....

I understand the terms and conditions outlined above.

Signature..... Date.....

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