



ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

► Institute for the Research of Ancient Texts

Conduct research on the Museum's collection of oracle bones, bronze inscriptions, rubbings, and documents found in Dunhuang. Collaborate with other Chinese and international cultural heritage organizations and museums to organize and study textual materials from collections.

► Institute for Ancient Architecture

Analyze archives concerning the building techniques of Qing dynasty palaces. Discover, investigate, and document the various materials and building techniques used within the Forbidden City. For each building and the architectural complex in which it is located.

► Archaeology Study

It was established on 23 October 2013 and certified by the State Administration as corporate leader of archaeological excavation on 18 February



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THE PALACE MUSEUM
OF BEIJING

ABOUT THE PALACE MUSEUM

HISTORY

Established in 1925, the Palace Museum is located in the imperial palace of the consecutive Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties. The magnificent architectural complex, also known as the Forbidden City, and the vast holdings of paintings, calligraphy, ceramics, and antiquities of the imperial collections make it one of the most prestigious museums in China and the world. In 1961, the State Council designated the former imperial residence as one of China's foremost-protected cultural heritage sites, and in 1987 it was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.



1925 THOUSAND
COLLECTIONS
FROM THE QING

Situated in the heart of Beijing, the Palace Museum is approached through the Gate of Heavenly Peace (Tian'an men). Immediately to the north of the Palace Museum is Prospect Hill (also called Coal Hill), while on the east and west are the Wangfujing and Zhongnanhai neighborhoods of significance.

WORLD HERITAGE

In 1961, the State Council designated the former imperial residence as one of China's foremost-protected cultural heritage sites, and in 1987 it was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage. It is committed to the preservation of national heritage and the goal of serving as a model for museums around the world.



VIRTUAL TOURS

The Palace Museum presents a unique space for exploration and interaction in this latest iPhone App called The Palace Museum Community. An online anthology of the Palace Museum's past and current exhibitions (since 2005), this Application encompasses rich media presentation.