Welcome to the Asian Art Museum

Awe-inspiring artworks ranging from ancient jades to contemporary installations immerse you in the magnificent artistic achievements and intriguing history of the world’s most populous continent.

Plan Your Visit

COLLECTION GALLERIES
The heart of the Asian Art Museum is its world-class collection of more than 18,000 artworks. Explore a rotating selection of more than 2,000 objects from across Asia on the second and third floors. We recommend starting on the third floor in Gallery 1, dedicated to early works from South Asia.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS
Temporary exhibitions spotlighting an artist or theme offer unique viewpoints and rare opportunities to discover outstanding works on loan from other museums and private collections. Find special exhibitions on the first floor in the Yang Yamazaki Pavilion, Osher Gallery, and Lee Gallery, and in the Tateuchi Gallery on the second floor. Check lobby screens to find out what’s on view.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONS
Visit the Fang Family Launchpad, the East West Bank Art Terrace, and the Lui Art Wall to find a rotating selection of site-specific works commissioned from contemporary artists.

GUIDED TOURS
Get more out of your visit with a lively and informative tour led by a trained docent. Check lobby screens for times; meet your docent at the information desk.

MOBILE GUIDE
Get more out of your visit with our self-guided multimedia tours, available on the free Asian Art Museum app. Use the QR code to download today.

PROGRAMS
From storytelling tours for kids to art-making workshops for all ages, there’s always something happening at the museum. Check lobby screens for today’s programs.

HANDS-ON PROJECTS
Learn by doing! Get creative with self-directed hands-on activities inspired by special exhibitions, in the Shriram Learning Center.

EAST WEST BANK ART TERRACE
Take a break on our rooftop terrace, a sculpture garden in the sky.

STASH YOUR STUFF
Check your coat or bag, or borrow a wheelchair or stroller, at the Marver Concierge Station.

SHOP
Head to our Cha May Ching Museum Boutique for an expertly curated selection of items sourced from across Asia and from local artisans, plus an unparalleled selection of books about Asia and Asian art.

EAT
Sample the flavors of Asia at our cafe, Sunday at the Museum, featuring Boba Guys, or grab a drink or snack at the art terrace cafe.

SNAP AND SHARE #MuseumDifferently @AsianArtMuseum
We encourage taking photos for your personal use (unless otherwise marked) and be sure to share your experience with us on social media. (Please, no flash, selfie sticks, or tripods.)
Discover the Diverse Cultures of Asia

THE PERSIAN WORLD & WEST ASIA

SOUTH ASIA

SOUTHEAST ASIA

THE HIMALAYAS & THE TIBETAN BUDDHIST WORLD

Find works from these regions in our galleries.
Discover exceptional works—singled out for their rarity, beauty, or historical significance—by following the path of masterpieces through our collection galleries.

Short on Time?

Want More?

Take a self-guided tour of 55 highlights from our collection. Get the Asian Art Museum app on your phone.
Visiting with Kids?

Pick up an Art Adventure Pack at the information desk to explore shape, line, and color.

Track animals in the collection galleries with our Art Cards; borrow from the information desk.

Take a family selfie with Reina, our 3,000-year-old bronze rhino (Gallery 14).

Get hands-on and express yourself in the Shriram Learning Center (first floor).

Dragon, turtle, pumpkin, or mouse? Find your favorite Japanese miniature carving (netsuke) (Gallery 27).

Myths and tales from Asia come alive with storytelling in the galleries. Check lobby screens for times; meet your storyteller at the information desk.

Looking for Contemporary Art?

Explore a rotating selection of modern and contemporary works from the collection in the Hambrecht Contemporary Gallery (first floor).

Head to the loggia for Liu Jianhua’s Collected Letters and Afruz Amighi’s My House, My Tomb in the Fang Family Launchpad (second floor).

Find outdoor sculptures by Ai Weiwei and others on the East West Bank Art Terrace (second floor).

Check out murals on the Lui Art Wall to see what makes local artists tick (Hyde St.).

Let our curators lead the way with our Contemporary Art mobile guide tour. Download the tour from the free Asian Art Museum app.
Want to Chill?

Find enlightenment with our Meditative Art mobile guide, available on the free Asian Art Museum app.

Purify your mind in the Contemplative Alcove (second floor).

**Unwind in the cafe** with a pot of hot tea or a chilled glass of boba (first floor).

Relax, reflect, and refresh on the East West Bank Art Terrace (second floor).

Keep your hands busy and your mind calm in the Shriram Learning Center (first floor).

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Into Architecture?

Be awed by the Wilbur Grand Staircase, the centerpiece of our historic Beaux-Arts building, designed in 1917 as the city’s main public library.

Take in the elegantly coffered ceiling of lofty Samsung Hall, which formerly housed the library’s card catalogue (second floor).

Relax in the airy and spacious Bogart and Bowes Courts designed by Italian architect Gae Aulenti, who remodeled the former library to be the home of the Asian Art Museum in 2003 (first floor).

Step out onto the East West Bank Art Terrace for a new perspective on the city skyline (second floor).

Head over to Hyde Street to see the dynamic faceted exterior of architect Kulapat Yantrasast’s striking 2020 addition, the Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang Pavilion.
A Museum for All

We strive to make the Asian Art Museum accessible and welcoming to all.

- Trained guide and service animals are welcome.
- Foldable, portable stools are available for use throughout the galleries.
- Braille floor plans are available at the information desk.
- Audio descriptive guides and transcripts for our blind and low-vision visitors are available in multiple languages from the information desk.
- Large-print labels are provided in special exhibition galleries.
- Request Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) for daily tours from your docent.
- Noise-dampening headphones are available at the information desk.
- For any other needs, please ask at the information desk.
- Check our website for a complete list of our accessibility initiatives.

Join Today

Apply today's ticket price toward a membership and get free admission all year long.

The benefits of an Asian Art Museum membership include free unlimited admission, priority registration for certain programs, discounted parking, cafe and boutique discounts, and more.

For more information or to join, stop by the membership desk in the lobby or visit us online at give.asianart.org.

While You’re Here

- The art should touch you—not the other way around. Please admire without touching.
- Please no food or drinks in the galleries.
- Enjoy the moment by silencing cell phones and refraining from phone conversations in the galleries.
- We encourage you to take and share photos of your visit for personal use only. Please no flash, selfie-sticks, or tripods—they can disturb other visitors and damage the art.
- We love when our visitors sketch in the galleries—please draw or take notes with pencils. Only have pens? Pencils are available for purchase in our Cha May Ching Museum Boutique.
- Have fun with little ones. Strollers are allowed in the galleries, but you may be asked to park your stroller when the museum is crowded. Flip back a couple of pages for family-friendly activities.
- You may be photographed or filmed by museum staff during your visit. We may use these images in online or printed museum materials. Parents of minors will be asked for permission before filming.

Group Visits

Groups enjoy discounted admission and express entry into the museum, as well as the option of a private docent tour. For more information or to reserve, contact us at groupvisits@asianart.org or 415.581.3620.
At a Glance

FIRST FLOOR
Special Exhibition Galleries:
- Yang Yamazaki Pavilion
- Wilbur Gallery
- Lee Gallery
- Osher Gallery
- Hambrecht Contemporary Gallery
- Shriram Learning Center
- Koret Education Center
- Boutique
- Cafe

SECOND FLOOR
Collection Galleries:
- China
- Korea
- Japan
- Samsung Hall
- East West Bank Art Terrace / Art Terrace Cafe
- Fang Family Launchpad
- Liu Jianhua’s Collected Letters
- Tateuchi Gallery (Special Exhibitions)

THIRD FLOOR
Collection Galleries:
- South Asia
- The Persian World and West Asia
- Southeast Asia
- The Himalayas and the Tibetan Buddhist World
- China

EXTERIOR
- Lui Art Wall
- Osher Plaza
- Village Artist Corner