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Ancient Chinese Opera Culture and Costume Play Tour - 1 Day

Stepping into the 300-year-old wooden theatre feels like a journey back to the Qing Dynasty. This “Living Fossil” of Chinese opera houses offers a rare glimpse into ancient architectural acoustics and imperial leisure. Led by professional masters, you will not only watch a performance but also master the symbolic gestures of “Hand, Eye, and Body.” The highlight of the tour is the immersive costume play, where you can transform into an opera star with authentic hand-embroidered robes and professional makeup, concluding the night with a premium live performance on the historic stage.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
		Duration: **15:00-21:00** **Temple Exploration and Acoustic Mystery** In the afternoon, begin your journey with an in-depth exploration of the theatre ’ s purely wooden structure. You will discover how ancient craftsmen created a natural surround-sound environment without modern technology. Through an interactive “ scavenger hunt, ” you will uncover hidden deity shrines and intricate carvings that tell the story of Beijing ’ s guild hall culture.



The Masterclass and Master-Led Workshop

Professional opera actors will guide you through the history and aesthetics of the

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Ancestor of all Operas.

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You will learn the delicate movements of the

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Water Sleeve

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and the symbolic meanings behind every gaze and step.

Customized Immersive Experience

You may choose one or more of the following projects to experience the art firsthand:

Kunqu Body Movement and Gesture

Under the guidance of professional instructors, you will learn the fundamental physical language of Kunqu.

Theatrical Costume Experience

Step behind the curtain and dress in authentic, hand-embroidered Kunqu robes.

Theatrical Makeup Artistry

Experience the professional transformation of a Kunqu performer.

Kunqu Scenarios and Role-play

Combine your movement and costume skills in a guided role-play session.








The following Intangible Cultural Heritage experiences will also be available (Please select ONE from the three projects below):

Facial Mask Painting

Hand-paint your own traditional opera mask using authentic colors and patterns.

Lacquer Fan Making

Learn the ancient

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floating ink

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technique to create a unique lacquer fan.

Traditional Calligraphy

In the ink-scented atmosphere of the ancient theatre, practice the art of Chinese brushwork.




Leisure Stroll and Hutong Culture

Before the evening

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s main event, enjoy free time in the surrounding historic district. You can stroll through Liulichang Street to see antique books and calligraphy art, or wander through the creative Yangmeizhu Xiejie for a cup of

specialty coffee in a renovated hutong. This is the perfect time to soak in the local atmosphere of old Beijing.

The Grand Finale Performance
At 19:30, return to the theatre as the lanterns glow for the ultimate experience. Seated in the historic hall, you will witness a world-class live performance. Watching the actors glide across the very stage you explored earlier provides a profound connection to China's cultural heritage that few ever experience.



Tour Includes :

- Ancient Theatre entrance and guided tour fees
- All chosen Opera & ICH experience materials and clothing costs
- Professional English-speaking guide service
- Guidance from professional Northern Kunqu Opera actors
- Premium tickets for the 19:30 evening performance
- Air-conditioned vehicle with driver

Tour Excludes :

- International flights & airport tax
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills
- China Entry Visa, travel insurance
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals

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