Field Trips

Welcome to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden! There is much to discover within the walls of our traditional Ming Dynasty-style classical Chinese garden.

We are happy to work with you to create a memorable and meaningful day for your students. Please don’t hesitate to contact us to customize our programs or to ask about other learning opportunities not in this brochure.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students!

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In order to ensure your visit on the day and time of your choosing, please book your field trip at least three weeks in advance and provide the following information:

- Three preferred dates and times
- Grade level and number of students (a minimum of 10 paying participants is required)
- Email address, phone number, and name of school/organization

Address: 578 Carrall St.

Bus parking: 2-hour free bus parking on Keefer St. at Carrall St.

Car: Metered street parking or secured Parkades on Keefer St. at Columbia St.

Skytrain: Stadium-Chinatown Station

Bus: #19 or #22 stop along Pender St. at Carrall St.
Chinese New Year
Offered from January 13 through February 7, 2020

### Celebrating a Rat Year
(Pre-K–Grade 5)
60 minutes | $6 per student

Chinese New Year is a source of excitement. Let us explore the holiday stories and traditions that are significant to many in our multicultural Canadian society. Students in Grades 1 and under will go on a scavenger hunt, while students in Grades 2 and up will make some New Year crafts!

**Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies**
- Diverse communities in Canada and around the world
- Personal, family, and cultural stories and traditions

### Gung Hay Fat Choy/Gong Xi Fa Cai!
(Grades 1–5)
2 hours | $10 per student

Combine Celebrating a Rat Year with a walking tour of Vancouver’s Chinatown during the most important Chinese holiday! Our knowledgeable educator will lead students along Pender Street to visit merchants and their shops. Along the walk, students can practice the respectful ways to wish ‘Happy New Year’ in Chinese!

**Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies**
- Diverse communities in Canada and around the world

### Garden Tour
60 minutes | $6 per student

A Chinese garden is much more than a collection of plants and rocks. Enjoy a grade-appropriate, interactive tour of the Garden and learn about Ming Dynasty family life, philosophy, and arts.

**Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies**
- Diversity, culture, and traditions
- Continuity and change
- Ancient societal structures

**English Language Arts**
- Storytelling, poetry

**Art**
- Elements of design

### Chinatown Walking Tour
90 minutes | $13 per student

A shorter version of this tour is available for K–Gr 1: 45 minutes | $6

Visit Vancouver’s Chinatown with an expert! Explore this heritage neighbourhood, find out what life was like for the people who lived here in the past, and enjoy the traditional markets, family associations, and famous monuments that still exist today.

**Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies**
- Canadian Immigration
- Diverse communities and cultures in Canada
- Urban planning

Combine a Garden Tour with a Chinatown Walking Tour for $16 per student
Specialty Programs

Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3

**Creature Quest**
60 minutes | $8 per student

What animals are hiding within the garden walls? Through fun and interactive activities, we will explore the Garden and learn about the cultural significance of certain animals. Then we will go on a scavenger hunt and finish with an animal-themed craft to take home.

*Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies*
- Cultural stories and traditions
- Diverse perspectives and world views

Grade 4 and up

**Crossing Borders: An Immigrant’s Tale**
2 hours | $8 per student

What was it like for the Chinese immigrants who came to the ‘Gold Mountain’ in the mid-1800s? Our immigration story suitcases bring this topic to life as students investigate the objects, stories, and lives of Chinese immigrants.

*Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies*
- Immigration and multiculturalism

**Master Fong’s Fireworks**
2 hours | $8 per student

Many things were invented by the Ancient Chinese, including modern fireworks. Learn about Chinese inventions while exploring the Garden, and conclude the program by launching Alka-Seltzer fire arrows!

*Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies*
- (Scientific and technical developments of ancient peoples)

*Science (Conduct a simple experiment and make predictions)*

Combine Crossing Borders or Master Fong with a Chinatown Walking Tour for $16
Tai Chi
Grade 3 and up

A Taste of Tai Chi
60 minutes | $13 per student

Tai chi involves a series of gentle movements and simple postures, which are designed to improve coordination, balance, and relieve stress. Tai chi is perfect for students of all ages and fitness levels. This program is facilitated by a Tai chi practitioner.

Suggested Curriculum Links:
- Physical and Health Education
- Physical Literacy
- Healthy and Active Living
- Mental well-being

Combine Tai Chi with a Garden Tour for $16 per student

Programs for Spring or Summer Camps

Rustling Leaves
(Ages 5-11)
90 minutes | $8 per child

The ancient Chinese used plants as inspiration. Together, we will explore the plants found in the Chinese garden up close with magnifying glasses, then enjoy some fun nature-based activities and puzzles using our observations.

Ancient Arts
(Ages 5-11)
90 minutes | $8 per child

Let us explore the beauty of the Chinese garden and the practices of Chinese calligraphy and painting. Together, we will use garden inspirations to create our own artwork with brushes!

English Language Learners

Please contact us to organize a visit to our Garden for your English Language class!

Our experienced facilitators can lead your group on a journey through our Garden, explaining about its history, culture, and symbolism.

Tour content can be adapted to the language ability of the students.
Dragon Boat Programs

Grade 5 and up

Offered from March through October

Dragon Tales
(Grades 5 - 7)
2 hours | $8 per student

Explore our Garden and learn about Ming Dynasty family life, culture, and traditions. Then, discover the stories of the 2,000-year old Dragon Boat Festival, also known as Poet’s Day. Students will examine topics including culture, tradition, and history, and make good luck charms.

Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies
- Personal, family and cultural stories and traditions
- Diverse perspectives and world views

Dragon Tales
(Grades 8 and up)
2 hours | $8 per student

Learn about the culture and history of our Garden and its place in local Chinese cultural heritage. Then learn about the Dragon Boat festival and how Dragon Boating has evolved from a traditional Chinese celebration to global competitive sport. Students will finish by making good luck charms.

Suggested Curriculum Links: Social Studies
- Interactions between cultures
- Canadian Identities
- Understanding cultural complexity

Did you know...

...that the ancient tradition of dragon boat racing was first introduced to North America right here in Vancouver? The values of Dragon Boat BC are rooted in cultural harmony. 30 years later, Vancouver’s Dragon Boat Festival is recognized as one of the best and biggest in all of North America. It truly is a Vancouver activity!

Dragon Boat Paddle
(Grades 5 and up)
90 minutes | $15 per student
($29 per university student)

Get into action and learn the techniques of dragon boat paddling! Perfect for all fitness levels, dragon boat paddling encourages teamwork skills. Program takes place rain or shine; all equipment is provided.

Suggested Curriculum Links:
- Physical and Health Education
  - Physical Literacy
  - Healthy and Active Living
  - Mental wellbeing

Combine Dragon Tales with Dragon Boat Paddle for $18 per student
($33 per university student)

Dragon Boat programs are offered in partnership with Dragon Boat BC.
Paddling programs launch from Creekside Community Centre, a quick 15-minute walk, or 5-minute drive away.
2019—2020 Education Program price list

Celebrating a Rat Year $6
Gung Hay Fat Choy/Gong Xi Fa Cai! (Chinatown combo) $10

Garden Tour $6

Chinatown Walking Tour $13
Chinatown Walking Tour K—Gr 1 $6

Garden Tour + Chinatown Walking Tour $16
Garden Tour + Chinatown Walking Tour K—Gr 1 $10

Creature Quest $8

Crossing Borders $8

Master Fong’s Fireworks $8

Crossing Borders/Master Fong + Chinatown Walking Tour $16

A Taste of Tai Chi $13

Rustling Leaves $8

Ancient Arts $8

Dragon Tales $8

Dragon Boat Paddle $15

Dragon Boat Paddle University student $29

Dragon Tales + Dragon Boat Paddle $18

Dragon Tales + Dragon Boat Paddle University student $33