

are marked with a red wax seal which should be left untouched for customs inspection on leaving China. It may also be necessary to produce a receipt for the item concerned. These antique shops will also arrange for shipment of antiques directly to the visitor's address abroad.

Recommended Shops

The Friendship Store, on Jian Kuo Men Wai, two miles west of the city centre. Four stories high, the Friendship Store is the largest store for sales to foreigners. It specializes in contemporary arts and handicrafts, silks (a good buy) and other textiles, jade carvings, etc.

The best place for antiques is a cluster of shops at Liu Li Chang, in south central Peking, one of the older and more picturesque areas of the city. These shops carry scrolls, ceramics, bronzes and all kinds of antique objects.

Just south of the Tien An Men square (but a little difficult to find) is the Marco Polo Store, which sells jewellery and antiques, but only for foreign currency.

For foreigners who want to shop in ordinary Chinese stores the most interesting is probably the Bai huo da lou, the major department store in Peking, on Wang fu jing, one of the main shopping streets of the city. Directly across the street from the Bai huo da lou department store is the East Wind Market, a series of covered stalls selling a wide variety of products.

What to Bring Along

Battery operated razors or transformers for electric razors (Peking's electrical supply is 200/220 volts a.c., 50 cycles; elsewhere