



CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP VISUAL STORY

A visual guide designed to aid and assist you in understanding and preparing for your visit to the Chinese Garden of Friendship.

The Chinese Garden of Friendship is a heritage site located in the heart of the Darling Harbour precinct.

I am visiting the Chinese Garden of Friendship in Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Here is some information about arriving at the Garden, which will help me to plan my visit.
The entrance gate to the Garden looks like this:



Acknowledgments

Traditional Owners

The Chinese Garden of Friendship is in an area of Sydney called “Darling Harbour”. In the local Aboriginal language, it is called “Tumbalong” which means “place where seafood is found”.

The Gadigal People are the traditional owners of this area of Sydney.

Modern history

The Darling Harbour area of Sydney is close to the area known as Chinatown. It is a good place to go to find out about Chinese culture.

The Darling Harbour area of Sydney can sometimes be a busy place with lots of people, and sometimes it is quiet.

The area in front of the Garden is a pedestrian area but I might see people cycling around it. I will be careful and look out for people on bicycles when I walk around.

The Darling Harbour area of Sydney has lots of cafes and restaurants where people come to eat. I might smell the food when I walk around.

The area outside the Garden can be very busy and I might hear noises like traffic and planes flying overhead.

Inside the Chinese Garden it is quieter than outside the Garden, and it is a good place to go to feel calm.



How could I visit the Garden?

Here is some information about the Chinese Garden of Friendship to help me.

The Garden is open from 10am to 5pm every day, except for Good Friday and Christmas Day.

I can check the Garden's website for up-to-date information about events and to plan my transport and parking, if needed.

www.darlingharbour.com/things-to-do/chinese-garden-of-friendship

I can also read the history of Chinese Garden of Friendship on the website.



When I get to the Chinese Garden of Friendship I might walk through the front gate, which looks like this.

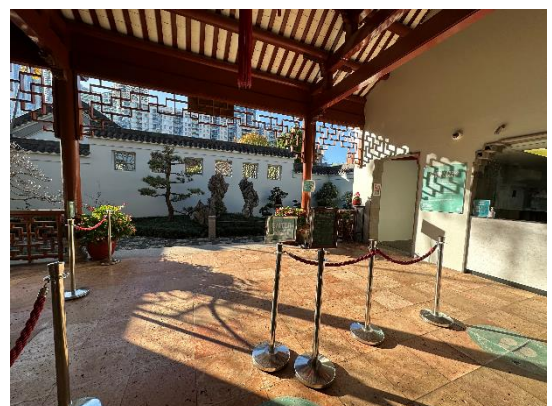
Before 10am and after 5pm the gates will be locked shut. When the Garden is open, the gates will be open.

If I am visiting the Garden with a guide, as part of a school or other group, I will not need to buy a ticket and can follow my guide through the gates.

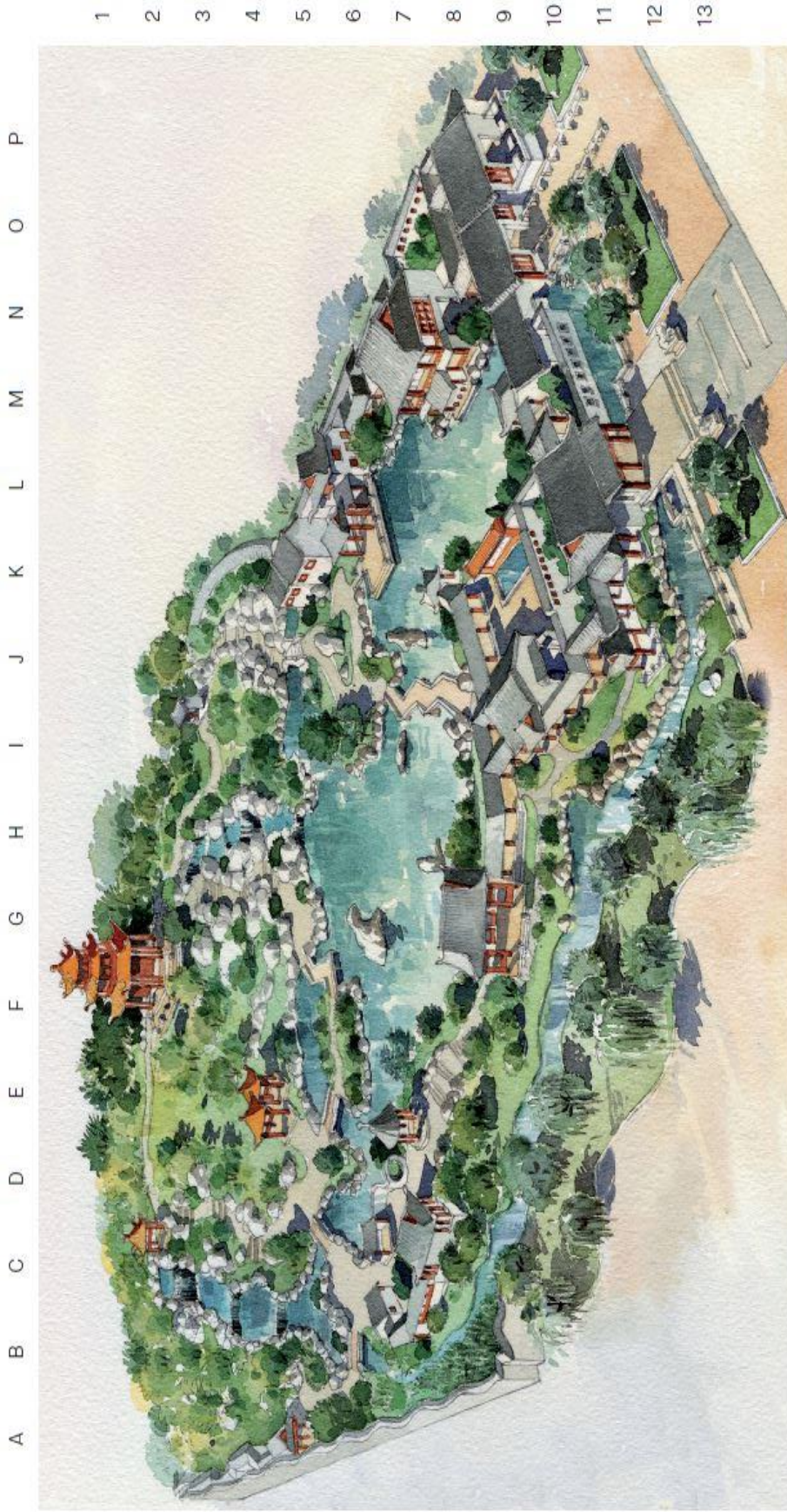
If I am not visiting the Garden with a guide, when I get inside the gates, the people who work there will say hello to me. They are there to help me. If they are busy helping other visitors, they might not say hello to me straight away, and that is okay. I won't have to wait very long. I can buy a ticket from them.

If I need any help, the people who work at the Garden will answer my questions. This is a safe space. Everyone is welcome here.

They might give me a map of the Garden, to help me to find my way around, or I can pick one up at the front desk. It is very easy to find my way around the Garden.



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Main Entrance / Hall of Clear Shade	L11	Round Pavilion	E7	Rinsing Jade Pavilion	C2	Teahouse Pavilion	M8
Commemorative Pavilion	J12	Chamber of Clear Rhythm	C8	Twin Pavilion	E4	Aquatic Pavilion	N9
Courtyard of Welcoming Fragrance	K10	Pavilions Among Bamboo and Rock	B7	The Gurr (Clear View Pavilion)	G2	Dragon Rock	G7
Hall of Longevity	J10	Reading Brook Pavilion	C6	Sleeping Boy Buddha	J3	Tortoise Rock	I7
Dragon Wall	K9	The Seven Sages in Bamboo Forest	A8	Mountain Gate	J2	Phoenix Rock	H8
Lenient Jade Pavilion	K8	Wandering Gallery	A5	The Rock Forest	J4	Unicorn Rock	J7
Water Pavilion of Lotus Fragrance	G9	Dragon Tower	B5	Peace Boat Pavilion	L6	Toilets	K5

What will I find inside the Garden?



If I am with a guide, we might look at the first courtyard which contains miniature trees and miniature landscapes called Penjing. They are like, but not the same as, Japanese Bonsai trees.

I will try to remember that I must not touch the Penjing trees.

The floor in some areas of the Garden might feel bumpy under my feet and that is okay.



Inside the Garden I might hear some noises. I might hear the noise from traffic and planes outside the Garden, and that is okay.

Inside the Garden is a peaceful place, but I might hear noises inside the Garden like the running water of the small waterfalls, or splashes made by the fish in the water, or birds and ducks. Or I might hear noise from other visitors.

I might see Eastern Water Dragons inside the garden. They are a species of lizard.

The Eastern Water Dragons might jump into the water, and it might make me jump, but if that happens it will be okay.

It is fun to count how many Eastern Water Dragons I see inside the Garden.

This is what Eastern Water Dragons look like →



Here are some things I can do to stay safe in Chinese Garden of Friendship.

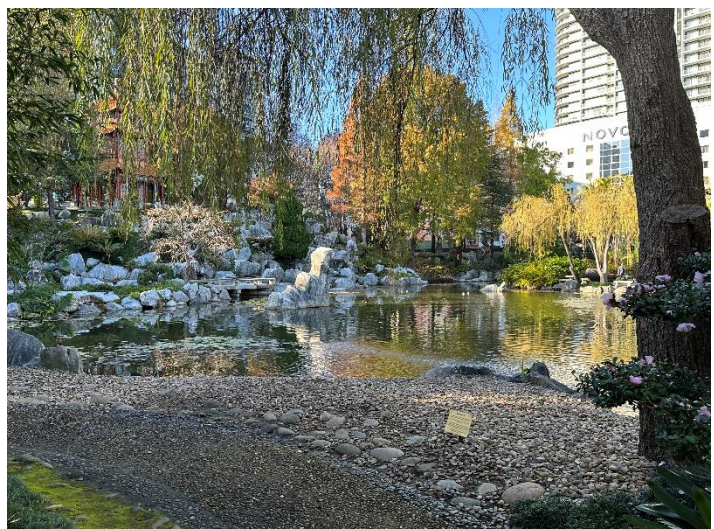
1. I will try to remember to stay on the path.
2. I will try to remember not to walk too close to the water.

3. I might see some wildlife, like koi fish, ducks, water dragon lizards and other birds like ibis. I will try to remember not go near the animals, fish, and birds. I will try to remember not touch the animals, fish and birds who live in the Garden.



4. If I am allowed to feed the fish, I will use the fish feed given to me by the person who works at the Garden and I will throw the feed into the water. I will only feed the fish if my guide or a person who works at the Garden gives me some fish food and says it is okay.

5. I might see some rocks that look like this:
I will try to remember not to climb on the rocks.



Here are some other things I might see in Chinese Garden of Friendship.

I might see some pavilions which look like this:



I can go inside these pavilions if I want to see inside. There are also lots of other pavilions in the Garden.

I might see some red lanterns.

I might see the Moon Gate which looks like this:



I might see and hear the waterfalls which look like this:



If I do not like the sound from the waterfalls, I can cover my ears.

I might see a statue which looks like this and shows small versions of all the animals of the Chinese horoscope:



I might see a statue of Boy Buddha sleeping which looks like this:



Facilities: Toilets

If I need to use the toilet during my visit to the Garden, there are toilets at the opposite side of the Garden to the entrance next to the Peace Boat Pavilion.

It is ok if I need to ask for directions to locate the toilets. I will approach any staff member and they will be able to direct me to the facilities.



Other people might use the hand dryers, and that is okay. If I do not like the noise from the hand dryers, I can put my hands on my ears to block the noise.

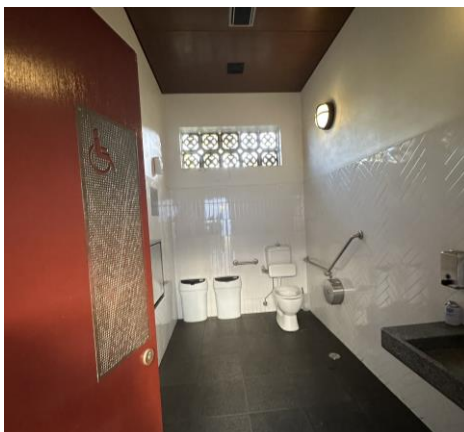
There is a toilet with disabled facilities, but it is not a Changing Places toilet. There is not a Changing Places toilet in the Darling Harbour area of Sydney.

This photo gallery will help me get familiarized with the facilities.

- This is the access to the toilet's area:



- This is how the disabled toilets look like. It is the biggest toilet:



- These are the male toilets (left) and female toilets (right):



I will find lots of things to see at the Chinese Garden of Friendship.
The Chinese Garden of Friendship is a peaceful place to visit.

If I want to find out more information about The Chinese Garden of Friendship after I have visited, I can visit the website:

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