

## Running order of events

**Saturday 21 January 2023, 10:00am to 9:00pm**

### **Lunar New Year celebrations**

**Greenwich town centre and Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site**

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| 10:00am to 5:00pm | <b>Lunar New Year at the National Maritime Museum</b> (includes live performances, family workshops, talks and tours and planetarium shows – see page 2 onwards).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10:00am to 9:00pm | <b>Greenwich Market</b><br>Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the famous historic covered market. There will be a variety of food traders running extended opening hours through to 9:00pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12 noon to 9:00pm | <b>Lunar New Year at the Old Royal Naval College</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Museum of The Moon at the Painted Hall</b>, special reduced entrance price £5, last entry 8:30pm. Book in advance to secure your place.</li><li>• <b>Street Food Market by GCDA</b> (until 7:00pm)<br/>Be spoilt for choices with food from around the world.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chai Junction (Kathi rolls / Indian)</li><li>• Delice (vegan café)</li><li>• Joy's Caribbean Fusion (vegan Caribbean)</li><li>• Maame T's Kitchen (African)</li><li>• One Pan Noodle (noodles)</li><li>• Peter's Panas (arepas)</li><li>• Tapas Bravas (paella)</li><li>• UStick (authentic healthy Chinese)</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 5:30pm to 8:30pm  | <b>Greenwich Light Time – Lunar New Year Lights, at the Old Royal Naval College</b><br>Saturday's events will culminate in a delightful light show, colourfully lighting up the Old Royal Naval College colonnades, the iconic domes and across to the Queen's House at Royal Museums Greenwich. The show will be a rolling format between 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Viewing area for the display is in the grounds of the Old Royal Naval College.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## National Maritime Museum daytime programme timings

### Performances – upstairs at the Great Map, National Maritime Museum

10:00am, 11:30am **Lion Dance performances**

1:00pm, 2:30pm & 4:00pm At 10:00am, the first Lion Dance of the day will open the National Maritime Museum. All other performances will take place on the Great Map.

11:40am **Joyous Serenity**

A musical performance by Euphoria China Arts featuring traditional Chinese instruments the Pipa and the Guzheng.

11:50am **Tai Chi and Qigong 18 Movements**

Tai Chi Qigong is designed to improve the general health and wellbeing of the practitioner. The gentle movements and the rhythmic breathing are very effective and easy to learn; try it for yourself with the Association of Chinese Women, Woolwich.

1:10pm **The Bitten Peach**

The Bitten Peach is the UK's first queer pan-Asian cabaret production company. Their mission is to empower the queer Asian community by creating safer spaces, diversifying Asian representation and providing platforms for Asian artists.

1:15pm **Moving, be like WATER. Still, be like a MIRROR. Respond like an ECHO**

Discover the Chinese martial art of Tai Ji (Tai Chi) with a series of performances originally choreographed by Li Tian Ji.

2:40pm **Guifei Zuijiu**

A performance of a traditional Chinese opera by singer Coco Shi.

2:50pm **Martial Arts**

A demonstration of Shaolin Kungfu and Tai Chi by Andrew Austin and the Zheng Dao Lo Martial Arts Academy.

4:10pm **The Jade Emperor**

Do you know how the 12 animals in the Chinese Zodiac were chosen, and why they follow in a particular order? Find out in this performance by Global Fusion Music and Arts.

## **Family workshops at the National Maritime Museum**

### **10:00am to 5:00pm Torii Gate Frames (venue: Group Space)**

(last entry 4:30pm) Traditionally the Torii Gate separates the mundane from the divine or the special. Come and make a 3D paper torii gate for all the family to frame a drawing of your special place or landscape, favourite person, or photograph, or even a much-loved treasured object. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

### **10:00am to 5:00pm Zodiac Lucky Charms (venue: Learning Space)**

(last entry 4:30pm) Make a lucky paper charm with your personalised Zodiac animal to bring good fortune and joy in the new year.

### **10:00am to 5:00pm Lunar New Year Lanterns | Rethink Space**

(last entry 4.30pm) Create a lantern with Global Fusion Music and Arts (GFMA) to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

### **10:00am to 5:00pm Hongbao Envelopes | By the Figureheads**

(last entry 4.30pm) Create a hongbao, a gift to take away and give to a loved one. Suitable for all ages and abilities, this workshop is also led by GFMA.

### **11:00am to 2:00pm Hands on: Lion Dance costumes | Propeller Space**

Come and meet the fierce Lunar New Year lion and find out more about the tradition from members of Newham Chinese Association.

### **11:00am to 3:00pm Learn Mahjong | Propeller Space**

Join volunteers from Newham Chinese Association and discover the game Mahjong. Try your hand at playing one of the volunteers!

## **Talks and Tours**

### **10:00am to 4:00pm Objects in Focus | Near the Parkside entrance**

Explore our collections up close with our curators, who have selected some star objects relating to the Lunar New Year.

### **11:30am and 1:30pm Curious Collections with Asian Connections |**

Meet by the Traders Gallery on the Great Map

Find out about fascinating objects from the collections that have East and Southeast Asian connections. This special tour will cover a famous Chinese resident of Bournemouth, Britain's relationship with Japan, the history of pineapples and much more. Led by Dr

Aaron Jaffer, our Curator of World History and Cultures, this tour will take in several of our major galleries, and will cover objects on and off display.

12:15pm

**The Tea Ceremony** | Lecture Theatre

Join Chew-Yeen as she demonstrates the mindful tea ceremony for Lunar New Year.

1:45pm

**Chinese Music and Year of Rabbit** | Lecture Theatre

Jennie Zhan introduces traditional Chinese instruments and music to celebrate a spectacular Year of Rabbit.

3:15pm

**Spring Festival and its Symbols in South East Asia** | Lecture Theatre

Across South East Asia, the Lunar New Year is often called Spring Festival, as it denotes the first of the four seasons and a fresh start to the year. In this talk, Wenlan Peng will look at the symbols and traditions related to the festive period and how these vary across the region and the diaspora.

**Planetarium Shows\***

Live planetarium shows exploring topics in ancient and modern Chinese astronomy, including the Sun, Moon, stars and space exploration.

Start Time: 10:30am **Chinese Astronomy**

In this show, the astronomer will explore the links between astronomy and the Chinese lunisolar calendar such as the motion of the Sun and the phases of the Moon and how they relate to the Lunar New Year.

\* At the Royal Observatory's Peter Harrison Planetarium, a 15-minute walk from the National Maritime Museum through Greenwich Park. Charges apply and advance booking is highly recommended as capacity is limited.

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