

Chinese Calligraphy: Running Style
Xuzhuang Li

23rd - 24th Mar 2019
Saturday to Sunday

Chinese calligraphy has been regarded as an essential part of Chinese culture and a unique form of oriental art with over 4000 years of history. Among the five different scripts, running script is the most practical and useful. This weekend course will focus on running script, from basic strokes to some popular phrases and meaningful titles used in Chinese flower- bird and landscape paintings as well as some interesting stand alone phrases for calligraphy. The course is suitable for all levels and will be conducted with introduction, demonstration and individual supervision in an encouraging and enjoyable way.

Description

The content of the course will cover popular phrases and titles commonly used in flower, bird and landscape paintings such as plum, lotus, chrysanthemum, orchid, peony, bamboo, pine tree etc. as well as the scenery in all four seasons.

Meaningful titles can enhance the quality of art work to a cultural level.

The skills you will learn are:

The basic strokes of running script,

The rules of stroke orders,

The step by step order of each character of the phrases,

The match of calligraphy with the style of paintings,

The proper place of calligraphy in a painting.

Please bring with you

A roll of calligraphy or painting paper;

A bottle of ink;

Two different size of brushes;

An ink stone;

Painting felt to put paper on;

Available to purchase from the tutor

All the above items can be purchased from tutor over the weekend, especially brushes for running script.

About Xuzhuang Li

Dr Xuzhuang Li is a lecturer teaching Mandarin Chinese and Translation Theory and Practice at the College of Humanities of Exeter University. Teaching Chinese calligraphy, Chinese Mah Jong and Chinese chess is his spare time hobby. He is a member of China Yellow Mountain Calligraphers and Painters Academy and is a scholar with a good range of knowledge and also very experienced as a tutor in adult education.

Course Location:

Missenden Abbey

Great Missenden
Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD

| Saturday | |
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| 9.30am | Coffee on arrival |
| 9.45am | Welcome and tutor introductions for all |
| 10am-1pm | Teaching session |
| 1pm | Lunch for all - residents may check in |
| 2-5.30pm | Teaching session |
| 6.45 for 7pm | Dinner for residents |
| Sunday | |
| From 7-9.15am | Breakfast for residents |
| 9.30am-1pm | Teaching session |
| 1pm | Lunch for all |
| 2-5pm | Last teaching session |