

THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD
SILK ROADS – BRITISH MUSEUM
TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025



Tang dynasty Chinese ceramic figure of a camel. © The Trustees of the British Museum.

COST PER PERSON: - £20.00 (20 tickets) British Museum Members free. *Please note that your place on the visit will not be confirmed until payment has been received.*

Rather than a single trade route from East to West, the Silk Roads were made up of overlapping networks linking communities across Asia, Africa and Europe, from East Asia to Britain, and from Scandinavia to Madagascar. This major exhibition unravels how the journeys of people, objects and ideas that formed the Silk Roads shaped cultures and histories. The Silk Roads were in use for millennia, but this visually stunning show focuses on a defining period in their history, from about AD 500 to 1000.

You'll meet figures whose stories are entwined with the Silk Roads, including Willibald, an ingenious balsam smuggler from England, and a legendary Chinese princess who shared the secrets of silk farming with her new kingdom. Crossing deserts, mountains, rivers and seas, the Silk Roads tell a story of connection between cultures and continents, centuries before the formation of the globalised world we know today.

GETTING THERE: We will catch the 10.53 train from Oxted to Victoria, arriving 11.32. Then the Victoria Line to Warren Street from where we will walk (17 minutes) to the British Museum. We have tickets for 1.00pm and 1.10pm so we will have time for a coffee and sandwich before going into the exhibition.

Please let me know if you decide to make alternative travel arrangements and ensure that you meet me outside the main entrance of the British Museum at 12.45.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: Please contact visits.limpsfield@theartssociety.org or phone 01 883 713205. Pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60 16 09 Account No. 75668327. Account Name TAS Limpsfield giving the reference "Silk" and your surname. Cheques made payable to TAS Limpsfield should be sent to the Visits Secretary, The Arts Society Limpsfield, 36 Silkham Road, Oxted RH8 0NY.

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