

A Walk Through Chinatown, part 1



Have you ever wondered why there are bat motifs in a Chinese temple? Or why is it that cactus is rare in a Chinese home? Join us for a walk through Singapore's Chinatown – a journey into the Chinese traditions, superstitions, myths and taboos.

Based on the book *Choi! Touchwood!*, this tour takes you through landmarks like Thian Hock Keng Temple, Smith Street, Ang Siang Hill and Sago Lane.

Based on their years of research and conceptualisation of *Choi! Touchwood*, designers of the book will reveal and share fun facts in the world of Chinese superstition at the heart of Singapore's Chinatown.

Explore how the book covered the contrasts of a modern society and traditional beliefs and remind you about your childhood days when traditions, myths and taboos were a big part of your lives. Bear in mind though that this is not a heritage trail! So come armed with your own stories and beliefs to share with the group.

Date: 26 February 2011, Saturday

Time: 9.00am – 11.30am

Meeting point: Information Counter, L1, NLB

For this tour, we bring you on the first part of the journey covered in the book and leave you to explore the rest on your own! Check out www.choitouchwood.com for more information.

As places are limited, registration is required at <http://golibrary.nlb.gov.sg> "Singapore".

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