

# TRACES OF CHINA: A JOURNEY THROUGH CENTURIES OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE

*CGTN Europe unveils Traces of China, a series that uncovers the influence of Chinese aesthetics and tradition on European art and spaces through the centuries.*

LONDON, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, January 23, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [CGTN Europe](https://www.cgtn.com/en/series/traces-of-china) unveils [Traces of China](https://www.cgtn.com/en/series/traces-of-china) - a captivating multi-part series that uncovers the profound influence of Chinese aesthetics and tradition on European art and spaces through the centuries.

Beginning with the European nobility's fascination with Chinese objects, this remarkable cultural exchange gradually permeated throughout society, leaving an enduring legacy that continues to shape Europe today.

Episode 1: Gardens - The Chinese Revolution in British Landscape Design



Poster of Traces of China



Traces of China: Garden

The series opens by exploring Britain's transformation from formal garden design to a more naturalistic approach, inspired by Chinese principles. In the 1700s, Chinese garden philosophy challenged the rigid symmetry of French and Italian traditions, introducing the revolutionary concept of crafting miniature natural landscapes. Through expert interviews and stunning cinematography, the episode reveals how Chinese-inspired elements - from thoughtfully placed rocks to serene water features - inspired the English landscape garden movement and continue to influence contemporary garden design, from grand country estates to urban spaces.

## Episode 2: Chinoiserie - The French Artistic Renaissance

The second episode examines the flourishing of Chinese artistic influence in 17th-century France, particularly during the reign of King Louis XIV. It explores how Chinese art and even architecture became embedded in the imaginations of the European elite. This episode features prominent French artists, curators, and historians who reveal the fascinating evolution of Chinoiserie and the development of cloisonné - a unique art form born from this cultural fusion.



Traces of China: Wallpaper

## Episode 3: Wallpaper - A British-Chinese Innovation

The series concludes by exploring an extraordinary artistic development: Chinese wallpaper created specifically for the European market. This episode takes viewers inside Britain's most prestigious stately homes, where these masterpieces still adorn the walls. Through interviews with dedicated conservators and contemporary artists, we discover how this distinctive art form is being preserved and reimagined for future generations.

Traces of China demonstrates how Europe's fascination with Chinese aesthetics spawned entirely new artistic movements and styles. From Versailles to Venice, this cultural exchange has created an enduring legacy that continues to evolve, inspiring new generations of artists and designers. These influences continue to reach into every corner of contemporary Europe - whether it's eating a meal off a blue and white porcelain plate, a stroll along a winding path in a public garden or gazing at vibrant new wallpaper - the powerful influence of Chinese art and tradition remains today, hidden in plain sight.

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