



15. 参观故宫 Visiting the Palace Museum

Situational Conversation

A: Dàjiā zhùyì le, zhè jiùshì jǔshìwéimíng de Gùgōng, yǒu jiào Zǐjìnchéng, yǐ yǒu wǔbǎi duō nián de lìshǐ.

大家注意了，这就是举世闻名的故宫，又叫紫禁城，已有五百多年的历史。

Attention, everybody. This is the world-famous Palace Museum, also called the Forbidden City. It has a history of more than 500 years.

B: Duōme xióngwěi zhuànguān ya !

多么雄伟壮观呀！

How grand it is !

A: Shìde, Gùgōng fēn liǎng bùfen. Yí bùfen shì sān dà diàn: Tàihédiàn, Zhōnghédiàn, Bǎohédiàn; lìng yí bùfen shì hòugōng.

是的，故宫分两部分。一部分是三大殿：太和殿、中和殿、保和殿；另一部分是后宫。

Yes, it was divided into two parts. One is Three Front Halls: the Hall of Supreme Harmony, the Hall of Middle Harmony and the Hall of Preserving Harmony; the other part is the imperial harem.

B: Huángdì zài nǎr bàngōng ?

皇帝在哪儿办公？

Where did the emperor handle official affairs ?

A: Zài sān dà diàn. Zhèlǐ shì huángdì chùlǐ cháo zhèng, fābù mìnglìng, jǔxíng diǎnlǐ de dìfang.

在三大殿。这里是皇帝处理朝政、发布命令、举行典礼的地方。

In the Three Front Halls. Here is the place where the emperor dealt with state affairs, issued orders, held ceremonies.

B: Nà Hòugōng shì gàn shénme de ?

那后宫是干什么的？

What was imperial harem for ?

A: Hòugōng shì huángdì hé pínfēi men zhù de dìfang.

后宫是皇帝和嫔妃们住的地方。

The imperial harem was the place where the emperor and concubines lived.

B: Tīngshuō huángdì yǒu sān gōng liù yuàn qīshí'èr pínfēi ?

听说皇帝有三宫六院七十二嫔妃？

It's said that the emperor had 72 concubines in the emperor's harem ?

A: Shì de, yǒu diànyǔgōngshì jiǔqiān jiǔbǎi jiǔshíjiǔ jiān bàn, gòng zhàn dì qīshí'èr wàn píngfāngmǐ.

是的，有殿宇宫室 9999 间半，共占地 72 万平方米。

Yes, it has 9999 and a half rooms, covering an area of 720,000 square meters.

B: Zhème duō fángzi ya ?

这么多房子呀？





So many houses !

A: Gùgōng de zhěnggè jiànzhù jīnbì huīhuáng, zhuāngyán xuànlì, bèi yùwéi shìjìe wǒ dà gōng zhīyī.

故宫的整个建筑金碧辉煌，庄严绚丽，被誉为世界五大宫之一。

The whole building of the Palace Museum is splendid, solemn and beautiful. It was praised as one of the five major palaces in the world.

B: Zhèlǐ ràng wǒ yìshēng nánwáng.

这里让我一生难忘。

I think I will hardly forget the visit here all my life.

Key Words

1. Qǐng dàjiā jìzhù qìchē hàomǎ.

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2. Qǐng dàjiā shíyī diǎn qián huí lái.

请大家十一点前回来。

Please come back before 11 o'clock.

3. Zhè shì Gùgōng yóulǎntú.

这是故宫游览图。

This is a tourist map of the Palace Museum.

Words

参观	cānguān	v.	visit
故宫	Gùgōng	n.	the Palace Museum
多么	duōme	adv.	how
雄伟壮观	xióngwěi zhuàngguān	adj.	grand
注意	zhùyì	v.	notice
举世闻名	jǔshì wénmíng	a.	world-famous
紫禁城	Zǐjìnchéng	n.	Forbidden City
一部分	yí bùfen		a part
太和殿	Tàihédiàn	n.	the Hall of Supreme Harmony
中和殿	Zhōnghédiàn	n.	the Hall of Middle Harmony
保和殿	Bǎohédiàn	n.	the Hall of Preserving
后宫	Hòugōng	n.	imperial harem
皇帝	huángdì	n.	emperor
处理	chǔlǐ	v.	deal with
朝政	cháozhèng	n.	state affairs
发布	fābù	v.	issue
命令	mìnglìng	n.	order
举行	jǔxíng	v.	hold
典礼	diǎnlǐ	n.	ceremony





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嫔妃	pínfēi	n.	concubine
殿宇宫室	diànyǔgōngshì	n.	rooms in imperial palace
平方米	píngfāngmǐ	n.	square meter
金碧辉煌	jīnbìhuīhuáng	adj.	splendid
庄严绚丽	zhuāngyán xuànlì	adj.	solemn and beautiful
一生	yìshēng		all one's life
难忘	nánwàng		unforgettable
记住	jìzhù	v.	remember
汽车号码	qìchē hàomǎ	n.	car number



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