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Energetic Tour



Jodi Brunner grabbed her 15 minutes of fame from left field. Her feng shui tours of Chinatown – revealing how restaurants and shops position architecture and furnishings for wealth, happiness and prosperity – are a world rarity. “The only other feng shui tour of Chinatown I know of is a tour in Hong Kong,” she says.

A practitioner of feng shui for five years, Brunner stumbled onto the business idea while walking through Chinatown, Melbourne’s feng shui heartland. She realised others would be interested in the stories she unearthed, particularly since Melbourne’s Chinatown dates to the 1850’s and is the oldest outside Asia.

In Chinatown Brunner spoke to four feng shui masters, who all had at least 20 years experience. She then composed a two-hour tour through Little Bourke Street, starting at 11am every Sunday at the Chinese Museum.

Feng shui in Chinatown is taken very seriously. Every year, banks and large businesses in Chinatown recruit a feng shui master to cleanse their building. Many restaurants also have their entrance at right angles to the street, following feng shui principles. “You can’t walk straight into the restaurant, you have to walk to one side,” says Brunner. “This helps to keep the energy inside the restaurant and also helps to stop any negative energy from coming in. It’s called a spirit wall.”

The restaurant which didn’t listen to a feng shui prediction is also a tour staple. “A few years back, this restaurant had a visit from a travelling monk and the monk described a tragedy that was about to happen and what they needed to do to remedy the

situation,” says Brunner. She adds that no action was taken, and one of the chefs was killed.

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