



## The Temple: Meeting Place of Heaven and Earth

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Temple of Heaven in Beijing was a place for emperors to worship the Heaven in the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Altar of Prayer for Good Harvests is a highlight. The temple is enclosed by a long wall. The northern part within the wall is semicircular symbolizing the heavens and the southern part is square symbolizing the earth. The northern part is higher than the southern part. This design shows that the heaven is high and the earth is low and the design reflected an ancient Chinese thought of 'the heaven is round and the earth is square'. Temple of Heaven is divided by two encircling walls into an inner part and outer part. The main buildings lie at the south and north ends of the middle axis of the inner part. This work, though well done, can best be seen as a good overview and introduction to temple liturgy and symbolism while not being boring. The included illustrations are well done. Mr. Lundquist gives an overview of temple liturgy and thought through a variety of cultures and religions. He covers common areas of thought and symbolism (the Tree of Life, Living Water, the Celestial Mount and ascent, the axis mundi, etc.). A good, and short, overview and introduction to temple thought and history. Read more. 16 people found this helpful. Generally, the Temple of Heaven tour route starts at South Gate, Prosperity Gate and proceeds north along the central axis: Circular Mound Altar - Echo Wall - The Imperial Vault of Heaven - Red Throne Steps Bridge - The Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests - North Gate. The above is the normal route, but the Temple of Heaven has many interesting places and traditional activities that you might miss if you travel alone. Both the overall arrangement and the buildings themselves reflect the perceived relationship between heaven and earth, the core of Chinese cosmology at that time. Much numerology, symbolizing Chinese beliefs and religion, operates within the Temple of Heaven's design.