

'Monks from Tibet on visit'  
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Tibetan monks are visiting Bath this week as part of a series of events taking place at the Museum of Asian Art.

Eight monks from Tashi Lhunpo in India are creating sand diagrams over a period of six days as part of the museum's Season of Tibet.

They are making the Mandalas, which are symbolic pictures made of coloured sand, and hosting workshops to give visitors a chance to take part.

Visitors are also being taught other monastic crafts including Tibetan calligraphy, butter sculpting and prayer flag printing.

Creating Mandalas out of sand is a form of meditation and art, and it is also believed to bring good luck.

The process traditionally ends in a destruction of the artwork, which will take place on Sunday.

The monks will carry the sand in a procession to Pulteney Bridge from 10.30am, where it will be poured into the River Avon.

Museum curator Michel Lee said: "We are expecting a large turnout for the event. We have never done this before and it is very exciting."

An Images of Devotion exhibition is also on display at the museum as part of the Tibet season. The exhibition features a collection of miniature Buddhist-themed paintings from Mongolia and will be on display until December.

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