

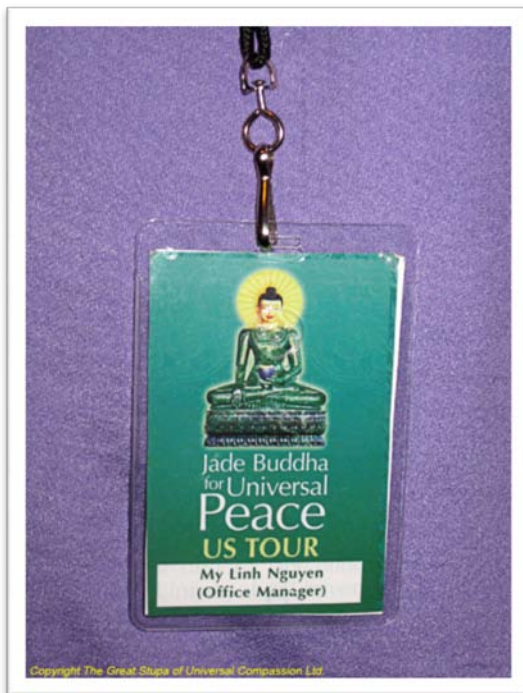
WARNING: BEWARE JADE BUDDHA IMITATORS

Unfortunately some people have seen the popularity of the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace[®] as a business opportunity and have made false claims about the items they sell.

How can you be sure that the jade you buy is a genuine off-cut of the *Jade Buddha for Universal Peace*[®]?

The way you can be sure that you are buying a genuine piece of *Polar Pride* (the boulder from which the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace[®] was carved) is to:

1. Buy your jade item from the official Jade Buddha stand at the venue where the Jade Buddha is on show.
Check that the people you deal with are wearing an official Jade Buddha for Universal Peace[®] identification seen below
2. Insist on a Certificate of Authenticity which is shown below. (**NOTE** If the seller is not able to produce the Certificate, please notify the Authority at the temple or email us at info@stupa.org.au providing the details of the location, name of the seller who tried to sell you the jade).



How much Jade is left from Polar Pride?

Polar Pride originally weighed over 18 tonne. The Jade Buddha for Universal Peace[®] weighs approximately 4 tonne. The off-cuts from Polar Pride amounted to approximately 14 tonne. While all the large off-cuts are now gone we estimate that there is still sufficient jade left to provide small jade pendants for the next few years. At some point all jade from Polar Pride will have been used up. We expect genuine jade from Polar Pride will be a keepsake for generations to come.

Where is the Jade kept and carved?

The jade from the Jade Buddha is kept under tight security at a jade factory in Thailand. The small jade items are carved by the same team that worked on the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace®.

Where is the jade sent to?

Once carved in Thailand the jade items are sent direct to each city where the Jade Buddha is on show. A limited range of newly carved items is sent to each city.

How can I buy a Jade Buddha?

Initially we offered Jade Buddha statues from the off-cuts of Polar Pride but these **Buddha statues are no longer available** – they are now fully sponsored. However, due to the demand for statues we are currently sourcing a new piece of high quality jade from which we will be able to offer large Buddhas (same size as *The Buddha for the King*) and small statues. These Buddhas will be carved by the same carvers who created the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace®. If you wish to register for the waiting list please send an email to info@stupa.org.au

Where do the proceeds from the sale of jade items from Polar Pride go to?

All proceeds from the sale of jade off-cut items from Polar Pride go to the costs of the world tour of the Jade Buddha and the construction of the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion which is the final home of the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace®. The Great Stupa is a member of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition a California Non-Profit Religious Corporation.

Please be advised that the pendant and the “certificate” shown here have absolutely nothing to do with the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace.

This is a blatant rip-off and is clearly an attempt to mislead the general public. The only way to be sure you are buying a genuine off-cut of the Jade Buddha is to see us at the official Jade Buddha for Universal Peace stand during the Jade Buddha showing and to ensure that you obtain a genuine Certificate of Authenticity.

