



## *Comparison of Chinese and Japanese garden landscape styles*

### *Overview*

Although the Huntington's Chinese and Japanese gardens have many elements in common, they are in fact quite different. Both follow the tradition of private, domestic gardens in that they are the style of garden that would be found adjacent to a residence. Both include water, rocks, and plants. But the points of contrast are dramatic. Here is a simplified comparison of the two styles:

	Chinese gardens	Japanese gardens
Major elements	Water, rocks, and plants enclosed by structures	Water, rocks, plants
Function	Living space	Retreat
Experience	Social, active	Solitary, contemplative
Aesthetic	Geometric and ornate	Soft and simple, stylized interpretation of nature