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Facts

Statues in the Potala Palace include Bodhisattva, senior monks and Buddha and most of them are made of metal. And very important is there are statues of ancestors and senior monks of every school of religion which is hard to see in other cities of China. It is true that there are about 200,000 statues of Buddha and stupas in Potala Palace, and among them, the most valuable ones are the statues of Baosheng Guanyin, Songtsan Gambo, Princess Wencheng, Princess Chizun and other emperors and the spirit stupas from fifth Dalai Lama etc.A. Statues of Buddha and Stupas

In Potala Palace, there are some gold Spirit Stupas. The largest one is the 13th Dalai Lama spirit Stupa which is 12.97 meters high and decorated with tens and thousands of jewelry. The second largest one is the 5th Dalai Lama spirit Stupa which is 12.60 meters high and the body of the stupa is made of about 4 tons (3,723 kg) of gold. All of them are decorated with jewelries and gold to help them keep the Buddhist spirits.

Latsan, the White Stupa sitting on the top of Red Hill, was made of earth during the period when the Potala Palace was being built. With a history of more than 1300 years, it has 8 huge silver Shangshe Stupas, besides the 5th, 10th, 12th stupa tombs. Moreover, there are large silver

stupas in Chiming Hall and Putidaocidi Hall.

The major statue to guard Potala Palace, which was sincerely brought to Potala Palace from Indian by Songtsan Gambo in the 7th century, is the statue of Pabalajishare - Saint Kwan-yin. It enjoys the same fame with the same size statue of the 8 years' old Sakyamuni at Ramoche Monastery, as well as the same size statue of the 12 years' old Banchan Erdeni in the Jokhang Temple.

- Ancient Books and Records

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Potala Palace is a huge library of totally about 250,000 kinds of ancient books and records in Tibetan-language with the large variety of topics, such as Buddhism, poetry, handcrafts, medicine, language, history, biography, proverb, play, calendar, music, singing and dancing, play and painting etc.

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