

Activity Details

Beijing Culture Tour: Great Wall & More!

Duration: 5 day

Description:

From the modern Tiananmen to extravagant Forbidden City to the stolid, military aspect of the legendary Great Wall, see some of Beijing's most marvelous sights while understanding the complexity and many faces of Chinese culture.

The iconic Tiananmen Square harbors a plentitude of monuments testifying to China's modern history, yet one has only to cross the Gate of Heavenly Peace to enter the Forbidden City, the world's largest collection of ancient wooden structures and home to China's emperors for almost 500 years. Here we see the scale of diversity that defines China, as well as the fluidity between its various histories – contemporary, communist, imperial and ancient.

The most popular section of the Great Wall, Badaling dates back to Ming era. The surrounding steep verdant hills, which once made this an ideal pass at which to cut off northern invaders, add undeniable beauty and personality to the undulating, winding path of the Great Wall. The wall itself lives and breathes history: in the lookout towers, archer's windows, and signal fire platforms.

This trip also includes introductions to jade carving and silk arts, as well as a traditional Chinese lunch (a lesson in Chinese cuisine, if you so fancy it!)

Itinerary:

Kick back in our spacious, cozy tour bus as we cruise you around the city and into the beautiful mountains explore the incredible history of Beijing's most spectacular sites. In addition to the tour's main destinations – the Great Wall, Tiananmen, and the Forbidden City – we offer a cultural aspect that lets you get up close and personal with the traditional Chinese jade and silk arts. A knowledgeable and friendly English-speaking tour guide adds colorful details and keeps things stress free, as well, making this tour the ideal way to enjoy handful of China's greatest wonders.

Day 1

Pick up from airport by your guide and driver. Transfer to your hotel.

Day 2

Around 6:00am pick up from your hotel in downtown Beijing. We offer simple breakfast.

Arrival at Jinshanling Great Wall around 9:00am. Hike the east section of Jinshanling

Great Wall. Jinshanling Great Wall is located about 130 km from downtown Beijing. The

Jinshanling Great Wall was first constructed built in the Ming Dynasty. The famous

general, Xu Da, of the early Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) supervised and directed the

construction of the Great Wall. Later, Qi Jiguang led a number of defense works while

The round trip hike is about 6 km and takes about 4 hours. Each tower has its unique feature and look. There are relatively less crowded here at Jinshanling Great Wall, it is a nice place to explore the Great Wall in Beijing. After lunch, transferred back to your downtown hotel in Beijing.

Day 3

Pick up at your hotel between 7:00am and 8:30am, This tour starts at Tian'anmen

Square with its plentitude of monuments testifying to the communist, and more

specifically, Mao's influence on China's modern history. From there you will proceed to the

Forbidden City, the largest and best-preserved ancient imperial palaces group with 500

years history in the world. Visit the Forbidden City along the central axis from south to

north for 2 hours. On the way to Temple of Heaven, you will have a chance to visit the

Chinese traditional medicine culture. After having a short rest, we'll visit the Temple of

Heaven -- the largest ancient imperial worship architecture group in the world where the

ancient Emperors prayed for peace and harvest. The visit to Temple of Heaven takes

about 1 hour.

After Chinese lunch (40 minutes) in Restaurant, enjoy a short visit to a pearl free market

not missed. Driving (30minutes) to Summer Palace, the largest and most beautiful

Chinese imperial garden. It is regarded as a museum of gardens in China. The visit takes

about 1 hour and 20 minutes. Transferred back to your hotels.

Day 4

Pick up at your hotel between 7:00am and 8:30am, and then driving to Beijing Zoo where

you can see the lovely Giant Pandas. The Panda Zoo visit takes about 40 minutes. Then

take you to the largest Lama Temple of Beijing --- Yonghe Temple, 1 hour tour for the

mysterious Tibet style Buddhism temple. The Lama Temple tour finishes at about 11:00.

You will be arranged to have lunch with locals in a typical Beijing resident's house. Then

visit the old Beijing lanes by taking rickshaws. Hutong tour lasts for 2 hours. You can also

have the chance to enjoy the porcelain factory, which is also a must in ancient Beijing

tour.

We will arrange 45 minutes to take pictures at the Bird's nest and water cube. If you are

interested in the inner structure of the stadiums, the tour guide will assist you in buying the

tickets, and you could enter in the stadiums for a visit yourself. Driving the travelers back

to their hotel.

On the way to your hotels, we also arrange the short visit to a China Tea House to enjoy

tea ceremony. Transferred back to your hotels.

Day 5

After breakfast then transfer to airport.

Included In Tour Price:

1. Entrance tickets to all sites listed on the tour itinerary
2. Hotel and airport pick-up and drop-off service
3. Transportation in an air-conditioned tour coach
4. English-speaking tour guide
5. Traditional Chinese lunch

Not Included In Tour Price:

1. Cable car ride at Badaling (optional)
2. Tips to the tour guide and driver

Notes:

1. Children younger than age 3 may join the tour for free
2. The times listed above may vary due to factors outside the control of the tour guide and driver (e.g. traffic or weather)
3. Your tour guide will reconfirm the departure time with you one day before your tour starts
4. 10% tips/gratuities to tour guides and drivers are encouraged in appreciation of quality service
5. Dressing in comfortable, weather-appropriate attire and sneakers will greatly enhance your experience

Terms And Conditions:

This activity can be changed or canceled without penalty at any time prior to 72 hours before the date at which the activity is scheduled to commence. If you cancel between 72 and 24 hours before the date at which the activity is scheduled to commence, you are entitled to a refund of 80%. If you cancel less than 24 hours prior to the date at which the activity is scheduled to commence, you are entitled to a refund of 70%.