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Beijing Tour & Sleep on the Great Wall

4 Full Tour Days & 5 Nights Accommodation

Group Tour Price: US\$ 555 per person

(4 person minimum, 15 person maximum)

Private Tour prices for 2 or 3 people available on request

Tours begin every Tuesday from April through November 2010



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Beijing Arrival

Arrive in Beijing and recover from your journey. Perhaps enjoy a stroll on your own as Beijing is colorful and safe.



- ◆ Arrive in Beijing by your own accord. Airport pickup is optional, inquire with us for pricing.
- ◆ A taxi from the airport is the most economical, we will send you the directions in Chinese & English to give to your taxi driver.
- ◆ Check into the GuXiang20 boutique hotel (or similar)

Our itinerary includes 4 full tour days and 5 nights of accommodation. We don't include airport transfers as tour days, ensuring that you get the most out of your visit to Beijing. We focus on the sights, culture and history of the city with added flexibility for onward journeys, we won't waste your time or money with any surprise factory shopping stops.

Day 1: Beijing (B, L)

A day of tradition, dive into China's sights, culture and cuisine.



- ◆ Tiananmen Square
- ◆ The Forbidden City plus its Treasure Rooms
- ◆ Jingshan Park: see the city view from Coal Hill
- ◆ Enjoy a home cooked lunch in a traditional courtyard house and learn to make Chinese dumplings (jiaozi).
- ◆ Go up the ancient Drum Tower, view the city and its traditional hutong alleys. Hear the drums played to keep time for the Emperor and city folk.
- ◆ Take a cycle rickshaw ride through Beijing's traditional hutong alleys
- ◆ Stop at the Olympic Green to view and photograph the Bird's Nest and Water Cube from the outside.
- ◆ Go to the Xiushui Silk Market where you can shop for clothes and souvenirs (bargain hard!). Find your own dinner in a variety of western and Chinese restaurants in the neighborhood.
- ◆ Return to the hotel

We skip the Jade Factory where most tour companies take you for over an hour. Here you get stuck eating a mediocre lunch and pressured to buy extremely overpriced souvenirs so the company can make commission. We take you shopping to the Panjiayuan Weekend Market and the Xiushui Silk Market for bargain hunting.

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Day 2: Sleep on the Wall (B, L, D)

Experience living history and stay overnight on the Great Wall (or in a hotel at the base of the wall)



- ◆ Summer Palace: summer holiday spot for Emperors and their court. Enjoy a boat ride across the lake.
- ◆ Chinese lunch at a quality local restaurant
- ◆ Drive to Jinshanling Great Wall and enjoy a sunset hike on the Wall - a perfect setting for photography.
- ◆ Stay overnight on the Great Wall in a watchtower or under the stars. We provide all the sleeping gear, snacks, drinks and beer for the evening

Optional - stay overnight in the Jinshanling courtyard hotel at no extra charge.

We use guides, drivers and vehicles that are fully insured for tourism. Our guides are fun, energetic and will teach you about Beijing's history and monuments. Following a no-shopping policy means that your guide is paid a fair wage and does not have to make money by pressuring you to buy overpriced goods, causing an uncomfortable situation. You can enjoy a friendly and genuine relationship with our local guides. You may tip them for good service if you wish.

Day 3: Sleep on the Wall (B, L)

Today you will wake up on one of the 7 wonders of the world with a cup of fresh coffee in your hand.



- ◆ Wake up and enjoy breakfast on the Great Wall: muesli, fruit and fresh hot coffee/tea.
- ◆ Embark on a 6 mile hike from the Jinshanling to Simatai section of the Great Wall, passing through more than 30 watchtowers on the wall's most spectacular hike.

Optional - if you do not want to hike, you may ride the bus from Jinshanling to Simatai.

- ◆ After the hike, rest and have lunch in Simatai
- ◆ Return to Beijing city, hotel drop off
- ◆ Late afternoon and evening free

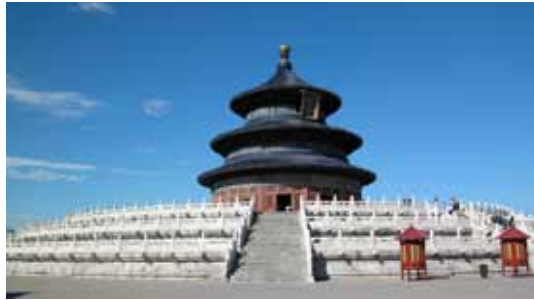
We only patronize good local restaurants where local Chinese eat, not inauthentic tourist restaurants. Most companies will ask for more money if you eat and are still hungry. We believe well fed clients are happy clients and we will order extra food if you liked a particular dish and want more. Just tell your guide - there is no charge. Stay well hydrated and healthy with unlimited standard drinks at lunch and dinners. Again most companies make a little extra here, charging you for drinks. We cater to vegetarians, picky eaters or other special diets, just tell us in advance and we will order dishes to suit your needs.

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Day 4: Beijing (B, L)

A day of flea market shopping, classical cuisine and monuments, topped off with the best acrobat show in town.



- ◆ Panjiayuan Weekend Market: vendors bring wares from all over China to one of Beijing's oldest and best shopping markets.
- ◆ Peking Duck Lunch: perhaps China's most famous dish along with an assortment of other Chinese cuisine.
- ◆ Temple of Heaven: The Temple of Heaven complex was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for a good harvest.
- ◆ 5:15pm Chaoyang Acrobat Show: the best show in town. Acrobatics are a 2000 year old tradition in China.
- ◆ Hotel drop off, evening free for dinner and exploring

Day 5: Beijing (B)



- ◆ End of your tour, hotel checkout.

Optional - add an extra night's stay at the hotel. Inquire with us to book domestic flight or train tickets and additional city tours. We can also extend your tour to Xi'an, Shanghai, Guilin, Yangze River cruises and anywhere else in China.

Your tour includes 4 nights in a 4-star boutique hotel in Beijing plus a night at the Great Wall. We select premium boutique hotels because they offer a traditional setting and design. We also choose centrally located hotels in the charming old part of the city. From the hotel, guests can visit NanlouGuxiang - a trendy historic alleyway with many boutiques, cafes and restaurants. Guests can also stroll the nearby Houhai lake district with shopping and an endless selection of cafes and bars along the waterfront. We recommend renting an electric boat for a relaxing evening floating on the lake.

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Group Size:

We require a minimum of 4 guests for the tour. The maximum group size will be 15 guests.

Includes:

- ◆ Private English speaking guide and driver
- ◆ Entrance tickets to all sights
- ◆ Budget seat at the 5:15pm Chaoyang Acrobat Show Beijing
- ◆ 4 nights accommodation at the GuXiang20 boutique hotel, shared accommodation in a standard double room. Hotel includes western buffet breakfast and wireless internet. In the event that the hotel has no vacancy, we will use a similar boutique hotel.
- ◆ All meals as specified, including unlimited standard drinks with lunches and dinners.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water kept in the bus

Not Included:

- ◆ International travel/medical insurance
- ◆ Airport transfers to and from the hotel
- ◆ Personal expenses (i.e. laundry service, hotel mini-bar, hotel phone)

Optional Extras: please inquire with us

- ◆ Single supplement = US\$99
- ◆ Airport transfer
- ◆ Hotel room upgrade
- ◆ Side trips to Xian, Shanghai, Guilin and other China destinations
- ◆ Flight or train ticket bookings

Families with Children:

- ◆ Children 12 and under will receive a 25% discount
- ◆ Children 6 and under are free

We require a group minimum of 4 adult paying guests for the tour. Please inquire with us for family room hotel upgrades or additional bed costs.

Payment Methods:

Payment must be made in full in advance. We do not charge extra for credit card fees.

1. Bank transfer
2. Credit card (Visa, MasterCard, JCB, American Express) via secure online form.

Cancellation:

More than 48 hours in advance: \$25 service fee per person

Less than 48 hours but before hotel check in: \$99 per person

After arrival and hotel check in your tour has begun. No refund is available.

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About the GuXiang20:

This boutique hotel is located in NanlouGuxiang, a popular hutong (alley) in central Beijing. It is traditionally decorated and provides a convenient setting for exploring Beijing by foot in your free evenings. The historic alleyway is lined with boutiques, cafes and restaurants so you can relax and browse. The most popular sights are easy to get to from this location, including Houhai Lake. The GuXiang20's convenient setting and traditional elegance are something out of the ordinary which is why we select it for you. Upgrades to suites and extra beds are available.



Please note: If the GuXiang20 is unavailable for your tour dates we will arrange suitable accommodation in a similar style and level of hotel.

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