

China Highlights Tour

Itinerary

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Cost per person is \$120 US

Destination: Beijing

Services & Highlights: The Mutianyu Great Wall (with round way cable car), The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square

Meals: Lunch at Popular local restaurants (allowance includes CNY 80 per person). Most clients find this allowance more than adequate.



The **Mutianyu Great Wall** (with round way cable car) (2 hours)

The Mutianyu section of the Great Wall is ranked top on TripAdvisor among all the Great Wall sections, for its picturesque scenery and beautifully restored architecture. This is the most child-friendly section, with various ways of visiting. It is about 1.5 hours' drive from downtown Beijing. A 2½-kilometer section was fully restored in 1986.

In order to save time for you, we arrange a round-trip cable car to ascend and descend the Wall, instead of spending about 40 minutes climbing steps. At the Wall, you have free time to walk around, after your guide does some introductions. The cable car ascends to and descends from tower 14. Hike “the most beautiful and interesting part of the Great Wall” — between the 14th and 23rd watch towers — acknowledged by hikers as “the golden route”. It normally takes about 2 hours to complete the hike. Then descend and take a bus to transfer back to our vehicle.

Popular local restaurants: We will arrange for the lunch or dinner included in the package to be eaten at popular local restaurants. Your local tour guide will recommend specific restaurants based on your interests and itinerary. Some typical Beijing dishes include shredded pork in Beijing sauce, noodles with soybean paste, Mongolian hot pot, Beijing roast duck, donkey burger.

The Forbidden City (2 hours): The Forbidden City, in the very heart of Beijing, was home to 24 emperors during the Ming (1368–1644) and Qing (1644–1911) dynasties. It is the largest and best-preserved ancient imperial architectural complex in the world, featuring a great square, halls and gates, in contrast to intricate halls, gardens, courtyards and living quarters. The exhibitions, both permanent and temporary, are important treasures of ancient China. You will be walking for about 2 hours (2 kilometers). The walks in the Forbidden City are graded moderate.

Tiananmen Square (30 minutes): Tian'anmen Square is the largest city square in the center of Beijing, named after the Tiananmen (literally, Gate of Heavenly Peace) which sits to its north, separating it from the Forbidden City. It has great cultural significance, as it was the site of several key events in Chinese history. As the world's largest city square and enduring symbol of China's national pride, it is surrounded by many imposing buildings including the Heavenly Gate (entry to the Forbidden City), Museums, government buildings and Chairman Mao's Mausoleum.

Copies of your passport will be required to attend this offsite tour.