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Beijing
Area: 16,800 sq km
Population: 12.6 million

Beijing Classic: The Centre of the World (4 Days/3 Nights)



Beijing, political and cultural capital of the Middle Kingdom, is arguably China's top tourist destination. UNESCO Heritage sites such as Forbidden City, Temple Of Heaven, Summer Palace and of course the Great Wall with hundreds of years of history attract millions of visitors every year. Being venue for the Olympic Games in 2008 Beijing now also experiences a dramatic face-lift. Many City Quarters dating back from the Ming and the Qing dynasties have to make way for ultramodern high-rise office buildings. But despite all these changes there is still plenty of top visiting sites and rural residential areas to discover. Within relatively short driving distance you can reach the incredible Great Wall - according to Mao Zedong you are not a man (woman?) unless you climbed it. And do not miss to get your picture taken in the Temple of Heaven, which was believed to be the exact geographical **Centre of the World**.

Day 1: Shanghai to Beijing

Flight Shanghai - Beijing

Meet & Greet at Airport
Private Airport pick-up and hotel check-in

In the afternoon you will discover the traditional **Hutong** residential area around the gorgeous Houhai Lake on a pedicab ride. The ride will take about 2 hours.

On the way, you could stop at the **Bell- and Drum Tower**, Residence of Prince Gong and Shihai Lake. Enjoy a panoramic view of Beijing from the top of the Drum Tower. Every full hour a traditional drum song is played by a band. Later, after your ride, enjoy a drink at one of the many bars and cafes around the **Houhai Lake** area. This place is also great for shopping Tibetan silver jewelry and many other souvenirs.



largest. From here it is just a short walk to the Forbidden City, passing under The Mao Portrait. Many hundreds of years this place used to be the Center of all power in the Middle Kingdom. Besides all the impressive must-visit Halls and marble stairways take your time to discover the picturesque residential buildings and yards lined along the outer walls where once the emperors relatives and concubines used to live. If you have time enough, take a walk in the nearby Beihai Park with its striking White Pagoda or a hike up the top of the hill in Jingshan Park to enjoy a stunning view on the Forbidden City. On to The Summer Palace, the former get-away of the emperors during Beijing's hot summer months. Fine visiting sites such as the Longevity Hall, the Long Corridor with mythical paintings and the Longevity Hill with a number of smaller temples make this park arguably the most beautiful in Beijing. Other highlights are of course



Day 2: The Highlights of Beijing

Breakfast

Your private guided tour will start around 09:00 from your hotel. Main attractions of the **Temple Of Heaven** are the Hall Of Prayer For Good Harvest and the Echo Wall. In the old days the emperors came here twice a year to worship their Gods. Continue to the famous **Tiananmen Square**. Framed by several monumental buildings such as the Great Hall Of The People, The National Museum and the Mao Ze Dong Mausoleum, this square is the worlds



If you decide to travel with The Last Frontiers* we will be happy to provide an extensive personalised package, including:

- ✓ Personal briefing
- ✓ Tips and hints on travelling in Beijing
- ✓ Map of Beijing
- ✓ Addresslist in both English and Chinese
- ✓ Restaurant & Entertainment recommendations

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the Marble Ship and the 17-Arch Bridge along the Kunming Lake shores. In the evening take a stroll on **Wang-fujing Snack Street** where innumerable food stalls are lined up offering a great variety of cheap food. The brave of you might want to try scorpions and cockroaches on a stick - for the faint-hearted there are also traditional Chinese dishes.

Day 3: The Great Wall

Breakfast

Away from the tourist mainstream spots like Badaling we arrange a very special Great Wall experience: A hike ON the Great Wall of China from Jinshanling to Simatai! The ride from Beijing to the Great Wall takes about 2 hours per way. Enjoy a short rest at the Miyun Reservoir viewing point. Your 10 kilometer hike on the Great Wall will start off in **Jinshanling** and will take about 4 hours. On a clear day you will be rewarded with breathtaking views. Especially the last steep hike in **Simatai** starting from a small suspension bridge overlooking a picturesque small reservoir is all worth the hiking effort. Numbers of watch towers are put on the mountain cliffs which makes it a great adventure. Besides, you will not run out of refreshing drinks as they will be sold almost all the way. In Simatai your driver will already await you to take you back to Beijing.



Tired from all this sightseeing? And hungry? For the evening we recommend a visit of a traditional **Beijing Opera** or Beijing Roast Duck dinner at Da Dong Restaurant. Alternatively, for the less well heeled, we can also arrange a trip to The Great wall at MutianYu or Badaling, if need be.

Day 4: Beijing to Shanghai

Breakfast

Free. Today will be your last chance for shopping or any other activity. Should you decide on shopping we would recommend the famous Silk Market close to the Friendship Store, the Expat-favoured Yashow Market which locates not far away from the Sanlitun Bar Street or the Panjayuan Antique Market in the southeast of Beijing which is especially popular during the weekend.



Afternoon Flight Beijing - Shanghai

This itinerary has been created through our personal travel experience in Beijing. We will design a unique trip for you with all the must-visits but also detours to sights off the beaten track.

As being Chinas transportation hub, extensions starting from Beijing can be arranged to almost every major location in China with comfortable non-stop flights or trains. Among plenty of options please see for example our itineraries for Xian or the Three Yangzi Gorges that can be easily combined with a Beijing trip.

To experience Beijing itself in more depth please consider our Extension Days.

Our objective is to suit your interests best.

Talk to us and we will design the right trip for you.

Extension Day: Fragrant Hills, Azure Clouds

Breakfast

For today's full-day tour your guide will pick you up 09:00 am at your hotel. The **Fragrant Hills** Park locate northwest of Beijing not far away from the Summer Palace. You can reach the top of Incense-Burner Peak either by a winding-road hike or by a effort-less chairlift which often is crowded though. Depending on weather conditions you will have an amazing view on the countryside. By a walk you will reach **Azure Clouds Temple** with its striking Diamond Throne Pagoda surrounded by a number of stupas. The hall of Arhats contains of about 500 buddhistic statues. It is a short ride to todays last visiting point, the **Temple Of Reclining Buddha**. The temple is one of the oldest in Beijing and was ruined and rebuilt several times. Set in a beautiful garden-like area its main attraction is a giant bronze Buddha which is completed by a number of smaller Buddhas and a drum and a bell tower. In the late afternoon return transfer to your hotel.



Extension Day: Lama Temple

Breakfast

Pick-up by your private guide at your hotel 09:00 am. Transfer to the Lama Temple locating northeast of the city center. Before converting into a **Tibetan lamasery** this complex used to be the residence of count Yin Zhen who later became emperor Yong Zheng. The main feature is a giant wooden Buddha. Built out of one peace of sandle wood this incredible statue stands 18 meters tall. Right next to the main building you will find an interesting exhibition hall with worship items brought from Tibet. Transfer to your hotel. If you like to see more of Beijings many historical treasures we suggest a visit to the less known **Zhihua Temple** where - with a little bit of luck you will witness an unique palace music rehearsal by monks





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Should problems occur during your trip, we are here for you in our office in Shanghai.

Just call us and we will try to solve any glitch on your trip as fast as possible.

Tour includes:

- + Domestic tickets
- + Airport transfers as specified
- + Accommodation as stated including breakfast
- + Private car and guide throughout the tour (guide to Great Wall is not included)

Tour excludes:

- Entrance fees
- All meals not mentioned in the itinerary or marked as optional or suggested
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone calls, drinks, tip...)
- Personnel insurances (health, third party, cancellation, luggage...)
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary



Price on request

For an exact quote we need to know **travel dates, names of all travelers** as per passport and **birth date of children below the age of 12.**

Important Remarks

This proposal has been prepared based on or experience and knowledge of the current situation locally. **No** bookings have been made yet. In case of your confirmation to go ahead and to book hotels, flights and other services, we will request those from our partners as per itinerary. Should hotels and flights not be available, we will endeavor to book services of similar quality. However, slight changes to our proposal above may be unavoidable.

Passports & Visas

When traveling, you must be in possession of valid papers. To avoid any risk, passports shall be **valid for min another 6 months** on the day of your return to your home. In case, Visas are required, The Last Frontiers* would be delighted to support you organizing the visas. Please note however, that The Last Frontiers* can not be held responsible for information on visa or immigration regulations, or in case visas are not obtained or visas are not accepted by local Authorities. In case, you plan to come back to China, please check, that you are in possession of documentation to be able to reenter China (visa & entry permit).

Payment

Invoices payable prior to departure or latest one week after Invoice Date. China Trips payable to our accounts in China or Cash RMB. **Credit Cards welcome (conditions apply)**. International services payable in US\$ or Euro to our accounts in Hongkong or Germany. Cheques accepted (surcharges apply).

Cancellation

Cancellation fees apply, if you change or cancel the trip (or parts of the trip) after your verbal or written confirmation. We will attempt to reduce cancellation fees to a minimum and will calculate cancellation fees according to our actually incurred costs and time spent on your case. **In any case, cancellation fees as per Confirmation Sheet apply.**

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