

China Express

6 days | Beijing to Xi'an



Hide out in the Forbidden City, climb the Great Wall, bike ride along Xi'an's medieval wall and encounter Emperor Qin's Terracotta Army - the perfect introduction to the charms of China!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- BEIJING - Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Pearl markets, Jade Carving Factory, Hutong area of Beijing and Chinese Acrobatic Show
- BADALING and JUYONGGUAN - 2 UNESCO listed sections of Great Wall of China
- XI'AN - UNESCO listed Terracotta Warriors, Clay warrior workshop, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Muslim Quarter, City Wall and bike ride

What's Included

- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 traditional Chinese dinner in Beijing
- 4 nights 3 - 4 star hotels
- 1 overnight train: Beijing - Xi'an (4-berth soft sleeper cabin)
- Chinese acrobatic performance
- Rickshaw ride through Beijings Hutongs
- Xi'an - bike ride on medieval City Wall

- Beijing Capital Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer day 6 from Xi'an Airport
- Touring of Beijing, Badaling, Juyongguan and Xi'an
- Tour Guide escorted for groups of 6 or more
- English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private A/C vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$40-50pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$65-75pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide is not included in the Tip Kitty. We suggest USD\$3-5 per day, per traveller for a job well done, however the amount is up to you

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Beijing



Saturday. Huan ying, welcome to China and the start of your holiday! Airport arrival transfer from Beijing Capital Airport to your hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day offers free time for you to independently explore this astonishing city. **Overnight - Beijing**

Day 2 : The Forbidden City



This morning, we explore the heart of Beijing, China's pulsating capital, including the vast Tiananmen Square where Chairman Mao's tomb lies and various monuments to the people are located. Dominating the city

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centre is the Forbidden City, a centre of power for five centuries and seat of the emperors. Entering through the Gate of Heavenly Peace (replete with Chairman Mao's portrait), we enjoy a guided tour of this old city within a city. Later we take an exciting rickshaw ride through the Hutongs of Beijing, weaving through old back lanes, traditional courtyards and compact houses, gaining a fascinating snapshot of the city's traditional way of life. This evening, we enjoy an eye boggling Chinese acrobatic performance. Swinging ropes, juggling hoops, spinning plates and human pyramids are just a few tricks these show stoppers pull out followed by a Welcome Dinner of Peking Duck at a city restaurant. **Overnight - Beijing (B, D)**

Day 3 : Great Wall of China



After a free morning to further explore the city, we drive beyond Beijing to Badaling, to walk a section of the famous Great Wall. Built in the Ming Dynasty, a 6m wide pathway makes a formidable defence, following the highest contours of a steep range of hills. This evening we spend the night at our quaint hotel near Juyongguan Pass, which offers views of the Great Wall.

Overnight - Juyongguan Pass (B)

Day 4 : Morning at the Great Wall

Beijing - Xi'an. We rise early this morning and head (5 min bus drive) to the Great Wall at Juyongguan Pass when it opens to beat the crowds. We have time to enjoy and explore the wall before visiting a Jade Carving Centre to learn about this ornamental rock and its importance in Chinese culture. After lunch we head back to Beijing. Free time is offered in the cavernous Pearl Market - an Aladdin's Cave of souvenirs, handbags and gadgets in Beijing, before travelling by express soft

sleeper train to Xi'an in Shaanxi Province.

Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, L)

Day 5 : Terracotta Warriors



We pull in to Xi'an. This morning we discover the Terracotta Warrior archaeological site, where 7000 warriors stand battle ready and have done so for the past 2200 years. Later on we visit a clay workshop specialising in making replica figurines, followed by the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, we welcome you to join the optional Tang Dynasty Show, which includes dinner, a traditional performance and transfers (book/pay locally). **Overnight - Xi'an (B, L)**

Day 6 : Wild Goose Pagoda & City Wall



Thursday. Today we take a casual bicycle ride on top of the nine mile Xi'an City Wall (no need to go the entire way around) perimeter peeking down upon the lively city beneath us. We the visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. You'll be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. Please ensure your flight is booked to depart Xi'an after 6pm.

If you require pre or post tour accommodation, or to return to Beijing for your onward travel arrangements (by train or flight) please see "Extra Prices" on the "Prices & Dates" tab for further details.

(B, L)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Holiday Inn Temple of Heaven

The Beijing Holiday Inn Temple of Heaven is an elegant and comfortable hotel with well-furnished and spacious rooms. Practical in design, the guestrooms feature internet access and the hotel also boasts a range of restaurants and bars, as well as an indoor swimming pool. Located just a 10 minute walk from the Temple of Heaven, the hotel is the perfect base from which to explore this fascinating city.



Holiday Inn Express Beijing Minzuyuan

Located just a stones throw from the Beitucheng Subway station, with access to Line 10 & Line 8, the Holiday Inn Express Beijing Minzuyuan is a perfect base to explore the many amazing highlights of Beijing. Within walking distance of the hotel you'll find the famous Birds Nest Olympic Stadium. The hotel boasts a stylish restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel

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Located a stone's throw away from the Ancient City Wall and Islamic Mosque, is the Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel. The hotel offers modern comforts in the heart of the city. Each air-conditioned guestroom features WiFi, a minibar and satellite TV. There is an onsite restaurant which serves a daily buffet or a la carte breakfast as well as a variety of Asian and Western dishes. During free time, guests can enjoy a relaxing massage or work out in the fitness centre.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' is compulsory for solo travellers or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room and the amount needs to be added to the per person price. The single supplement offers the comfort of your own room and is also available to any other person wanting their own room.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
10 Jul	USD 995	USD 1,295
17 Jul	USD 995	USD 1,295
07 Aug	USD 995	USD 1,295
14 Aug	USD 995	USD 1,295
21 Aug	USD 995	USD 1,295
11 Sep	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
18 Sep	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
02 Oct	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
16 Oct	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
30 Oct	USD 1,045	USD 1,345

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
12 Mar	USD 995	USD 1,295
26 Mar	USD 995	USD 1,295
09 Apr	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
23 Apr	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
07 May	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
21 May	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
04 Jun	USD 995	USD 1,295
02 Jul	USD 995	USD 1,295
16 Jul	USD 995	USD 1,295
30 Jul	USD 995	USD 1,295
13 Aug	USD 995	USD 1,295
03 Sep	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
17 Sep	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
01 Oct	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
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29 Oct	USD 1,045	USD 1,345
12 Nov	USD 995	USD 1,295

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