

## 2-day Beijing Expedition Tour from Tianjin Port

**Tour Code:** LCT-BJ-2D - 2

**Duration:** 2 Days

**Attractions:** Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Mutianyu Great Wall

**Overview:** Are you still vexed about what to do when you arrive at Tianjin port for 2 days break during the cruise? Do you want to visit Beijing in this short time of period, but can't find the right agency for help? Well, this 2-day Beijing expedition tour is specially designed for you! Lilysun China Tours will arrange high-quality private transfer service to host you right from your disembarking the cruise to the end when you aboard again. During this trip, you will cover all the most important sites in Beijing including Forbidden City and Mutianyu Great Wall. In the free time, you are advised to visit Beihai Park and wander in the old Beijing hutongs.

### Highlights

1. Enjoy a hassle-free private transfer service back and forth Tianjin port.
2. Visit the most important sites in Beijing while having time to explore on your own.
3. Skip the line and save more time to explore in the Forbidden City.
4. Free portable Wifi devices available all the time.
5. 2 hours hiking on the Mutianyu Great Wall.

### Itinerary

Day 1: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Beijing Old Hutongs

08:00 a.m: Your Beijing driver and guide will arrive at Tianjin port in advance and wait for you at the side gate of the very east port. Greeted by your guide, you will head for Beijing directly. Please have breakfast beforehand.

10:30 a.m: Arrive in Beijing, your foremost sight would be the **Tian'anmen Square**, also called Gate of Heavenly Peace. There is not much to see about the square itself, except that it's the largest inner city square in the whole world. You are here because of several significant historic events happened here. The most important one is that it was here where Chairman Mao proudly

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announced the founding of the People's Republic of China. Following your guide, you will learn about the other progressive events ever happened here.

11:00 - 13:30 p.m: Not far from the Tian'anmen Square, there is **Forbidden City**, the core site of the day. Served as the home for imperial families for over 500 years, Forbidden City has survived both the natural disasters and the artificial damages. Being the largest and the best preserved palace compound in the world, it has symbolized the imperial power, simply because of which common people are prohibited to access. Now, it's more like a cultural symbol, telling the old stories.

13:30 - 14:30 p.m: Enjoy a local Beijing lunch at your own expense.

14:30 - 16:00 p.m: Head for the **Temple of Heaven**. Ringed by the lush vegetation, Temple of Heaven is a sacred place for ancient emperors to pray for good harvest and offer sacrifices. The temple itself was built entirely with wood, no nails, which is also an unique architectural achievement originated in China. Composed by two parts, rectangular foundation and semi-circular top, the temple was a typical representative permeated by Chinese concept of circle heaven and rectangular ground. Nowadays, it has become a public park where you will see local people do morning exercise.

16:20 - 17:00 p.m: Stroll in the old **Beijing Hutongs** where old Beijingers have lived. A few decades ago, almost all people in Beijing lived in Siheyuan in Hutongs. There are might be a couple of families in one yard. They might be living together for a long time and they know each other well. You can imagine the hustle and bustle of old times. Nowadays, there are still some people live there and most Hutongs are vacant. If you are interested, you may join some groups for activities like opera mask making, paper cutting, rickshaw riding, kite flying, calligraphy or paint learning.

17:00 p.m: Drop you off at the tour end.

## Day 2: Mutianyu Great Wall

07:30 a.m: Start your day tour by meeting the tour guide at hotel lobby.

09:00 - 12:00 p.m: Time to hike on **Mutianyu Great Wall**. It become popular just recently and yet attracted more visitors every day. Take a cable car up and enjoy the most breathtaking views. Hike on the Great Wall, while learning about the history and function of the towers and parapets. After

walking for about 1-2 hours, take a sled down, which can be quite an experience.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Have a authentic rural lunch at the foot of the Great Wall. You are recommend to choose one of the farm stays to taste the local food.

15:30 p.m: Drop off at the Tianjin port. Your Beijing two day expedition tour ends here.

**What's Important:**

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned, including cable car up and tobaggon down the Great Wall.

Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items in sites.

Tips or gratuities for guide and driver if we did a good job(recommended)

Accommodations

What to take: smile and a relaxing heart.

**Good to know:**

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or the shops for shopping.

2.For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food with a fair price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.

3.A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. If you want a tour with a duration exceeding the working period of our tour guide and driver, we need to charge you for your extra hours with the standard of 100 RMB per hour.

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4. The tour we provide you are based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for over 6 hours yet less than 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
5. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
6. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will be only with your families or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
7. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
8. Please advise in advance in case you want to enjoy the Acrobatic show or Kungfu Show.
9. Please advise prior to your trip if you want to do some activities such as painting, calligraphy, exercising Tai Chi, watching opera, paper cutting, etc..

## FAQ

1. How long do I stay at Forbidden City?

Re: You will stay there about 2.5 hours. If you want to stay longer, please discuss with your tour guide on moment.

2. Can I take the cable car down the Great Wall as I can't ride the sled?

Re: Sure, you can take the cable car down the Great Wall as well. The price for round-way cable car is the same as up with cable car and down with sled. It's just you will need to walk a long time before you can reach the starting point for the down cable car.

3. Can I visit the Ming Tombs?

Re: Ming Tombs are located in the southwest of Mutianyu Great Wall, which is about 1.5 hours' drive. If you insist visiting there, we suggest you visit Badaling Great Wall. It would be convenient to reach Ming Tombs from there. However, Badaling Great Wall is the busiest part in the Great Wall sections. There are many crowds and we don't recommend you visit. Plus, your time is really limited.

4. Can you arrange Beijing Opera / Acrobatic Show / Kungfu Performance for us?

Re: Yes, we can arrange these activities for you. We can also provide private transfer services for you. Please inform in advance about your requests.

5. Can I add Summer Palace?

Re: The time is really tight for you to add one more site. If you insist, we can replace Hutong with Summer Palace. It's just you will end this tour rather late, which will incur extra charge.

6. Can the tour guide accompany us to have dinner and help us order?

Re: The working time for the tour guide and driver are 8-9 hours. If you finished your tour rather early, our tour guide can certainly help you until you get to dinner. Otherwise, you will need to pay extra for their overtime work.

7. Can I confirm this is a private tour?

Re: Yes, this is a private tour just for your group. No other people will join you.

**Cancellation policy:**

No less than 2 weeks, you will lose your deposit;

Within 7 days - 13 days, loss of 50% of your payment or just the deposit.

Within 6 days, loss of full payment or just the deposit.

Please bear in mind that your deposit is still available for your next trip with us. You may also offer this deposit to someone else as their tour deposit with us.