

## 5-day Premium Tour from Beijing to Shanghai

**Tour Code:** LCT-BS-5D- 01

**Duration:** 5 Days

**Attractions:** Forbidden City, Mutianyu Great Wall, Tian'anmen Square, Yuyuan Garden, Huangpu River Cruise, the Bund, World Financial Center

### Overview:

Join this 5-day Beijing & Shanghai tour will enable you to visit two of top cities in China. In Beijing, you will spend two days and visit all must-see sites like Forbidden City and Great Wall. Then, you will ride on high-speed train and head for Shanghai. Visit Yuyuan and sit under a cool pavilion while watching water flowing quietly under the bridge. Climb on the World Financial Center and have a bird-eye view of the whole city. Go to water town and ride a boat if you want to leave the last memory for your leave.

### Highlights:

1. Enter the largest and best preserved royal palace in the world and look into the imperial life;
2. Get close to a local family and know about the old Beijinger's life;
3. Hike on the Mutianyu Great Wall while learn about the intelligence of ancient Chinese people.
4. Learn Chinese history in Shanghai museum while see modern China through river cruise.
5. Have a comprehensive day tour to Shanghai with Zhujiajiao water town covered.

### Itinerary

Day 1: Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Hutong.

09:00 a.m: Meet your Beijing local tour guide at your hotel lobby and be ready for the day tour.

09:30-10:15 a.m: Visit the **Tian' anmen Square**. It' s a rectangular square with an area of 440,000 sq meters. To some point, the Tian' anmen Square echoes the layout of the Forbidden City. It also displays the major concept of China politics in ancient times- centralism. There were so many historic things took place here , of which the most famous one is the Tian' anmen Incident. Now, it' s just a symbol.

10:30 - 12:30 p.m: Visit the magnificent **Forbidden City**, the largest Imperial Palace in the world.

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We'll spend a couple of hours wandering around this amazing example of Imperial architecture and learning about the history of the palace. Surrounded by a long scarlet walls longing 3.5km, UNESCO-listed Forbidden City is the very central power in Ming and Qing Dynasty. This large palace witness the prosperity and the decline of feudalism. From here, you will have a direct experience how royals lived and how they rule.

12:30 - 13:30 p.m: Enjoy a local food in a nice restaurant Beijingers always visit, please pay on moment based on what you have.

14:00 - 15:30 p.m: Head for **Temple of Heaven**. Situated in the southeast of central city, the Temple of Heaven was originally constructed in the eighteenth year of Yong Le (1420) in Ming Dynasty for Ming and Qing emperors to conduct annual ceremonies of praying to Heaven for good harvest. It combines the architectural technology of Ming and Qing Dynasties together, which makes it a rare Chinese ancient architecture and the largest sacrifice complex in the world. Charmed by its size, colorful meaning and importance in China's history, the site was classified into the "Directory of World Heritage" by UNESCO in 1998.

16:00 - 17:00 p.m: Walk in the tranquil **Hutongs**. In those interlaced Hutongs, one can experience the life of the ancient Beijing people. With bathrooms and public toilets usually being found, shops and vendors selling all kinds of goods that satisfy the local people's daily needs, and people gossiping along the lanes to strengthen their relationship, one can walk through the history and savor the unique culture. Thus, we can say that where there is such a lane, there is a story.

17:00 p.m: Drop you off at hotel for rest.

Day 2: Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace

07:30 a.m: Greeted by your tour guide in your hotel lobby and commence your day tour.

09:00 - 11:30 p.m: Drive around 1.5 hours to the **Mutianyu section Great Wall** and you will take a rest and lunch at the Subway down the foot of the Mutianyu Wall. This is a one of the most famous and ideal sections of the Great Wall. You will have your choice of taking the cable car or chair lift up the breathtaking wall and spend a leisurely 1 to 2 hours hiking up and down the various sections exploring the Watch Towers and marveling at the construction and beauty of the renown and

legendary Wall. You then have the option of an exhilarating toboggan ride back down or simply

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return the way you came with cable car.

11:30 - 12:30 p.m: Enjoy a typical Beijing lunch nearby the Mutianyu Great Wall (pay on moment).

14:00 - 16:00 p.m: Visit the **Summer Palace**. As the largest imperial garden in China, the Summer Palace has been a summer resort for royal families. There are huge lakes, bridges, corridors, pavilions, and various kinds of flowers and lots of rooms fully radiating the natural beauty and the grandeur of imperial gardens. With arched bridges and glittering ripples, pretty promenades and flowers in blossom, decorated corridors and ancient doors, and "breezeways" (a kind of hallway that allows the passage of a breeze between structures), all these can bring tourists into an enchanting and ever-changing scenery.

16:30 p.m: Come back to hotel and your two day tour ends here.

Day 3: Beijing South - Shanghai Hongqiao by G123 (11:05 - 16:50).

09:00 a.m: Your Beijing driver will show up at your hotel lobby and transfer you to Beijing South Train Station. Then, you will take G123 and head for Shanghai.

16:50 p.m: Your Shanghai driver will be waiting for you upon your arrival. The rest of the day would leave you to be.

Day 4: Yuyuan Garden, Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession, World Financial Center, Shanghai Museum, the Bund

09:00 a.m: Meet your Shanghai local guide at hotel lobby and set out for the day tour.

09:10 - 11:30 a.m: Visit the **Yuyuan Garden and old Bazaar area**. Situated in Anren Jie, Yuyuan Garden is the only fully restored classical Chinese garden in Shanghai. It was initially built by a government officer Pan Yunduan in 1577 as a resort for his parents to spend their remaining years in comfort and happiness. "Yu" in Chinese signifies pleasure and satisfaction, thus, the garden was named as "Yu". As a perfect model of the south Chinese landscaping style garden from Ming and Qing dynasties, it is a MUST for all tourists coming to Shanghai. Wandering in pavilions, corridors, streams, courtyards as well as many other natural features in the Garden, you will enjoy both the natural beauty and the human relics.

11:30-12:40 p.m: Head to **Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession**. XinTianDi, which  
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means” new heaven and earth.” This is a new entertainment spot as well as the new landmark of Shanghai. As you know, shikumen, the unique architectural style, has been called a fusion of eastern and western cultures, once very popular in 1930s’. A typical shikumen building features a pair of black wooden doors framed by heavy stone, with an extravagant bronze handle on each of the doors.

12:40 - 13:40 p.m: Have lunch in a nice local restaurant.

13:40 - 14: 20 p.m: Climb on the **World Financial Center** and have a bird eye of Shanghai city.

Located in Pudong district, it’s a comprehensive building with mixed usage as office, shopping mall, conference room, hotel, observatory decks. You will get on the observatory deck and enjoy a full view of the city.

14:40 - 16:20 p.m: Visit **Shanghai Museum**. As one of the renown ancient art museums, Shanghai Museum has collected about 140,000 cultural relics. There are 10 classes of relics displayed now. To appreciate the most spectacular relics in such a limited time period, our tour guides will introduce to you some of the historic ones. You will see ceremonious wares like battle-axe and tripod, daily necessities in ancient life like pottery and porcelain, calligraphy works like Oracle, and various jade ornaments.

16:30 - 17:10 p.m: Walk in the **Bund**. Located at the west bank of Huangpu River in Shanghai, the Bund was originally a pathway for boatmen and hard laborers; while nowadays, the Bund becomes the most characteristic view and the most recognized symbol in the city with rich cultural connotations for hundreds of years. For the Europeans, it was like the Wall Street in the east, where prosperous trading was proceeded and massive fortunes were made and lost. In the opposite side of the Bund, it faces other marks of Shanghai City - Oriental Pearl TV Tower and Jinmao Tower.

Therefore, it is a must in your tour in Shanghai.

17:30 p.m: Drop you off at the hotel for rest.

Recommended activity: Huangpu River Cruise.

Day 5: Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang

09:00 a.m: Meet your tour guide and start your last Shanghai tour.

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10:00 - 13:00 p.m: Start your amazing Shanghai tour with **Zhujiujiao Water Town**. It was an significant trading hub for countries nearby in 1700 years ago. People use boats to ferry all kinds of stuff here. On the bank, there are many houses built in rows with interlaced narrow path connecting each other. You are advise to take a boat and enjoy a leisure time on the river. Please pay on moment if you do rent a boat.

13:00 - 14:00: Enjoy an authentic local food under the instructions of your tour guide.

15:00 - 16:30 p.m: Leave for **Tianzifang**, which should be considered as another glimmering example of preservation and development of the local Shikumen architecture. Located labyrinthine alleyways of Taikang Road near Dapu Bridge, it is an arts and crafts enclave develop from arenovated residential area with families still residing in neighboring building. I t is also referred to as Taikang Road. Based on the similar idea of renovation while preserving the local Shikumen-style houses like Xintiandi, this area is converted into a great place for arts in Shanghai. Since 1998, a lot of famous Chinese artisits, including Chen Yifei, Er Dongqiang, Wang Jieyin and Wang Jiajun, set up their studios in Tianzifang, which makes its fame.

17:00 p.m: Drop off at Shanghai hotel for rest.

### **What's Important:**

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned.

Bottled water.

Second class train tickets from Beijing to Shanghai.

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.

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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.
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.

**FAQ**

1. Does the quote include the train tickets?

Re: Yes, the quote includes second class train to Shanghai.

2. Can I book the train tickets online?

Re: Yes, you can book the train tickets online, after which you will need to bring your passport to draw the paper tickets in the train station. When we book for you, we will deliver the paper tickets to your hotel before you use them.

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3. How long do we have time in the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: You will have a whole morning or afternoon wander in the museum and be immersed in the great wonder.

4. Can I add Jade Buddha Temple in this itinerary?

Re: For this particular itinerary, there is no room for any more sites unless you are willing to replace one of the existing sites in the itinerary.

5. How long it takes to get to Shanghai from Beijing?

Re: About 6 hours by high-speed train.

6. What's the difference between First class seat and second class seat?

Re: First class seat is more spacious and comfortable, and of course a little expensive.

7. Can you help to book business class train tickets?

Re: Yes, we can book business class train tickets for you. However, you need to be aware that business class tickets are always in short supply. You will need to submit your passport information as soon as you confirm this trip.

8. Can the itinerary be changed on the spot?

Re: Sure, you can change the itinerary whenever you want. Any alterations on sites may lead to different price. Just let your tour consultant know your preference, they will help you with that.

9. Do we have time for the Cruise after the tour?

Re: Yes, there are a couple of cruise choices available in Shanghai. Based on your time, we suggest you take the one beginning at 19:00. It will leave you enough time for dinner before getting aboard.

The ticket is 150 RMB per person.

10. Our children want to learn about Chinese painting, can you arrange?

Re: Yes, we can arrange Chinese painting and calligraphy class in Beijing. We also have other activities like cooking class, opera masking making, rubbing, etc.. Just advise in advance what you want to do.

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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.