

5-Day Beijing - Zhangjiajie Tour

Tour Code: LCT-BZ-5D- 01

Duration: 5 Days

Attractions: Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, Mutianyu Great Wall, Yuanjiajie National Park, Glass Bridge, Grand Canyon

Overview: Arrive in Beijing and make the best of these 2.5 days visiting the major sites in Beijing covering from Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Mutianyu Great Wall, and Summer Palace. Then, take a afternoon flight to one of the human paradises - Zhangjiajie. As a natural treasure, Zhangjiajie has contained tons of rare herbs and trees. Coming here, you must go inside the Yuanjiajie forest park and enjoy all kinds of grotesque stones and peaks. Take the Bailong Elevator that built on the cliff. Walk on the Glass Bridge and see the foggy mountains, peaks and trees. This would be the very highlight of this trip. Then go down the Baofeng Lake and take a boat where there will be some local minority group lads and lasses singing and dancing.

Highlights

1. Walk on the 1430 meter-high Glass Bridge!
2. Take one the highest elevator on earth - Bailong Elevator.
3. Ride a boat on the crystal Baofeng Lake and enjoy local performance.
4. Get into the world existing largest imperial palace - Forbidden City.
5. Take cable car up and tobaggon down the world Eighth Wonder - Great Wall.

Itinerary

Day 1: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Jingshan Park, Beijing Hutong

09:00 a.m: Commence your day tour by meeting the smiley tour guide at the hotel lobby.

09:30 a.m: 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 announced the founding of

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

10:30 - 13:00 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.

13:00 - 14:00 p.m: Enjoy a local Beijing lunch at your own expense.

14:20 - 15:00 p.m: Filled with energy, you are set out for the **Jingshan Park**. It's also one of the imperial park in old times. Nowadays, it's just a place where local people have a leisure time. Coming here, only one thing you can't miss. That is have a commanding view of the whole Forbidden City. If you are visiting in autumn day, the red maple forest would make a splendid scene.

15:30 - 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.

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

Day 2: Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace

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

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choose one of the farm stays to taste the local food.

14:30 - 16:00 p.m: After lunch, you will set out for the **Summer Palace**. It's a summer resort for royal families to escape from the capital heat. Like other palaces in Beijing, there are man-made hills, artificial lakes, bridges, pavilions, trees and beautiful gardens with various flowers blooming every season. If time permits, it is recommended for you to take a boat ride on the lake. You just need to cover this expense on spot.

16:30 p.m: Transfer back to your hotel for rest.

Day 3: Temple of Heaven, Lama Temple, head for Zhangjiajie.

09:00 a.m: Meet your local guide and set off for the day tour.

09:30- 11:00 a.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 a unique architectural achievement originated in China. Composed of 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.

11:00 - 12:30 p.m: Visit the **Yonghe Palace (Lama Temple)**. It's situated in the northeast of Beijing. Originally built as a palace for the fourth prince Yong by the Emperor Kangxi in Qing Dynasty, it becomes an emperor's palace after the prince ascended to the throne. During the rule of Emperor Qianlong (Emperor Yongzheng's son), the palace was changed into a Buddhism temple, also called Lama Temple aiming to show kindness to southwest minority groups such as Tibet people.

12:50 - 14:00 p.m: Have lunch in a local restaurant under the guidance of your tour guide.

14:00 - 15:30 p.m: Head for the **Confucius Temple**. As we all know that Confucius is one of the greatest philosophers and ideologists in China. His philosophy has dominated Chinese people's life for centuries. Its influence lasts to now. This temple was built in Yuan Dynasty (1306) and it became a place for people to worship Confucius. In here, you can still see the sacrificial vessels and musical instruments placed as ancient people would place. You may imagine the grand scene of the sacrificial ritual in old times. In other pavilions, there are hundreds of priceless steles, which played

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an important role in the study of imperial examination system of China.

16:30 p.m: Drop you off at Beijing airport, head for Zhangjiajie by flight CA1359, 18:55 - 21:40.

21:40 p.m: Your Zhangjiajie driver will be waiting for you upon your arrival with a sign writing your name. Then, you will be transferred to your Zhangjiajie hotel. We strongly suggest you book a hotel in Wulingyuan area.

Day 4: Yuanjiajie Scenic Area, Golden Whip Stream, Ten-mile Gallery, Tianzi Mountain Nature Reserve

09:00 a.m: Meeting your tour guide at your hotel lobby at an appointed time, you will head for the Yuanjiajie Scenic Area.

09:30 - 11:00 p.m: Visit **Yuanjiajie National Forest Park**. As a part of the first forest park (Zhangjiajie Forest Park) in China, Yuanjiajie is geographically located in the core site of the Wulingyuan Scenic Area. Adjacent to the Golden Whip Stream, east to the Suoxiyu, south to the Yaozizhai, west to the Huangshizhai and north to the Tianzi Mountain, Yuanjiajie is about 1,200 km². Under the instruction of your tour guide, you will find a lot of hidden natural beauties.

11:00-12:00 p.m: You will see the **Golden Whip Stream**. Narrowed by the towering peaks, Golden Whip Stream flows quietly. Walking along the stream, it' s like wander in a picture. On the side, there are various kinds of huge stones. You will see a extremely high and huge stone towering to touch sky, that is Golden Whip Stone. Clusters of wild monkeys are jumping here and there. They have no fear about human beings, instead, they may ask for food sometimes!

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Lunch will be arranged on your own cost, your tour guide will give you some recommendations.

13:00 - 14:30 p.m: After lunch, you will leave for the **Ten-mile Gallery**. The name comes from the fact that people walking through this scenic area with diversified views surrounded just like wandering in a gallery. Like any other natural scenic area, many of the mountains, peaks and stones here are personalized and have their own stories. There is also a small train in the site, which will save a lot of time and energy. You are most welcome to try!

14:50 - 17:00 p.m: Continuing your tour, the **Tianzi Mountain** will be the next place to go. It' s said that a leader named Xiang Dakun in Song Dynasty has led a peasant uprising here and he called

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himself Tianzi. That's why the mountain is named Tianzi Mountain. You may feel stressed about climbing mountains, but Tianzi Mountain will leave you a lot of breaks by providing you rich natural views everywhere. You will be amazed by the natural landscape here.

17:00 p.m: So far, your tour today comes to an end. You will be escorted to your hotel for dinner and rest.

Day 5: Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon with the Glass Bridge, Boat ride on Baofeng Lake. Hotel-airport transfer to Shanghai. Airport-hotel transfer. (B)

09:00 a.m: Meet your tour guide and commence. This day will take you to the most breathtaking tour. 09:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m: First, you will head for the **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon**. Like many other sites in Zhangjiajie, the grand Canyon is full of natural views. You will continue to immerse yourselves in the nature. The next stop is an exciting site. Standing on the mountain, you will see a magnificent glass bridge connecting two mountains. You will have a chance to get on the bridge. Regardless of many tourists walking on the bridge either taking photos or viewing the distant mountains, you probably feel terrified if you are an acrophobia. The secret is don't watch downward.

12:30 - 13:30 p.m: Lunch will be served on your own cost after the bridge visiting.

14:10 - 16:30 p.m: After lunch, you will have a boat ride on Baofeng Lake. A couple of years ago, this place was a deep canyon. The local people established a 72-meter-high reservoir to reserve water for irrigation. Unexpectedly, a beautiful lake has been made ever since. You will take the boat to enjoy the lake. Surrounded by the mountains, you will hear the sound of rustling water before you could see the waterfall. Suddenly, a song will begin. That, is a local girl of Tu nationality singing their folk song to welcome you. Then, you will hear a guy echo her singing. Your tour guide will fill you with more stories of Tu Nationality.

17:00 p.m: In the evening, you will be dropped off at the Zhangjiajie hotel or any other place you request.

What's Important:

What's included:

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Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned.

Bottled water.

Economic class air tickets between Beijing and Zhangjiajie.

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. Please book hotels in Wulingyuan area in Zhangjiajie, it's more convenient to get around.
2. In case you booked Beijing hotels located outside the Beijing city, you will need to pay extra as compensation. Staying at Zhangjiajie city hotel would also incur extra charge.
3. Please follow your tour guide very closely. The road names in Zhangjiajie changes very frequently, only locals can discern. You can't even trust your e-map.
4. Coming to Zhangjiajie, your primary is to appreciate the cloudy mountains. Please check the weather condition in advance.
5. Book your hotel in advance. It's better to book 4-5 star hotels, where service quality is guaranteed.
6. When you order meals in Zhangjiajie, do not order dishes with no specific price. Do not order so-called rare animal meat.
7. Be cautious about the girls who call themselves from Tu Nationality. They may get too enthusiastic and take you for pictures and press you to pay.
8. When you take cabs on your own, be cautious about the taxis providing the service only with
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10 RMB! That's fraud.

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

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.

14. 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.

15. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.

FAQ

1. Can you provide airport drop off service in Zhangjiajie?

Re: Yes, we can. Please send your flight info. beforehand.

2. How to book entrance tickets for Glass Bridge?

Re: For safety, there is a limitation on the amount of people who can access the Glass Bridge. All the bookings must be made reserved beforehand and tour agencies has the priority. When you book this tour, we would require your passport information and make the reservations in advance to make sure you can get in.

3. When do you recommend us to visit Zhangjiajie?

Re: It's better to visit during April to October, of which the first 2 months are its rainy seasons. You
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will enjoy an unique foggy views if coming then. Visiting here in the autumn season will be a great choice as well.

4. Is the Zhangjiajie tour very strenuous?

Re: It's true that this tour would involve some climbing and walking, but there are all well-pave concrete roads. In most sites, you will take cable car and escalator.

5. Can the itinerary be changed on the spot?

Re: Sure, you can change the itinerary whenever you want. Your tour guide will accommodate your needs.

6. Where do we have lunch?

Re: Your tour guide will take you to a nice local restaurant instead of some tourist ones for lunch. The price would be fair while the food be great,

7. I'm a vegetarian, where could I find such a place?

Re: Don't worry, your tour guide will take you to a local restaurant where only vegetarian food is served.

8. I want to see some Jade Factory, can you arrange?

Re: Yes, if you insist visiting the Jade Factory in Beijing, we can arrange you to there. For your information, it's a shopping factory where many tour agencies arrange to collect commissions. We never take our customers to there.

9. Can I use credit card?

Re: Sorry, we can't accept credit card yet, but we do accept Paypal and bank transfer.

Cancellation policy:

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

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