

Beijing Family Day Tour: Flying Kite, Practicing Calligraphy and Visiting Pandas

Tour Code: LCT - BJ - 1D - Family Tour

Duration: 1 Day

Attractions: Beijing Hutong

Overview: Join a family-friendly tour with both sightseeing and interesting cultural activities. The tour starts with a visit to Beijing Zoo for the cute pandas, then head for the Olympic park for kite flying. In the afternoon, you will ride a rickshaw to experience the tranquil hutongs, have a cup of tea in a local teahouse, and finally stop at a local family to learn the traditional Chinese calligraphy.

Highlights:

1. Visit the cute giant pandas in the early morning will reward you with some of the funniest scenes of pandas;
2. Fly kites at the Olympic park and take pictures in the very spot where the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics was held;
3. Practice Chinese calligraphy under the instruction of a master;
4. Learn Chinese tea culture at a local teahouse;
5. Ride a rickshaw to enjoy some peaceful time in Hutong alleys.

Detailed Itinerary:

Today, we will start a little early to the Panda House as the pandas are most active in the morning. You will see pandas being taken care of and fed with bamboos, fruits, cookies and other food, playing with each other, climbing on the trees, and rolling around on the ground. Next, we will head for the Olympic Parks to fly kites. There are all kinds of beautiful kites on sale in the park, you can just buy one and fly there. It would also be a great time for bounding between families. After the kite flying, you can take some amazing pictures of the park and marvel at the characteristic architectures built here.

With all the running and playing, you may get tired. Don't worry, the next destination for you is the Yandai Xiejie where you can see a variety of restaurants, teahouses, stores, cafes, etc. We will choose a quiet teahouse and help you order a cup of nice tea. Our guide will also explain how to make and how to taste tea. If you get lucky, there will be tea performance, from which you can

have a glimpse of the long tea culture in China. Afterwards, your lunch will be arranged.

Your afternoon will begin in a tranquil Hutong where see some old Beijing people still reside in. It's a wonderful place to understand the old Beijing lifestyle and the classic residence of Siheyuan Courtyard. If you like, we can arrange a rickshaw for you. The riding lasts about 10 minutes, enough for you experience the authentic Hutong culture. Afterwards, we will enter a private yard and learn Chinese calligraphy with a calligraphy master. You will not only learn about the brush, ink, Chinese paper and inkstone, but have the chance to actually practice the Chinese characters. It will make a wonderful opportunity for you and your kids to understand the rich Chinese culture.

Our family day tour comes to an end by now, you will be escorted back to your hotel.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Calligraphy teaching fee.

Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals.

Kite expense and tea drinking expense.

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

What to take: smile and a relaxed and enthusiastic attitude

Good to know:

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or shops for shopping.
2. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food at 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 at the standard rate of 100 RMB per hour.

4. The tour we provide you is based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for between 6 to 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.

5. Please be aware that your itinerary may be changed anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.

6. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your families or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.

7. Wheelchairs are available, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.

FAQ:

1. When does the tour begin?

Re: We suggest you start at 7:30 in high seasons and 8:30 in low seasons. Please advise if you want a different time to start.

2. Do we have to ride the rickshaw?

Re: No, you don't have to ride the rickshaw. It's just a fun activity we think you might be interested. Just let us know if you want to remove it.

3. Can we make our own kite?

Re: This tour doesn't include the activity, but if you want, we can arrange for you. Then, you may need to remove another exiting activity in the itinerary.

4. Can my children join the tour?

Re: Sure, this tour is specifically designed for your children to learn more about Chinese culture by having fun.

5. Can you help us to buy a piece of calligraphy?

Re: This is a private tour with absolutely no shopping. We won't make recommendations on what

to buy, but if you do need our help in finding a great calligraphy work, our guide will help you.

6. Which hutong will we visit?

Re: We will visit some hutongs in Shichahai area.