

1 Day Beijing Layover Tour

Tour Code: LCT-BJ-1D - 02

Duration: 8 hours

Attractions: Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, or the Mutianyu Great Wall.

Overview: This trip is specially designed for people who only have one day or just a couple of hours layover in Beijing who still want to pay a visit to local sites. Your private guide and driver will meet you at the airport upon your arrival and navigate you to the city center to visit some major sites like the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square; or the Mutianyu Great Wall. After the tour, your guide will escort you back to the airport and bid you farewell.

Highlights:

1. Stress-free private transfer service to and from the airport;
2. Personal local guide leading your way through the trip;
3. Enjoy the most significant sites in Beijing within a short period of time;
4. Access the hidden parts of the Forbidden City and learn the background stories;
5. Take a walk on the Mutianyu Great Wall.

Detailed Itinerary

In many cases, you may only have a half day in Beijing leaving you two options. The first option is visiting Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. The last option is just visiting the Mutianyu Great Wall. It totally depends on your interest and flight schedule.

Option 1: Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

After being picked up from airport, you will first head for the **Forbidden City** in the city center. As the best preserved imperial complex in China, it served as the central Imperial Palace in the Ming and Qing Dynasties for almost 500 years and was listed as a World UNESCO Site. As a Royal Palace, common subjects were forbidden access unless they were summoned, and so it derived the name Forbidden City. This complex comprises of 980 buildings with about 9999 rooms, which housed thousands of people from the Emperor and his concubines to relatives and servants. Now, it serves as a museum housing all the treasures from the old times left for you to enjoy.

Thereafter we will depart for **Tiananmen Square**. Located not far from the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square is another historic site worth visiting. As a witness to numerous major political and historical events in Chinese society, Tiananmen Square is also surrounded by many other buildings that bear great importance in Chinese history. On the west of Tiananmen Square stands

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the Great Hall of the People, the meeting place of the National People's congress of the People's Republic of China. There are also monuments to the People's Heroes and Chairman Mao's Mausoleum to the south.

Option 2: Mutianyu Great Wall

Drive around 1.5 hours to the **Mutianyu section of the Great Wall** and have a quick lunch at the Subway (is this the sandwich food chain from around the world?) at the foot of the Mutianyu Wall. This is one of the most famous and idyllic sections of the Great Wall. You will have a choice of taking the cable car or chair lift up the breathtaking wall and spend a leisurely 1 to 2 hours walking up and down the various sections exploring the Watch Towers and marveling at the construction and beauty of the renowned and legendary Wall. You then have the option of an exhilarating toboggan ride back down or simply return the way you came with cable car.

After the tour, you will be transferred back to airport.

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 toboggan down the Great Wall.

Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items at the sites.

Tips or gratuities for the 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

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price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.

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

4. 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.

FAQ

1. How long do I stay at the Forbidden City?

Re: You will stay there about 2.5 hours. It depends how long you stay at other sites.

2. How do I get on to the Great Wall?

Re: You can take the cable car up and go down with the toboggan, which is already included in the quote. You may also go down using the cable car, the total price is the same as using the toboggan.

3. What kind of car will I have? (see corrections I made on a previous one)

Re: It depends on your group size. For group size of 1-2 people, you will be offered with a sedan car. For group size of 3-5 people, you will enjoy a van with 7-seater. While 14-17-seater van will be in service if there are 6-8 of you. When your tour group size is larger, 33-seater coach or bigger will be offered.

4. 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.

5. Can you help to reserve seat for Peking Roast Duck (Peking Duck)?

Re: Sure, no problem, you just need to tell us what time and where you'd like to have dinner.