

2 Days Beijing Boutique Tour

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-BJ-2D -01

Duration: 2 Days

Attractions: Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Hutong Walking tour, Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace.

Overview: Spend two full days in Beijing and explore the most significant sites like the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, and old Hutongs. Be amazed by the grandiose and extravagance of the royal life hundreds years ago. Learn about the historic events that happened in Tiananmen Square. Walk deep into the old Hutongs and listen to the stories of an old Beijinger. Visit the Summer Palace and immerse yourself in the features of this Imperial

Highlights

- See how Imperial Families lived in the Ming and Qing Dynasties by visiting the Forbidden City;
- Walk in the largest square in the world - Tiananmen Square;
- Hear your guide relate how the new China was founded and how Chairman Mao announced this news decades ago;
- Climb the Mutianyu Great Wall;
- Be amazed by the magnificence of the Great Wall;
- Take a boat ride at the Summer Palace and imagine you were in Ming and Qing Dynasties;
- Walk into the old Hutongs and see how old Beijingers lived.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	09:00 a.m	Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of

		Heaven, Beijing Hutongs
Day 2	07:30 a.m	Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace

Day 1: Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Beijing Hutongs

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

09:30-10:15: Visit **Tiananmen Square**, a rectangular square of 440,000 sq meters. Tiananmen Square echoes the layout of the Forbidden City to some extent. It also displays the major concept of Chinese politics in ancient times namely, centralism. Many historic events took place here , the most famous of which is the Tiananmen Incident. Now, it's just a symbol.

10:30 - 12:30: Visit the magnificent **Forbidden City**, the largest Imperial Palace in the world. We'll spend a couple of hours wandering around this amazing example of Imperial architecture and learning about the history of the palace. Enclosed by long scarlet walls extending 3.5km, the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City was the very central power of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. This



large palace witnessed the prosperity and the decline of feudalism. Here you will directly experience how royals lived and how they ruled.

12:30 - 13:30 p.m: Enjoy local food at a nice restaurant popular with local Beijingers. (Lunch for your own account)

14:00 - 15:30 p.m: Head to the **Temple of Heaven**.

Situated in the southeast of the central city, the Temple of Heaven was originally constructed in the eighteenth year of Yong Le (1420) in the Ming Dynasty. The Ming and Qing emperors conducted annual ceremonies praying to Heaven for a good harvest. It combines the architectural technology of the Ming and Qing Dynasties



together, which is rare in ancient Chinese architecture and it is the largest sacrificial 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 public toilets available as well as shops and vendors selling all kinds of goods to satisfy local people's daily needs, you will find people gossiping along the lanes and building relationships. Walking along here is taking a walk through history and savouring the unique culture. Thus, we say that where there is a lane, there is a story.

17:00: Drop off at your hotel.

Day 2: Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace.

07:30: Greeted by your tour guide in your hotel lobby to commence your day tour.

09:00 - 11:30: Drive around 1.5 hours to the **Mutianyu section of the Great Wall** and have a snack at the Subway Restaurant 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 marvelling 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 returning the way you came with the cable car.

11:30 - 12:30: Enjoy a typical Beijing lunch nearby the Mutianyu Great Wall (Lunch is for your own account).

14:00 - 16:00 p.m: Visit the **Summer Palace**. As the largest imperial garden in China, the Summer Palace was a summer resort for the royal families. There are huge lakes, bridges, corridors, pavilions, and various kinds of flowers and many rooms radiating the natural beauty and the grandeur of imperial gardens. With arched bridges and glittering ripples, pretty promenades and flowers in



bloom, decorated corridors and ancient doors, and "breezeways" (a kind of hallway that allows the passage of a breeze between structures), all these present tourists enchanting and ever-changing scenery.

16:30 p.m: Return to your hotel and your two day 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 sights 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 sights.
Tips or gratuities for guide and driver if we did a good job (recommended)

What to take: smile and a relaxed 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 and 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 available, 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 much time do we have at the Forbidden City?

Re: You will stay there about 2.5 hours.

2. What if I want to ride the rickshaw?

Re: That's fine, you can just ask your tour guide to find a rickshaw for you on spot. This will be for your own account.

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

Re: You can take the cable car up and come down with the toboggan, which is already included in the quote.

4. What kind of car will I have?

Re: It depends on your group size. For a group size of 1-2 people, you will be offered a sedan car. For a group size of 3-4 people, you will enjoy a 7-seater van. A 14-17-seater van will be in service

if there are 5-8 of you. When your tour group size is larger, a 33-seater coach or bigger will be offered.

5. 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.

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

Re: The working time for the tour guide and driver is 8-9 hours. If you have finished your tour 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 you help to reserve seats for Roast Duck (Peking Duck)?

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