

2-day Beijing Expedition Tour from Tianjin Port

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-BJ-2D - 2

Duration: 2 Days

Attractions: Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Mutianyu Great Wall

Overview: Are you still vexed about what to do when you arrive at Tianjin port for a 2 day stopover during a cruise? Do you want to visit Beijing in this short time of period, but can't find the right agency to help? Well, this 2-day Beijing expedition tour is specially designed for you! Lilysun China Tours will arrange a high-quality private transfer service to host you right from disembarking your cruise to the end when you board again. During this trip, you will cover all the most important sites in Beijing including the Forbidden City and the Mutianyu Great Wall. In your free time, you are advised to visit Beihai Park and wander in the old Beijing Hutongs.

Highlights

- Enjoy a hassle-free private transfer service from Tianjin port and back again.
- Visit the most important sites in Beijing while having time to explore on your own.
- Skip the line and save more time to explore the Forbidden City.
- Free portable Wifi devices available all the time.
- 2 hours walking on the Mutianyu Great Wall.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	08:00 a.m	Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Beijing Old Hutongs
Day 2	07:30 a.m	Mutianyu Great Wall

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

08:00: Your Beijing driver and guide will arrive at Tianjin port in advance and wait for you at the side gate to the very east of the port. Greeted by your guide, you will head for Beijing directly. Please have breakfast beforehand.

10:30 a.m: Arrive in Beijing, your first sight will be **Tiananmen Square**, also called the Gate of Heavenly Peace. There is not much to see in the square itself, except that it's the largest inner city square in the world. You are here because of several significant historic events that occurred here, the most important of which was Chairman Mao proudly announcing the founding of the People's Republic of China. Following your guide, you will learn about the other significant events that took place here.

11:00 - 13:30: Bordering Tiananmen Square is the **Forbidden City**, the main sight of the day. It served as the home for Imperial Families for over 500 years and has survived both natural disasters and man-made damage. Being the largest and best preserved palace compound in the world, it has symbolized the imperial power simply because common people are prohibited access. Now, it's more like a cultural symbol, telling the old stories.



13:30 - 14:30: Enjoy a local Beijing lunch at your own expense.

14:30 - 16:00: Head for the **Temple of Heaven**. Ringed by the lush vegetation, the Temple of Heaven was a sacred place where the ancient emperors prayed for a good harvest and offered sacrifices. The temple itself was built entirely of wood with no nails, which is a unique architectural achievement originating from China. Comprised of two parts, a rectangular foundation and a semi-circular top, the Temple represents the typical Chinese concept of a circular heaven and rectangular ground. Nowadays, the grounds are a public park where you can see local people doing their morning exercise.



16:20 - 17:00: Stroll in the old **Beijing Hutongs** where old Beijingers live. A few decades ago,

almost all people in Beijing lived in Siheyuan in Hutongs. There may be a couple of families in one yard who have been 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 living there, but most Hutongs are vacant. You may be interested in joining some groups for activities like opera mask making, paper cutting, rickshaw riding, kite flying, calligraphy or learning to paint.

17:00: Hotel drop-off at the end of your tour.

Day 2: Mutianyu Great Wall

07:30: Start your day tour by meeting the tour guide in the hotel lobby.

09:00 - 12:00: Time to walk along the top of the **Mutianyu Great Wall** which has only recently become popular and attracts more visitors every day. Take a cable car up and enjoy the most breathtaking views. Walk along the Great Wall, while learning about the history and function of the towers and parapets. After walking for about 1-2 hours, take a thrilling toboggan ride down.



12:00 - 13:00: Enjoy an authentic rural lunch at one of the many local farms at the foot of the Great Wall.

15:30: Drop off at the Tianjin port. Your Beijing two day expedition 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)

Accommodation

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 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.
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..
10. Please inform us about the specific cruise you are travelling on in advance.

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FAQ

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

Re: You will need around 2.5 hours. If you want to stay longer, please discuss with your tour guide at the time.

2. Can I take the cable car down the Great Wall as I can't ride the sled?

Re: Sure, you can take the cable car down the Great Wall as well. The price for a round-trip cable car is the same as up with cable car and down with sled. Some members of your party may need to walk some distance for the cable car travelers and toboggan travelers to meet up with the vehicle.

3. Can I visit the Ming Tombs?

Re: The Ming Tombs are located about a 1.5 hours' drive to the southwest of the Mutianyu Great Wall. If it is imperative that you visit the Ming Tombs then we recommend rather visiting the Badaling Great Wall since it is more convenient to reach the Ming Tombs from there. However, the Badaling Great Wall is the busiest part of the Great Wall. We don't recommend that you visit the wall here because there are many crowds and your time is really limited.

4. Can you arrange a Beijing Opera / Acrobatic Show / Kungfu Performance for us?

Re: Yes, we can arrange these activities for you. We can also provide private transfer services for you. Please inform us in advance of your requests.

5. Can I add the Summer Palace?

Re: The time is really tight for you to add one more sight. If you insist, we can replace the Hutong with the Summer Palace. This tour would then end rather late and will incur an extra charge.

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

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pay extra for their overtime work.

7. 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.