

1 Day Hiking Tour from Simatai to Jinshanling Great Wall

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-BJ-1D - SJGW

Duration: 8-9

Attractions: Simatai Great Wall, Jinshanling Great Wall

Overview: This day tour will take you to hike on two of the most famous wild sections of the Great Wall. On this 6-hour hike, you will be rewarded with stunning natural views, great service from your guide and a true insight into local people's lives.

Highlights

- Hike on Wild Great Wall at Simatai West
- Partially restored Great Wall at Jinshanling Stunning photo
- Countryside-style food at a local farmer's restaurant

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	08:00 a.m	Simatai Great Wall, Jinshanling Great Wall

Get picked up from your hotel at 8:00 a.m, you will enjoy this amazing hike tour. As the most popular hiking trip of the Great Wall around Beijing, this tour shows you both the **Simatai and Jinshanling sections of the wall** within 3 hours. A 40-minute walk using steps will lead you to the East-Five-Eye watchtower at Simatai West. As you catch your breath just before reaching the Wall, you will be rewarded by the breathtaking panoramic view of this amazing human construction. Take a short break and some photos before we walk westward to Jinshanling. We will



get off the wall at Shalingkou at Jinshanling, or alternatively you can walk another 30 minutes if you feel energetic and then get off the wall at Zhuanduokou . The unrestored wall, watch towers and beacon towers snake along the mountain from east to west. You will have a chance to meet friendly, local

farmers, try local home-made food and learn about local community development. It is the best place for keen photographers along the Wall. Regarding fitness it is a medium-level hike for all ages.

Pick-up at your hotel at 8am and drive to Simatai West. You will start hiking around 10:30 am, and it will take about 3 hours to complete your hike. Enjoy lunch at a local farmer's restaurant before returning to your hotel.



This section offers arguably the finest hiking anywhere on the Great Wall. It is a photographer's dream, with over 15 watchtowers, and steep gradients that give constantly changing perspectives and wide, open views. There is a fascinating variety amongst the watchtowers here. Some have two storeys, others three. Some have flat roofs, others rounded and others again are pitched with upturned eaves. This section of the wall is wild, ruined, preserved and original. On a clear day, it is difficult to fail to take good photographs here.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-con vehicle with experienced driver

Personal expert English-speaking hiking tour guide

Entrance fees for both sections of the Great Wall

Unlimited bottled water; snacks; late lunch at local farmer's restaurant after the hike

A certificate of completion for hiking on the Great Wall of China

What's not included:

Travel insurance

Cable car, chairlift or any other additional local facilities

Personal expenses

Tipping of hiking guide/driver recommended for good service on a 2:1 ratio separately

What to take: a hat and sunglasses for sunny days; Wear comfortable shoes or sneakers;

Equipment for hiking if you need

Good to know:

1. There are no toilets along the path on the Wall. There are toilets at the entrance of Simatai West and Jinshanling. Please visit the restroom before hiking and always carry toilet paper with you.
2. Please don't make any appointments right after the trip as the return time depends on the traffic and could be between 5-6 pm.
3. You will be followed by local farmers when starting the hike. The farmers will give you help along the way, hoping to sell you some souvenirs as a reward. If you don't like this, you need to say NO firmly at the beginning (MAYBE LATER does not work in Chinese culture) or just ignore them and not speak a word with them; otherwise they can be persistent and follow you all the way on the Wall.
4. Unlimited bottled water is stored in our car/van and you will need a daypack to carry the water.
5. We will have trekking poles in our car/van so please ask your guide if you need one.
6. It's recommended to bring your own snacks before your departure from Beijing if you don't like snickers. (do you mean snickers the chocolate here?)
7. Travel insurance is optional and is the sole responsibility of travelers. It is encouraged to have coverage for injury or accident.
8. As responsible travelers, we "take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints".

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FAQ

1.Is this a group tour or private tour?

Re: it's a private tour just for your group, no other people would join you.

2.Can you drop me off at the airport / train station after hiking?

Re: yes, we can provide airport/train station transfer service as well. Please advise if you need any in advance.

3.Is it risky to visit the sections that aren't developed?

Re: Don't worry, all the sections we take you to have great views and are less travelled but safe enough. Your safety is our priority.