

## **5-day Premium Tour from Beijing to Shanghai**

### **Basics**

**Tour Code:** LCT-BS-5D- 01

**Duration:** 5 Days

**Attractions:** Forbidden City, Mutianyu Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Yuyuan Garden, Huangpu River Cruise, the Bund, World Financial Center

**Overview:**

Joining this 5-day Beijing & Shanghai tour will enable you to visit two of the top cities in China. In Beijing, you will spend two days visiting all must-see sites like the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. Then, you will ride on a high-speed train to Shanghai. Visit Yuyuan and sit under a cool pavilion while watching water flowing quietly under the bridge. Travel to the top of the World Financial Center and have a birds-eye view of the whole city. Visit a water town and take a boat ride to add to your special holiday memories.

### **Highlights**

- Enter the largest and best preserved Royal Palace in the world for a look into Imperial Life;
- Meet a local family and learn about the old Beijinger's lives;
- Walk on the Mutianyu Great Wall while learning about the intelligence and skill of the ancient Chinese people.
- Learn Chinese history in the Shanghai Museum and see modern China from a river cruise.
- Enjoy a comprehensive day tour of Shanghai with the Zhujiajiao water town included.

### **Itinerary**

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

<b>Day 2</b>	07:30 a.m	Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace
<b>Day 3</b>	09:00 a.m	Beijing South - Shanghai Hongqiao by G123 (11:05 - 16:50).
<b>Day 4</b>	09:00 a.m	Yuyuan Garden, Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession, World Financial Center, Shanghai Museum, the Bund
<b>Day 5</b>	09:00 a.m	Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang

### **Day 1: Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Hutong.**

09:00 a.m: Meet your local Beijing tour guide in your hotel lobby.

09:30-10:15 a.m: Visit **Tian'anmen Square**, a rectangular square of 440,000 sq meters.

Tian'anmen Square echoes the layout of the Forbidden City to some extent. It also displays the major concept of China politics in ancient times namely, centralism. Many historic events took place here, the most famous of which is the Tian'anmen Incident. Now, it's just a symbol.

10:30 - 12:30 p.m: 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 in a nice restaurant popular with local Beijingers. Lunch is for your own account.

14:00 - 15:30 p.m: Head for 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 sacrifice 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, shops and vendors selling all kinds of goods to satisfy local people's daily needs, and people gossiping along the lanes to strengthen their relationships, one can walk through the history and savour the unique culture. Thus, we say that where there a lane, there is a story.

17:00 p.m: Drop off at your hotel.

## **Day 2: Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace**

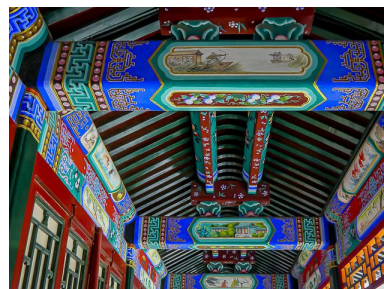
07:30 a.m: Your tour guide will greet you in your hotel lobby to commence your day tour.

09:00 - 11:30 p.m: Drive around 1.5 hours to the **Mutianyu section of the Great Wall** and have a quick lunch 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 return the way you came with cable car.



11:30 - 12:30 p.m: 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 blossom, 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 the Beijing section of your tour ends here.

### **Day 3: Beijing South - Shanghai Hongqiao by G123 (11:05 - 16:50).**

09:00 a.m: Your Beijing driver will collect you at your hotel lobby and transfer you to the Beijing South Train Station. Then, you will take G123 and head for Shanghai.

16:50 p.m: Your Shanghai driver will be waiting for you upon your arrival. The rest of the day is open for your own exploration.

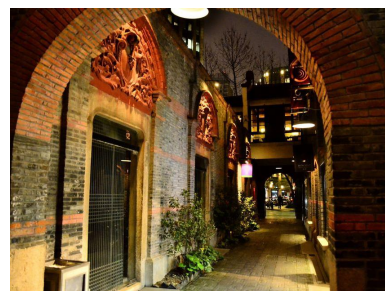
### **Day 4: Yuyuan Garden, Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession, World Financial Center, Shanghai Museum, the Bund**

09:00 a.m: Meet your local Shanghai guide in the hotel lobby and set-off for the day tour.

09:10 - 11:30 a.m: Visit the **Yuyuan Garden and old Bazaar area**. Situated in Anren Jie, Yuyuan Garden is the only fully restored classical Chinese garden in Shanghai. It was initially built by government officer Pan Yunduan in 1577 as a resort for his parents to spend their remaining years in comfort and happiness. “Yu” in Chinese signifies pleasure and satisfaction, thus, the garden was named as “Yu”. As a perfect model of the south Chinese landscaping style garden of the Ming and Qing dynasties, it is a MUST for all tourists coming to Shanghai. Wandering in pavilions, corridors, streams, courtyards and other natural features of the Garden, you will enjoy both the natural beauty and the human heritage.



11:30-12:40 p.m: Head to **Xintiandi & Shikumen House in French Concession**. XinTianDi, which means ”new heaven and earth,” is a new entertainment spot and new landmark in



Shanghai. As you may know, ‘Shikumen’, the unique architectural style, has been called a fusion of eastern and western cultures, and was once very popular in 1930s’. A

typical Shikumen building features a pair of black wooden doors framed by heavy stone, with an extravagant bronze handle on each of the doors.

12:40 - 13:40 p.m: Enjoy lunch in a nice local restaurant.

13:40 - 14: 20 p.m: Travel to the top of the **World Financial Center** and enjoy a birds-eye view of Shanghai city. Located in the Pudong district, it’s a skyscraper with mixed usage such as offices, shopping malls, conference rooms, a hotel and observatory decks. Up on the observatory deck you will enjoy a full view of the city.

14:40 - 16:20 p.m: Visit the **Shanghai Museum**. As one of the renowned ancient art museums, the Shanghai Museum has collected about 140,000 cultural relics. There are 10 classes of relics currently displayed. To appreciate the most spectacular relics in such a limited time period, our tour guides will introduce to you some of the historic ones. You will see ceremonial wares like a battle-axe and tripod, daily necessities in ancient life like pottery and porcelain, calligraphy works like the Oracle, and various jade ornaments.

16:30 - 17:10 p.m: Walk on the **Bund**. Located on the west bank of the Huangpu River in Shanghai, the Bund was originally a pathway for boatmen and hard laborers; while



nowadays, the Bund has become the most characteristic view and the most recognized symbol of the city with its rich cultural connotations of hundreds of years. For the Europeans, it was like the Wall Street in the east, where prosperous trading took place and massive fortunes were made and lost. Other famous Shanghai landmarks like the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Jinmao tower stand proudly across the river from the Bund creating a stark contrast between the old and the new Shanghai, and a must see on your tour.

17:30 p.m: Drop you off at the hotel.

Recommended activity: Huangpu River Cruise.

## Day 5: Zhujiajiao Water Town, Tianzifang

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09:00 a.m: Meet your tour guide for your final Shanghai tour.

10:00 - 13:00 p.m: Start your amazing Shanghai tour with **Zhujiajiao Water Town**. This town was a significant trading hub with nearby countries 1700 years ago, and boats were used to ferry all kinds of wares here. Lining the banks are many houses built in rows with interlaced narrow paths connecting each other. The best way to see the town is from a boat where you can enjoy a



leisurely ride observing the life along the river (Boat ride for your own account). Walking the streets is also fun to be part of the bustling life.

13:00 - 14:00: Enjoy authentic local food with the guidance of your tour guide.

15:00 - 16:30 p.m: Leave for **Tianzifang**, another glimmering example of the preservation and development of the local Shikumen architecture. Located in a labyrinth of alleyways off Taikang Road near Dapu Bridge, it is an arts and crafts enclave developed from a renovated residential area with families still residing in the neighboring buildings. It is also referred to as Taikang Road. Based on the similar concept in Xintiandi of renovating whilst preserving the local Shikumen-style houses. This area has been converted into a great place for arts in Shanghai. Since 1998, many famous Chinese artists, including Chen Yifei, Er Dongqiang, Wang Jieyin and Wang Jiajun, set up their studios in Tianzifang, which has added to its fame.



17:00 p.m: Drop off at Shanghai hotel.

## What's Important:

### What's included:

- Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.
- Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fee for sites mentioned.
- Bottled water.
- Second class train tickets from Beijing to Shanghai.

### **What's not included:**

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items at the sites.

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 the 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 tours we provide you are 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 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 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. Does the quote include the train tickets?

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Re: Yes, the quote includes a second class train trip to Shanghai.

2. Can I book the train tickets online?

Re: Yes, you can book the train tickets online, after which you will need to bring your passport to the train station for your tickets to be issued. When we book for you, we will deliver the physical tickets to your hotel before you use them.

3. How much time do we have in the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: You will have a whole morning or afternoon to wander in the museum and be immersed in the great wonders.

4. Can I add the Jade Buddha Temple to this itinerary?

Re: For this particular itinerary, there is no room for any more sites unless you are willing to replace one of the existing sites in the itinerary.

5. How long it takes to get to Shanghai from Beijing?

Re: About 6 hours by high-speed train.

6. What's the difference between a First Class seat and a Second Class seat?

Re: The First Class seat is more spacious and comfortable, and of course a little expensive.

7. Can you help to book business/first class train tickets?

Re: Yes, we can book business/first class train tickets for you. However, you need to be aware that business class tickets are always in short supply. You will need to submit your passport information as soon as you confirm this trip.

8. Can the itinerary be changed at short notice?

Re: Sure, you can change the itinerary whenever you want. Any alterations on sites may lead to different price. Just let your tour consultant know your preference, they will help you with that.



9. Do we have time for the Cruise after the tour?

Re: Yes, there are a couple of cruise choices available in Shanghai. Based on your time, we suggest you take the one beginning at 19:00. It will leave you enough time for dinner before getting aboard. The ticket is 150 RMB per person.

10. Our children want to learn about Chinese painting, can you arrange this?

Re: Yes, we can arrange a Chinese painting and calligraphy class in Beijing. We also have other activities like cooking class, opera mask making, rubbing, etc.. Just advise in advance what you want to do.