

5-Hour Layover Evening Tour to Beijing Downtown

Basics

Tour Code: LCT - BJ - 5H - Night Layover Tour

Duration: 5 Hours

Places to See: Tian'anmen Square, Wangfujing Street, CCTV Headquarter, National Theater, Bell & Drum Tower, Houhai Area

Overview: Instead of being bored at the Beijing airport, let's join this 5-hour night tour to discover the amazing Beijing downtown areas. You don't have to figure out the public transport, as the airport pick up and drop off services are included in the tour. You will have a professional guide who knows the city well to navigate your way through places like CCTV headquarters, Wangfujing Street, Tian'anmen Square, Yandaixie Street and more. You can also choose the sights based on your own time schedule.

Highlights

- Sample local food and do some shopping in Wangfujing Street;
- Take pictures in front of CCTV headquarters, Bird's Nest and Water Cube;
- Admire the amazing night views of Tian'anmen Square;
- Stroll leisurely in alleys and hutongs of Houhai Area;
- Enjoy a trouble-free transfer between Beijing downtown and airport.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	Flexible	Tian'anmen Square, Wangfujing Street, CCTV Headquarter, National Theater, Bell & Drum Tower, Houhai Area

Upon your arrival, our guide and driver will be waiting for you at the exit area. On your way to the downtown, you will pass the magnificent **CCTV headquarters** where you can stop and take some amazing photos. Then, you will continue to the very heart of Beijing - Tian'anmen and Wangfujing area, which, under the illuminating lights, seem more charming. You will see tons of locals coming out at night for entertainment and all the malls, shops, restaurants, theaters, stores are busy with people. If you like, our guide will take you to explore the rich night market



culture and shop in some malls. Nearby the **Tian'anmen Square**, you are also presented with Monument to the People's Heroes, Great Hall of the People, Mao Zedong Memorial Hall and many other towering buildings.

Afterwards, we will leave for the **Bell and Drum Tower** located nearby the Yandaixie Street.

Functioning as the gateway to the Bell & Drum Tower, **Yandaixie Street** is a featured street for cultural stuff like antiques, paintings, calligraphy works, arts, crafts, etc.. It's a great place to explore the old Beijing necessities. Further into the street, you will see the Bell & Drum Tower. You can't get on the tower, but you are rewarded with the splendid night view of the towers.



If time permits, you can spend more quality time with our guide in Shichahai area and enjoy the beautiful views of sleepless Beijing before being transferred back to airport.

What's Important:

What's included:

- Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.
- Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.
- Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals.

Kite expense and tea drinking expense.

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 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.

FAQ

1. When does the tour end?

Re: In principle, the tour ends 3 hours before your flight, no matter the time. However, for the

sake of our guide and driver, we suggest you end little earlier. As for the exact time, please consult your guide.

2. Can I cut the guide?

Re: Yes, if you don't need a guide, please let us know.

3. Is it safe to walk around Beijing at night?

Re: Most places in Beijing are safe. There are many young people out for food and shopping at night. However, if you are a female, we don't suggest you go out too late at night.

4. Can we visit the Great Wall of China at night?

Re: There are sections that open at night like the Simatai Great Wall and Gubei Water Town nearby. However, these places are about 1.5 hours from Beijing downtown, which means you will waste at least 3 hours on road. Besides, the magnificence of Great Wall is best displayed in daytime.

5. Can I leave the airport during a layover in China?

Re: You can leave the airport, but the real question is whether you should leave. If you only a few hours, we wouldn't suggest you go all the trouble just be stuck in the traffic (as Beijing is always crowded). If you have a couple of hours or more during the layover, it's safer to hire a private car.

6. Do I need a Chinese Visa for a layover in Beijing?

Re: If you are bounding for another city in China and just need a layover in Beijing, you need a visa. However, if you have valid international travel documents and the tickets (with confirmed date and seat) bound for a third country or region are allowed to apply for 24-hour, 72-hour, or 144-hour visa-free entry.