

72-Hour Beijing Layover Tour

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-Beijing Layover Tour - 03

Duration: 72 Hours

Attractions: Summer Palace, Beijing Zoo, Mutianyu Great Wall, Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven

Overview:

Applied for a 72-hour visa-free entry to China and not sure what to do during the transition? This 72-hour Beijing Layover Tour is just perfect for you. Join this tour, you will be rewarded with the awe-inspiring sights like Forbidden City and Mutianyu Great Wall, challenging but tasty Beijing local food, and trouble-free transfer and guiding services.

Highlights

- Hassle-free private airport transfer services;
- Professional and local guide who knows the city very well;
- Polite, punctual and patient driver who transfers you around the city;
- Admire the magnificent Great Wall and glamorous Forbidden City;
- Visit the cute giant pandas in Beijing Zoo.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	Flexible	Airport Pick Up, Summer Palace, Beijing Zoo
Day 2	07:30 a.m	Mutianyu Great Wall, Bird's Nest and Water Cube
Day 3	09:00 a.m	Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Beijing Hutongs, Airport Drop Off

Day 1: Airport Pick Up, Summer Palace, Beijing Zoo

Welcome to Beijing, your private guide and driver will be waiting for you upon your arrival.

Please look for the sign with your name written on.

The first activity would depend on the timing of your flight. If you arrive in the morning, you will start the tour directly. The first destination today is the **Summer Palace**, where you can appreciate the leading classical garden with picturesque landscape in typical Chinese architectural style.

Your next destination will be the **Beijing Zoo**. It's the oldest zoo in China and a zoo housing rich animal species, including the giant pandas, crested ibis, golden monkeys and more. You will have a close contact with those cute animals.

After the tour, your guide and driver will take you to hotel and leave you free. If you arrive in Beijing at noon, your guide will help you to check in the hotel and lead you to lunch before engaging you in the tour.



Day 2: Mutianyu Great Wall, Bird's Nest and Water Cube

As Mutianyu Great Wall is a bit far from the city, it's better you start early at 7:30 when your guide and driver will be ready at your hotel lobby. Although there are several sections of Great Wall available for public, the **Mutianyu Great Wall** is the less crowded section with amazing scenery. What's more interesting is that you can take the cable car to get to the top of the wall and get down by the thrilling toboggan car.



On your way back to the Beijing city, you will pass by the **Bird's Nest and Water Cube**, the site of 2008 Beijing Olympics. It's not allowed to go inside. Therefore, you can only take some photos.

At the end of the tour, you will be escorted back to hotel.

Day 3: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Beijing Hutongs, Airport Drop Off

Your last day will be spent mostly within the city. Firstly, let's pay a visit to the **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest city square in the world. Built in 1417, the Tian'anmen Square served as an important gate for the Forbidden City in old times. During the modern times, the square has witnessed a lot of historical events that like the Tian'anmen Incident and May Fourth



Movement. Nowadays, it's rather a place of memory than a sight. Passing by the Tian'anmen Square, you will head for the **Forbidden City**, one of the largest as well as the best-preserved imperial palaces in the world. Completed in 1420, the palace had housed 24 emperors and royal members of Ming and Qing Dynasties. Inside the palace, there are 9999 rooms and each has its own functions and owner. It's would be a great place to understand the history and story of Ming and Qing imperial lives.

The morning tour comes to an end by now and your guide will take you to a nice local restaurant for lunch.

In the afternoon, you will proceed to the **Temple of Heaven and the Hutongs**. Constructed between 1406 and 1420 during the reign of Ming Emperor Yongle, the Temple of Heaven served as a place where the emperors offer sacrifices to the heaven, wishing a great harvest for people. Today, it's more of a local park where local Beijing people come to relax. You can also choose to visit in the morning when you will see a lot of people exercising. Next,



you will set off to the Beijing Hutong. It's not a sight, but the alley where old Beijing people used to live in. You will see the real life of Beijing ordinaries there.

At the end of the tour, your guide and driver will accompany safely to the airport so you can take the second flight.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites 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 the sites.

Tips or gratuities for the 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. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
4. 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.
5. Please check in advance if you need a Chinese Visa. In usual cases, if you are heading for a third country and you need to pass, you won't need a Chinese visa and you just need to apply for the 24h or 72h or 144h visa-free entry. Check out on what conditions you are exempted from the Chinese Visa.
6. Please consult us about the timing and decide on your own. We are not responsible for any

delay for your flight.

FAQ

1. How long do I stay at Mutianyu Great Wall?

A: You will stay there about 2.5 hours, depending your flight schedule.

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

A: You can take the carlift up and down with the toboggan, which is already included in the quote.

You may also get down the Great Wall via cable car, the total price is the same as toboggan.

3. What kind of car will I have?

A: It depends on your group size. For group size of 1-2 people, you will be offered with a sedan car. For group size of 3-4 people, you will enjoy a van with 7-seater. While 14-17-seater van will be in service if there are 5-8 of you. When your tour group size is larger, 33-seater coach or bigger will be offered.

4. Can I confirm this is a private tour?

A: Yes, this is a private tour just for your group. No other people will join you.

5. Which is better Badaling or Mutianyu Great Wall?

A: These two sections of Great Wall have their own characteristics. Badaling Great Wall is nearer to Beijing city, much developed and easier to conquer. However, it's often overcrowded, especially during holidays. Mutianyu Great Wall is less developed and some parts still remain wild, and it's far from city. But Mutianyu Great Wall is less crowded, more spectacular. Besides, you can take toboggans to go down the wall, which can be exhilarating.

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

A: 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.