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Beijing
 Xi'an

Matched by an ancient history these 2 cities are waiting for you. Filled with marvelous sites like the Terracotta Soldiers, Great Wall and amazing culinary culture. Xi'an China's first and Beijing the current capital cities await you

Type

Private

Duration

7 days

Theme

Culture and Heritage, Train travel

Trip code

BJ-04

Price

From £ 543 per person

Itinerary

This classical tour of Beijing and Xi'an introduces you to the top two cities China has to offer!

Beijing's highlights include: Tiananmen Square (the world's largest square), the Forbidden City (a UNESCO world heritage site), the Temple of Heaven, picturesque Summer Palace and the renowned Great Wall. In Xi'an, the must-see stops are: Terracotta Warriors, Big Wild Goose Pagoda and Xi'an City Wall.

Day 01 :

Arrive in Beijing



Upon your arrival at Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing Train Station, you will be met by your local guide and driver who will then transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to recover from the hotel or explore Beijing. Overnight in Beijing. **B** = breakfast

Day 02 :

Top Beijing City Sights: Tiananmen Square - Forbidden City - Summer Palace (B)

After breakfast, you will begin your first day of sightseeing in Beijing accompanied by your guide.

Your first stop will be Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world where many important events are held such as the New Year Celebration and other festival activities. Then move on to Forbidden City which is located at the north end of the Tiananmen Square and where 24 ancient Chinese emperors lived and met with their ministers for discussions of national affairs.

In the afternoon you will be driven to the Summer Palace which is located about 12 km. (7.5 mi.) northwest of the city center and is a well-preserved royal garden famous for its enthralling scenery and spectacular ancient architecture of the Qing Dynasty. It's also noted as one of the four classical gardens in China (the other three being Chengde Palace Summer Resort, Suzhou Administrators' Garden and Suzhou Lingering Garden) and is the largest of its kind so far in China.

In the evening you may choose to enjoy Kungfu Culture Show (optional). Overnight in Beijing.

Day 03 :

Top Beijing City Sights: Visit Mutianyu Great Wall and Ming Tombs-Changling. (B)

In the morning, after a short 2.5 hours of drive, you will reach Mutianyu Great Wall, a less-crowded section of the Great Wall where cable cars are available to take you up and down a good section. Time for you to freely stroll through the watch towers and enjoy a panoramic view of the wall winding its way across hills and mountains.

After lunch spend a pleasant afternoon visiting Changling, a well-preserved major tomb among a cluster of Ming tombs which is located about 50 km. (31 mi.) northwest of Beijing center.

On your way back to downtown Beijing, you will have time to visit the Olympic Green to get a glimpse of Bird's Nest and Water Cube where major sport events were held in the 2008 Olympic Games. You may have Beijing duck for dinner (optional). Overnight in Beijing.

Please note you are welcome to visit inside the Bird's Nest and Water Cube, tickets can be purchased at the respective gates.

Day 04 :

Beijing City Tour - Visit Temple of Heaven and Rickshaw tour at Hutongs - Train to Xi'an(B)

In the morning visit **Temple of Heaven**, a holy place for the Chinese people where ancient Chinese emperors went annually to offer sacrifices to the God of Heaven and pray for an abundant harvest.

Then drive to an old part of Beijing, you will spend one hour touring around the 300-year old courtyard. Your English speaking tour guide will give you a detailed explanation of the old courtyard (Siheyuan) - its history, its layout, its Fengshui, and its traditional Chinese culture.

Then you will have about a **1.5-hour rickshaw** ride passing through the narrow alleys (Hutong) to experience the real-life of local Beijing residents. Two people share a rickshaw. Drop off at the Silver Ingot Bridge (Yinding Bridge) and walk along the 800-year old Yandai Xiejie (Tobacco Pipe Lean Street) to Beijing's famous Drum Tower. Upon ascending the long staircase

have a great view of the surrounding Hutongs and traditional courtyards.

In the afternoon, Beijing train station drop off for the high-speed train to Xi'an (about 5-5.5 hours train ride).

Day 05 :

Xi'an city highlights - Terracotta Warriors & Xi'an City Wall (B)

In the morning visit the 8th wonder of the world --**Terracotta Warriors of Emperor Qin Shi Huang** (the first emperor in Chinese history). The vivid figures of warriors and horses arranged in battle formations are believed to guard Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum. You will surely be impressed by this living archeological site military museum.

After lunch, head back to Xi'an downtown to visit **Xi'an City Wall**, the best preserved city walls in China. You can stand on top of it to enjoy a panoramic view of the whole Xi'an city or if time permits, hire a bike and ride along the wall to savor its brilliant past from every stone and tile. Enjoy Tang Dynasty Music and Culture Show in the evening. Overnight in Xi'an.

Day 06 :

Xi'an City Sightseeing: Shanxi Provincial History Museum - Big Wild Goose Pagoda - Great Mosque (B)

In the morning head to visit **Shanxi Provincial History Museum** (one of the best in China) which houses more than 370,000 historical relics dating back to over 1,300 years ago. The location of this museum is in a secluded environment and its architectural style echoes that of the Tang Dynasty. It's said that history of this museum can be compared with China's history as a whole. So it's well worth the time wandering in this art gallery.

Afternoon visiting the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, a landmark of Xi'an city. Built in the Tang Dynasty, it's a seven story foursquare cone-shaped tower that was used to house the Buddhism scriptures and statues brought back from India by Master Xuanzang (a famous monk in the Tang Dynasty).

Your last stop will be the **Great Mosque**, the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China. It offers a great opportunity to appreciate both the Islamic and Chinese architecture and you can also go taste the delicious snacks on the Muslim Street or shop for some souvenirs to take back home. Overnight in Xi'an.

Day 07 :

Departure from Xi'an (B)



Today freely explore Xi'an on your own, then Xi'an airport drop off for your flight departure, end your Beijing Xi'an tour. WindhorseTour can help you extend your China sightseeing tour and our Travel Advisors are here to help you customize it to cater for your specific requirements.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

The hotel accommodation is based on two persons sharing one standard twin room with private facilities in all relevant locations. If a single client requests a twin room alone, the single room supplement will be charged.

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

Transportation will we be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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