

DISCOVERING THE GREAT WALL

No Extraordinary Experience is Obtained Ordinarily

DAY 1 - BEIJING, GUBEIKOU, JINSHANLING, W TOWN

Arrive in Beijing, will be met at the airport by our English Speaking guide and transferred to Great Wall at Gubeikou Section (81 miles from Beijing), and then hike from Gubeikou Section to Jinshanling Section (up to 5hours - 6,2 miles).

In the later afternoon, bus meet group at Great Wall at Jinshanling Section, and transfer to Water Town. Alternatively, the client can hike only within Great Wall at Gubeikou Section for several hours depending on their time and strength.

In the later afternoon, bus meet group at Great Wall at Gubeikou Section, and transfer to W Town, a rare combination of Great Wall, Mountains, Lakes and Ancient Villages. Dinner and stay overnight in Water Town **(LD)**

DAY 2 - WATER TOWN, SIMATAI

Enjoy the sunrise on the Great Wall in the morning

Whole day hiking on Great Wall at Simatai Section. Both Simatai West and Simatai East (5-6 hours). Picnic sandwich lunch box will be prepared. Later afternoon, walk back to Water Town and take a little break before dinner.

Dinner and stay overnight in W Town. **(BLD)**

DAY 3 - WATER TOWN, BEIJING

Day tour in Water Town: clients can experience the local unique folk customs at the foot of Great Wall, i.e. living in the farmhouse; roaming the prosperous North Region Shopping Street; tasting barbeque and other typical cuisine and snacks in North China; visiting Yongshun Dye House, Zhenyuan Escort Agency, Sima Liquor, Eight-Banner Chamber and many other scenic spots of the Ancient Town.

Later afternoon, transfer to Beijing, have dinner. Overnight in Beijing. **(BLD)**



DAY 4 - BEIJING

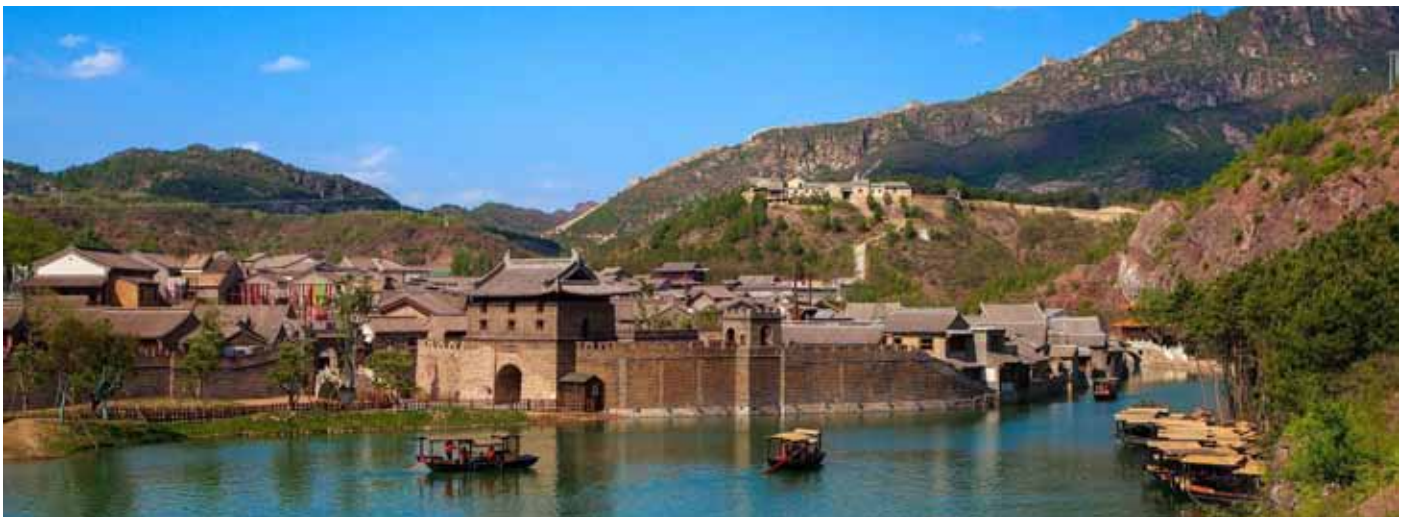
Visit Tiananmen Square and the magnificent Forbidden City. Explore the hutong area of Nanluoguxiang and take lunch. In the afternoon visit the Summer Palace, the imperial lakes and resorts created for Empress Cixi. **(BLD)**

DAY 5 - BEIJING

Free day in the morning.
Lunch on clients own.
Peking duck dinner in the evening.
(Private room reserved) **(BD)**

DAY 6 - BEIJING, HOME COUNTRY

Transfer to airport for flight back to home or take a flight to another city to start extension. **(B)**



Chairman Mao once said: "He who has never been to the Great Wall is not a true man". The Great Wall of China is an architectural marvel. Initially constructed more than 2,000 years ago to hold back Mongol invaders, today it remains a compelling visit. The wall was listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site in 1987 and has attracted millions of visitors since.

This was the wall that defended the Chinese Empire. It protected a proud people, took years to build and cost the lives of hundreds in its construction. **Great Wall walking is truly the best way to appreciate such a colossal feat of engineering;** by trekking its sections, the story of the Great Wall of China comes alive! Great Wall hiking will reveal that many sections are maintained to the highest standards. Pictures, while intriguing, can never do such a site justice. The wall passes over mountains. Its towers perch precariously atop rugged ridges, which when climbed will see the fittest person on your Great Wall trekking trip draw breath.

The Great Wall at Gubeikou has kept its original appearance. Unlike other “wild” sections of the Great Wall, Gubeikou also has some historical sites like temples and temporary imperial palaces.

Unlike other Great Walls, **Simatai Great Wall** is best-known in worldwide for four features attracting visitors: Primitiveness, Challenging Experience, Breath-taking Sceneries, and Various Structures of Towers.



HIKING GUIDE

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

Responsible Travel is about providing and having a more rewarding and fulfilling holiday. It's about being culturally sensitive and minimising negative impacts on the environment. It's about getting involved with the local people – ensuring that your tourist dollar benefits the community and that the local people are involved in decisions that affect their lives. It's about helping to conserve the world's wild places. It's about sustainability and “giving something back”. By “travelling responsibly”, you'll be making a positive contribution to the host communities and environments you visit and ensuring that future travellers will enjoy the same privilege.

PHYSICAL RATINGS

Though physical fitness is an important part of our activities, you do not need to be an athlete or marathon runner to enjoy the hiking on the Great Wall of China. Most people in good health for their age can complete our hiking. Hiking on the Great Wall is walking holiday at your own pace enjoying the Great Wall Vista and cultural contrast to its fullest. Most first-time hikers are concerned that they won't keep up but soon discover that a steady pace will have them in destination well before they would have expected. These hikes are not running competition but walking holidays for people of all ages. However, the fitter you are, the more you will enjoy it.

Our adventures are planned with reasonably paced itineraries, incredible attention to detail, and the right mix of fun, learning, and physical challenge that ensures a memorable trip. Whether you're doing a day hike or multi-day hike, you will find our adventures both physically active and culturally rewarding.



GREAT WALL HIKING FAQ

WHICH SECTIONS OF THE GREAT WALL CAN I DO HIKING?

There are several sections around Beijing you can do hiking, namely Jinshanling (currently closed for renovation until Nov.2017), Simatai, Gubeikou, Mutianyu, Jiankou and Huangyaguan. The most popular one is from Jinshanling to Simatai which will take 4 hours hiking on the wall, and is recommended by National Geographic Adventure Magazine.

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE ON GREAT WALL?

It's meaningless to say the exact weather on the wall. There are different sections of the wall far away from Beijing, and it depends on which section you are going to do. Generally speaking spring and autumn are comfortable. In summer rain and wind can occur on the wall at any time, because you are walking along high ridges, you are exposed to the elements. Please check the weather report three days before your departure.

WHAT TO TAKE WHEN HIKING THE GREAT WALL?

Comfortable shoes or boots, water, snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, stick, pocket knife, first aid kit, lip balm, cap.

HOW CAN I HAVE MEALS WHEN HIKING GREAT WALL?

There are no facilities on the path of the Great Wall nor restaurants. At the entrance of each section, there are a few farmer's restaurants offering local Chinese food. Alternatively, simple sandwich package (including sandwich, water, and fruit) can also be prepared for hikers. If you do a day-hiking and not stay overnight near the wall, you can prepare some snacks at the supermarkets before departure from Beijing.

NOTICE

- No hotels have been reserved. Hotels and tickets will be reserved upon your confirmation.
- Train/flight schedule are for reference only. If the specified flights are not available, we will reserve them with the same standard
- Health requirements—Clients should take into account all international travel risks and familiarise themselves with health requirements applicable to the areas they intend to visit. The client is solely responsible for checking the safety and security conditions, vaccination, and other health requirements of governments in countries visited or transited. Travellers to Tibet are required to provide a doctor's certificate stating that he/she is fit to travel and his/her blood pressure and heart condition are normal. This is a necessary requirement because of the possible effect that the very high altitude may have on certain people.
- Luggage allowance—In accordance with regulations of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China, the free baggage allowance within China is 20kg for the economy class, 30kg for the business class, and 40kg for the first class, plus limited carry-on luggage. Excess baggage charges are the sole responsibility of the client. Regulations within China specify that all suitcases must have a locking device attached. Failure to follow this regulation may result in refusal by airport staff to load suitcases onto the aircraft.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- English Map of Beijing/China
- Complimentary birthday cake and birthday card for the guest who has birthday while travelling in China
- Service of professional English-speaking guide for Great Wall Tours
- One Luxurious tourist bus with professional drivers in Beijing
- Meals as specified in itinerary
- Escorted sightseeing; Attractions and Cultural Shows Admissions as specified on itinerary
- Ground transportation including arrival/departure transfers as specified on itinerary
- Hotel accommodations with breakfast daily for the trip except for the arrival day
- Two bottles of water per client per day

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- International airfare to/from China, visa-processing fees, travels insurance.
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, excess luggage fees, telephone charges, room service and laundry charges
- Gratitude to the guides, drivers and porters in China

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