7 Nights 8 Days: Beijing-Xi'an-Shanghai

---- From 24 June to 1 July., 2025

Day 1 Beijing Arrival 24 June., 2025, Tuesday

Our guide will be holding your name sign and waiting for you at the airport, and then you will be transferred to the hotel. The guide won't leave until you are picked up. Hotel check-in time will be after 2 pm.

Day 2 Beijing 25 June., 2025, Wednesday (B+L+D)

Today you will first visit <u>Tiananmen Square</u>, the largest city center square in the world. It has not only seen the rise and fall of dynasties but also stands as a key symbol of modern China. From there, you will enter the <u>Forbidden City</u> (closed each Monday), it took 14 years to complete the construction of Forbidden city from 1406 to 1420, where 24 emperors ruled China for about 600 years.

After lunch at a local restaurant, you will head to the <u>Summer Palace</u>, In 1750, the construction of the lavish royal garden started to prepare for the birthday ceremony of Emperor Qianlong's mother. Now it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known for its stunning gardens and serene lake, it was once a favorite summer escape for emperors.

Finish the day with a welcome dinner at a <u>Peking Roast Duck restaurant</u>, savoring this renowned Chinese delicacy, which is known for its crispy skin and tender meat. Served with thin pancakes, sweet bean sauce, and sliced vegetables, it's a must-try for anyone visiting the city.



Day 3 Beijing 26 June., 2025, Thursday(B+L)

This morning, we will drive for about 1 hour (53 km) to visit the Ming Tombs, also known as the 'Thirteen Tombs'. It is where 13 out of the 16 emperors of the Ming Dynasty were buried together with their wives and concubines. The <u>Sacred Way</u>, literally meaning 'a walk to heaven', is a 7.3-kilometer path lined with impressive stone statues, which leads to the thirteen imperial tombs. The <u>Chang Tomb</u>, the largest and most magnificent of them all, showcases the magnificence of early Ming dynasty architecture and is renowned for its excellent preservation.

After lunch, we'll drive about an hour (47 km) to the <u>Mutianyu Great Wall</u>. Here, you'll have the chance to climb this iconic structure, renowned as the longest and most impressive defensive wall in the world.

On our way back to the hotel, we'll make a photo stop at the <u>Olympic Village</u>, where you can capture the modern and striking architecture from the 2008 Beijing Olympics, such as the Bird's Nest and the Water Cube.

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Sacred Way

Chang Tomb

Mutianyu Great Wall

Day 4 Beijing/Xi'an 27 June., 2025, Friday(B+L)

In the morning, you'll explore the <u>Temple of Heaven</u>, a historic site where ancient emperors once prayed to the heavens for plentiful harvests. Today, this serene park is a vibrant hub for locals practicing Tai Chi and engaging in morning exercises. Then you will be transferred to the train station and take the estimated train: G57 14:05-18:30 to Xi'an. Our local guide will then transfer you to the hotel.



Day 5 Xi'an 28 June., 2025 Saturday(B+L+D)

This morning, we will pick you up at the hotel. Then, we will drive for about 1 hour (50 km) to visit the **Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum**. It is the No.8 Wonder in the world. For over 2000 years, thousands of the Terracotta Warriors and the Horses stand silently to guard the tomb of China's first emperor--Qin Shihuang. Here, you can see not only an array of vivid clay figures but also weapons like crossbows, bronze swords, and spears.

After lunch, it will take you 50 minutes (50 km) to get the **<u>Big Wild Goose Pagoda</u>**, a monumental Buddhist pagoda where Master Xuanzang who is the household name in China stored his classics brought from India. Built in 652, it is the earliest and largest square tower built of bricks during the Tang Dynasty. This pagoda was added to the World Heritage List in 2014.

Tonight, your dinner will be the <u>Dumpling Dinner</u> and then enjoy <u>Musical and Dancing Show of the</u> <u>Tang Dynasty</u>. All performers will be dressed in traditional Tang Dynasty costumes and perform dances that best represent the spirit of the Tang Dynasty in China. It will be quite enjoyable to appreciate the splendid performance that has endured for over 1,000 years. It has now become one of the provincial intangible cultural heritages in Shaanxi Province.

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Day 6 Xi'an - Shanghai 29 June., 2025 Sunday (B)

Today, we will transfer you to the airport for the estimated flight: MU2153 10:00/12:15 to Shanghai.

Upon arrival, we will visit the <u>Yu Garden(closed on Mondays)(The last admission is at 16:00)</u>, a garden that a government officer specially built for his parents as a place to enjoy their tranquil, happy and retired time. This most celebrated classical Chinese Garden enjoys international fame, and even attracts many heads of state, like former French president Jacques Chirac and former USA president Richard Nixon.

Then you will visit the <u>Yu Garden Old Street</u>. It has a unique architectural style and shows authentic old Shanghai. Whileshopping here, you canbuy many interesting small items and Shanghai souvenirs to take home and share with your friends and family like Chinese fan and silk.



Day 7 Shanghai 30 June., 2025 Monday (B+L+D)

Today, you will first visit the **Jade Buddha Temple**, which is a Song-dynasty-style architecture with precise complex. There are two jade Buddhas, each carved from a whole piece of white jade. In Shanghai, locals believe that if you have a wish and tell the Buddha there, your dream will come true very soon.

Then, we will see the **Shanghai Tower**, which is 632m high. It has the world's highest indoor observation deckat 562m and the world's second-fastest elevators at a top speed of 20.5 meters per second.

After that, your guide will take you to see <u>the Bund</u>, a famous waterfront that has been regarded as the symbol of Shanghai for hundreds of years. There are 52 classical buildings of different styles on the Bund, known as the "Expo Group of Universal Architecture", which have witnessed the development of Shanghai's modern history. Every visitor can't help taking pictures here.

Next, you will have a walk on the No.1 shopping street, the <u>Nanjing Road</u>. It is the world's longest shopping street, stretching about 5.5 km long. It attracts over 1 million visitors daily. You can have some free time for shopping there.



Later we will take you to visit <u>the Tianzi Fang</u>. Tianzi Fang is a touristic arts and crafts enclave that has developed from a renovated traditional residential area in the French Concession area of Shanghai, China. It is now home to boutique shops, bars and restaurants. The district comprises a neighborhood of labyrinthine alleyways off Taikang road, a short street which is today mostly known only for Tianzi Fang. Tianzi Fang is known for small craft stores, coffee shops, trendy art studios and narrow alleys.



Day 8 Shanghai Departure 1 July., 2025 Tuesday (B)

Today, you will be transferred to airport according to y our flight and fly back to your sweet home. Our service ends here.

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner