

# China Express 7 days



Explore the Forbidden City, climb the Great Wall, bike a medieval fortress and tackle a Terracotta Warrior - the perfect introduction to the charms of China!

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Beijing / Ends in: Beijing
- Departs: Saturdays - March to October
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 6, Lunch: 2, Dinner: 2
- Hotel Rating: 3 - 4 star
- Tour Guide: Yes (for groups of 6 or more)

## ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

## TOUR MAP:



## QUICK WEB LINKS

China Prices :: Why Us for China? :: China Reviews :: Our China Blog :: Top Spots in China :: Festivals & Events :: Hotels in China :: China - Useful Info :: FAQs on China :: China Visas :: China Gallery

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## Day 1: Beijing

Saturday. Hello China! Arrive Beijing and included airport transfer to our hotel. Overnight - [Beijing](#)

## Day 2: Forbidden City

This morning, we explore the heart of Beijing including the vast Tiananmen Square where Chairman Mao's tomb and various monuments to the people are located. Dominating the city's heart is the Forbidden City, a centre of power for five centuries and seat of the emperors. Entering through the Gate of Heavenly Peace (replete with Chairman Mao's portrait), we enjoy a guided tour of this old city within a city. Later we take a rickshaw ride through the Hutongs of Beijing, weaving through old back lanes, traditional courtyards and compact houses, gaining a fascinating snapshot of the city's traditional way of life. Tonight, we enjoy a Peking Duck dinner at a city restaurant. Overnight - [Beijing](#)



## Day 3: Great Wall of China

Don some comfortable shoes, today we walk a section of the famous Great Wall. Zig zagging some 6000 kilometres, ducking and weaving through mountain peaks and lush terrain, climbing the Great Wall is one of those 'must do' experiences! Afterward we visit a cloisonne workshop, viewing the unique art of decorating copper with colourful enamel. Tonight, an eye boggling Chinese acrobatic performance. Swinging ropes, juggling hoops and human pyramids are just a few tricks these showstoppers pull out. Overnight - [Beijing](#)



## Day 4: Summer Palace & Silk Alley Markets

Beijing - Xi'an. Free morning, why not opt to take a walk through the local street market or head to Wangfujing Street for an alternative breakfast of stir fried scorpions or silk worms on a skewer? Later we visit the beautiful Emperor's Summer Palace and drive past the 2008 Olympic Stadium and aquatic centre. Free time is offered in the cavernous Silk Alley Market, before travelling by express soft sleeper train to Xi'an in Shaanxi Province. Overnight - Sleeper Train

## Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

Arrive Xi'an, hotel check in, breakfast and time to freshen up. Today we discover the Terracotta Warrior archaeological site. 7,000 Warriors stand battle ready and have done so for the past 2,200 years. Try counting them! Visit to a clay workshop specialising in making replica figurines. Tonight, optional Tang Dynasty Bolt-on, with dinner and performance. Overnight - [Xi'an](#)



## Day 6: Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Xi'an - Beijing. Early this morning opt for our Panda excursion to the Shaanxi Rare Wildlife Rescue and Breeding Centre a 2hour drive from Xi'an. Later, we tour the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and take a casual bicycle ride on top of the 9 mile Xi'an City Wall (no need to go the entire way around) perimeter peeking down upon the lively city beneath us. Later, this evening we board the express

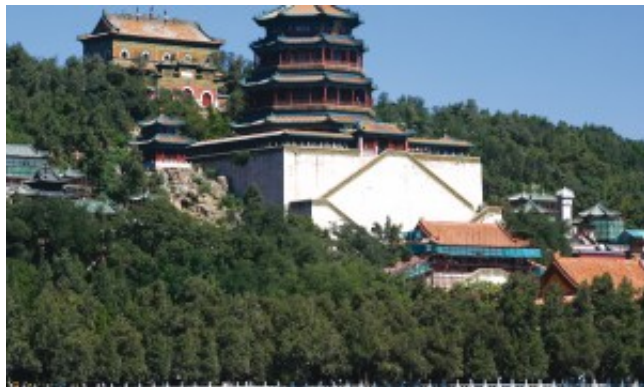
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soft sleeper train to Beijing. Overnight - Sleeper Train



## Day 7: Beijing

Friday. Arrive Beijing and transfer to a nearby hotel for breakfast. Our tour concludes after breakfast and onward departure transfer to the airport. Please ensure that onward international flights are booked after 14:00pm. This will allow sufficient time for arriving into Beijing, breakfast, transfer to the airport and check in prior to your flight. Alternatively, extra nights accommodation are available should you require.



## WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

### Trip Highlights

- BEIJING - Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, UNESCO listed Emperor's Summer Palace, Silk Alley markets, Cloisonne Factory, Hutong area of Beijing and Chinese Acrobatic Show
- BADALING - UNESCO listed Great Wall of China
- XI'AN - UNESCO listed Terracotta Warriors, Clay warrior

workshop, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, City Wall and bike ride.

### What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners including a traditional Chinese dinner in Beijing
- 4 nights 3-4 star hotels
- 2 overnight trains (soft sleeper cabin)
- Chinese acrobatic performance
- Rickshaw ride through Beijings Hutongs
- Xi'an - bike ride on medieval City Wall
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 7
- Touring of Beijing, Badaling and Xi'an
- Tour Guide escorted for groups of 6 or more
- English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private A/C vehicles

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$3 - 5 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$60 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$40 USD

### BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

### Tang Dynasty Dinner Show - USD \$89

The Tang Dynasty Show is a performance of Chang'an music and dance that originated during the time of the illustrious Tang Dynasty. Colourfully choreographed according to various historical records of the ancient arts with a host of singing, dancing and musical instrument playing performers, coupled with simple backdrops and props, this is entertainment that was once fit for a Tang emperor!

### Giant Pandas - USD \$99

Join us on an excursion to see China's beloved mascot - the Giant Panda, at the Shaanxi Rare Wildlife Rescue and Breeding Centre, located at the foot of the Qingling Mountain range in Louguantai Forest Park north west of Xi'an. Originally established as Louguantai wild animal breeding and protection centre, it was the first dedicated crested ibis breeding centre in China. Later it became a shelter for ill or injured Giant Pandas in the region.

### Datong - 4 days - USD \$599

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Datong is an ancient cultural city dating back more than 2,000 years, the region's biggest attraction is the UNESCO-listed Yungang Caves. Built more than 1,500 years ago, the 53 caves are a treasure trove of ancient Buddhist art comprising a fine collection of carved-sandstone Buddhist figures. The 'Hanging Temple' also located outside of Datong was constructed some 1,500 years on a precipitous rockface. Literally hugging the cliff, the temple is a total spectacle.

## PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,329

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

### 2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
02 JUN - 08 JUN	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
16 JUN - 22 JUN	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
30 JUN - 06 JUL	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
14 JUL - 20 JUL	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
28 JUL - 03 AUG	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
11 AUG - 17 AUG	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
25 AUG - 31 AUG	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
08 SEP - 14 SEP	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
22 SEP - 28 SEP	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
06 OCT - 12 OCT	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
20 OCT - 26 OCT	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
03 NOV - 09 NOV	USD \$1,329	USD \$319

### 2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
09 MAR - 15 MAR	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
23 MAR - 29 MAR	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
06 APR - 12 APR	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
20 APR - 26 APR	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
04 MAY - 10 MAY	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
18 MAY - 24 MAY	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
01 JUN - 07 JUN	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
15 JUN - 21 JUN	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
29 JUN - 05 JUL	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
13 JUL - 19 JUL	USD \$1,329	USD \$319

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10 AUG - 16 AUG	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
24 AUG - 30 AUG	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
07 SEP - 13 SEP	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
21 SEP - 27 SEP	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
05 OCT - 11 OCT	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
19 OCT - 25 OCT	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
02 NOV - 08 NOV	USD \$1,329	USD \$319
16 NOV - 22 NOV	USD \$1,329	USD \$319

### Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Beijing - Pre-tour accommodation	USD \$55	USD \$44
Beijing - Post-tour accommodation	USD \$55	USD \$44
Arrival Car Transfer - Beijing	USD \$125	USD \$0
Departure Car Transfer - Beijing	USD \$125	USD \$0

## POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

*I was blown away by China and on the go. This is the first time I have done a group tour and I was a little worried but for nothing it turned out. The rest of the group were great and it was a nice change to have everything organised. Thanks for a great trip.*

[Tim Jones, Jun 2011](#)

*Hello Cherylyn. I had the most amazing time in China, not only getting engaged on the Great Wall, On The Go has an excellent product and the group I was in made it a most pleasurable experience. Thanks again.*

[Jo Bignoux, Sep 2010](#)

*I was travelling on my own and had not been to a China before. The moment that our guide met me at the airport I knew it was going to be a good tour. She was so friendly, informative and well organized with amazing sense of humour! I had the time of my life!*

[Brenda, Jul 2010](#)

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*We had a fantastic time! Our guide and driver were extremely accommodating. We got to go everywhere we hoped to go and learnt a lot. The sights were incredible, the food was great and everyone was very friendly. Thank you so much for a wonderful time!*

[Amanda Rosenberg, Jul 2010](#)

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*Very impressive! I will definitely recommend future tours with On the Go! The guide was excellent! Knowledgeable and very passionate about his country and his job. I could listen to him for hours - everything he said was interesting and some facts very surprising. Well done guys!*

[Wendy Moon, Dec 2009](#)

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*The tour was good fun, very busy but great and David is an excellent tour guide! Irene*

[Irene Thom, Nov 2009](#)

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*Hi Natalie Just to say we had a fantastic time, could not fault one thing. Jin, our guide was great. Have not stopped talking about it. Have recommended you to everyone.*

[Brenda Hall, Nov 2009](#)

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*Dear Tim Just a quick line to say that China was outstanding. Our guide Jin was an absolute triumph and such an excellent ambassador for his country. We couldn't have wished for a better person to show us China. Although it was a fleeting visit I thoroughly enjoyed every moment and I feel I've had a small taste of this wonderful country and hope to return one day. Thank you for your help, I shall spread the good word for On the Go! Best- James BT*

[James Bowen-Thackery, Sep 2009](#)

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