

# Hutongs to Hong Kong 13 days



Take a rickshaw through Beijing's hutongs and climb the wall, visit Longman Grottoes, the Terracotta Warriors and futuristic Shanghai. Top off this classic journey through China where East meets West and ancient meets modern with Hong Kong, a shopper's paradise.

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Beijing / Ends in: Hong Kong
- Departs: Saturdays - March - October
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 11, Lunch: 4, 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

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## Day 1: Beijing

Saturday. Huan ying, welcome to China and the start of your holiday! Airport arrival transfer and hotel check in. Overnight - [Beijing](#)

## Day 2: Tiananmen Square

This morning, we embark on a guided sightseeing tour of the nation's capital - host of the 2008 Olympics. Tiananmen Square, partly framed by illustrious Chang-an Avenue, is essentially the heart of Beijing. A patriotic vision of grandeur, Tiananmen Square is a square for the public and also home to the mausoleum of Chairman Mao and the striking Monument to the People's Heroes. Probably one of Beijing's most famous sights is the Gate of Heavenly Peace. Up above the gate and looking out across to all his people, is Chairman Mao. Heading back a few centuries, we step into the Forbidden City, the walled city of the former Chinese emperors. Entry was forbidden to all but those on imperial business until 1911, when the last emperor, Puyi, was overthrown.

This afternoon we take rickshaws to explore the Hutongs of Beijing. As our trusty rickshaw driver peddles us through the network of alleys, old back lanes, traditional courtyards and compact houses, it gives us a fascinating snapshot of the city's traditional way of life. There is time to meet a local family and take a peek inside their home, before returning to our hotel. Tonight, we enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a city restaurant. Overnight - [Beijing](#)

## Day 3: The Great Wall

Today, we drive beyond Beijing to Badaling, where we can walk a section of the famous Great Wall, built during the Ming Dynasty. Here, the 6m wide pathway with regular watchtowers makes a formidable defence. Though never directly attacked, the wall was taken over by aggressors sweeping around from the side. Later we visit a cloisonne workshop demonstrating the ancient Chinese art of combining copper and enamel to make decorative pieces. Tonight, an evening of choreographed acrobatic performance. Overnight - [Beijing](#)



## Day 4: Summer Palace

Morning market walk and a visit to the Summer Palace. We explore the lavishly decorated temples, halls and courts, reconstructed in 1902 at the whim of the extravagant Dowager Empress Cixi. Visit to the famed Silk Alley markets and drive by the Beijing 2008 Olympic Stadium en route to the train station. Overnight - Sleeper Train to Luoyang

## Day 5: Luoyang

Arrive Luoyang and transfer to hotel. Later we explore the UNESCO world heritage listed Longman Caves etched into the cliffs along the River Yi. The 1300 caves (grottoes) were hollowed out to create temples inside the mountain. Carved during the Northern Wei Dynasty and adorned with more than 100,000 statues and images of Buddha and his disciples, experts consider them an artistic triumph of Buddhist stone carving. Later this afternoon, we tour the stunning White Horse Temple, the first Buddhist temple in China. Overnight - [Luoyang](#)



## Day 6: Xi'an

Luoyang - Xi'an. Early this morning we walk to Peony Square to watch or partake in a little exercise. Many Chinese get their daily exercise by practising ballroom dancing, performing tai chi, sword fighting and play sports like badminton and hacky sack in the early hours of the morning. After some free time we board the new high speed epress train to Xi'an, evening at leisure. Overnight - [Xi'an](#)

## Day 7: Terracotta Warriors

Renowned for its noodles, Xi'an in Shaanxi Province is perhaps most famous for the discovery of Emperor Qin's Terracotta Warriors. Discovered in 1974 by local farmers digging a well, the 2,200 year old terracotta warriors comprise more than 7,000 life-sized soldiers which stand battle-ready in excavated pits under the cover of a modern protective hanger. Made of local clay, each is said to be an individual portrait. We tour the Terracotta Warrior site and a workshop where replicas are crafted.

This evening, On Broadway - Chinese style we can attend a Tang

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Dynasty dinner and performance with Chang'an music and dance originally performed for the illustrious Tang emperors. Overnight - [Xi'an](#)



## Day 8: Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Xi'an - Shanghai. Exploring the city, we visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, enjoy a bike ride on top of the City Wall and check out the Muslim Quarter and Great Mosque. Later, we board our overnight express train bound for Shanghai. Overnight - Sleeper Train to Shanghai

## Day 9: Shanghai city tour

Focus your eyes on spectacular Shanghai. Perhaps China's most modern city, its amazing Pudong skyline is stunning. We enjoy a tour of the many city sights including Yuyuan Garden, Jade Buddha Temple and The Bund, with a cruise on the Huangpu River. Overnight - [Shanghai](#)



## Day 10: Suzhou Water canals

Today, it's a short train journey to ancient Suzhou by high speed express train. The Venice like city is interwoven by a series of canals and pretty waterways. We take a cruise on the Grand Canal and visit a silk workshop. Overnight - [Shanghai](#)

## Day 11: Shanghai to Hong Kong

Shanghai - Kowloon/Hong Kong. A free day to explore Shanghai. Tonight (approx 6:30pm) we board the sleeper train bound for Hong Kong. Overnight train - Kowloon/Hong Kong.

Note: Touring arrangements from here forward exclude the services of a tour guide, though local representatives will be on hand to assist with your arrival into Kowloon. Overnight - Sleeper train to Hong Kong



## Day 12: Arrive Hong Kong

Welcome to Hong Kong! Arriving into Kowloon at approx 1pm, the remainder of today and tomorrow morning offer free time. Perhaps head up Victoria Peak to look down over the islands and the new territories, or why not end your Chinese adventures with a sampan (junk) boat ride around Aberdeen's harbour and a seafood dish in one of the famed restaurants by the water front. Overnight - Kowloon



## Day 13: Hong Kong

Thursday. Enjoy breakfast and the morning sightseeing if you wish. Our tour concludes upon hotel check out at approximately 12 noon. For reference, Hong Kong International airport is a quick 24min journey on the Airport Express train, running at 12 minute intervals.

It is possible to extend your stay in Hong Kong by purchasing extra

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nights accommodation, please contact us for more info.

Note: Overnight trains between Shanghai and Hong Kong run every second day. Currently our touring itinerary includes a one night stay in Hong Kong. Should the train schedule change our touring arrangements will include one night in Shanghai (day 9) and two nights in Hong Kong (days 10 and 11). As such a visit to Suzhou would no longer be offered. Higher accommodation costs in Hong Kong (as opposed to Shanghai) will be covered by on the go. Should this be the case, you will be advised at the time of booking.

- High speed train Luoyang - Xi'an
- Suzhou - historic Grand Canal cruise

## What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- [NEW EXCLUSION]
- Entrance Fees: \$118 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$70 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!

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

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.

### Guilin & Yangshuo - 3 days - USD \$569

Renowned for its striking, if bizarre scenery - vast areas of karst limestone outcrops that rise up from flat rice paddy fields, Guilin is often the subject of Chinese painting. The Lijiang River cruise is a true pleasure that offers an endless procession of peaks and simple villages. Charming Yangshuo, a river town lined with cafes and little shops selling handicrafts, clothing and curios, offers gentle respite far from the madding crowds of the cities.

### Dragon Boat Festival Supplement - USD \$60

The Dragon Boat Festival is one of the three most important Chinese Holidays, together with Chinese New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival. Held in the Summer (usually June, on the 5th day of the 5th month of the Chinese lunar calendar), the festival is an occasion to ward off disease and evil spirits.

## 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, Chinese Acrobatic Show
- Badaling - UNESCO listed Great Wall of China
- Luoyang - UNESCO listed Longman Caves and stone carvings, White Horse Buddhist Temple, Peony Square activities
- Xi'an - UNESCO listed Terracotta Warriors, Clay warrior workshop, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, City Wall and bike ride, Muslim Quarter, Great Mosque and market.
- Shanghai - Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Jade Buddha Temple, The Bund and Old Shanghai, Yuyuan Garden, Huang River skyline of Pudong City
- Hong Kong - city and free time to explore Victoria Peak, Stanley Markets, Aberdeen Harbour and more!

### What's Included

- 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 dinners including a Traditional Chinese meal in Beijing
- 9 nights 3-4 star hotels
- 3 overnight trains (soft sleeper cabin)
- Chinese acrobatic performance
- Rickshaw ride through Beijing's Hutongs
- Xi'an - bike ride on medieval City Wall
- Shanghai - Huangpu River Cruise
- Hong Kong - city and free time
- Touring of Beijing, Luoyang, Xi'an, Shanghai and Hong Kong
- Tour leader escorted for groups of 6 or more - days 1 - 10
- English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1

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## PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,529

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 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 provided there is another single traveller booked on the tour date of your choosing.

### 2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
26 MAY - 07 JUN	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
09 JUN - 21 JUN	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
23 JUN - 05 JUL	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
07 JUL - 19 JUL	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
21 JUL - 02 AUG	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
04 AUG - 16 AUG	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
18 AUG - 30 AUG	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
01 SEP - 13 SEP	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
15 SEP - 27 SEP	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
29 SEP - 11 OCT	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
13 OCT - 25 OCT	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
27 OCT - 08 NOV	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
10 NOV - 22 NOV	USD \$2,529	USD \$799

### 2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
16 MAR - 28 MAR	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
30 MAR - 11 APR	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
13 APR - 25 APR	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
27 APR - 09 MAY	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
11 MAY - 23 MAY	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
25 MAY - 06 JUN	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
08 JUN - 20 JUN	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
22 JUN - 04 JUL	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
06 JUL - 18 JUL	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
20 JUL - 01 AUG	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
03 AUG - 15 AUG	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
17 AUG - 29 AUG	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
31 AUG - 12 SEP	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
14 SEP - 26 SEP	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
28 SEP - 10 OCT	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
12 OCT - 24 OCT	USD \$2,529	USD \$799

26 OCT - 07 NOV	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
09 NOV - 21 NOV	USD \$2,529	USD \$799
23 NOV - 05 DEC	USD \$2,529	USD \$799

### Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Beijing - Pre-tour accommodation	USD \$55	USD \$44
Shanghai - Post-tour accommodation	USD \$55	USD \$54
Arrival Car Transfer - Beijing	USD \$125	USD \$0
Departure Car Transfer - Shanghai	USD \$145	USD \$0

## POSTCARDS:

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

*We had a wonderful trip to China with "on the go" for the second year in a row! (Egypt in 2010). The Tour Guide Lee was fantastic and all the local guides were really friendly and helpful. Many thanks to all at "on the go"! Best Wishes*

[William, Nov 2011](#)

*What a fantastic trip, with an absolutely amazing tour guide for company! It was my first time visiting China and I was not disappointed at all. It is a fascinating country to visit with so much history and culture to take in that does not disappoint. I felt so looked after from the moment I arrived through to the moment the trip finished. Our tour guide (Mandy) was just the most amazing person ever, she was so attentive and made sure all members of the group had a great time as well as telling us lots of interesting facts and history about the various locations we visited. It is a comprehensive trip that covers all the main cities with lots of nice hotels and meals along the way! If I had to sum up the country and the trip, I would say it is simply a "must do"! Thank you so much for such a memorable trip.*

[Shiraz Janjua, Oct 2010](#)

*I really enjoyed my tour of China (Hutongs to Hong Kong)! My trip tour guide, Fong, was amazing and really added to the trip! The hotels were great. Overall, the trip was great cultural experience!*

[Jackie Gallina, Jul 2010](#)

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*Our tour leader Feng provided exceptional service. She was incredibly organised and friendly. She recognised that each person on the tour had individual needs. For example 1 person was vegetarian. One person has a sore feet+needed a wheel chair+a couple of us need a pharmacy at times, Feng always made sure our needs were met promptly. Our hotel room in Beijing had no hot water.Feng made sure that it was immediately fixed. She even telephoned us that night to make sure the hotel fixed it. We are extremely grateful for all of Feng's efforts to make our holiday memorable!*

Joanne Locke, Nov 2009

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*An excellent 13-days. I'm very grateful my travel agent recommended On the Go for China as I've had an insightful and enjoyable trip lead by such a knowledgeable, professional and considerate guide. I will certainly be recommending your company to friends back home and letting my travel agent know. Andy*

Andy Mann, Oct 2009

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*Thanks to everyone who was part of showing me the best time in China. I can't rave about this trip enough, all the amazing things we've seen and done en route and the tang dynasty show was definitely my favourite night. I was really looking forward to this trip but it exceeded all my expectations including our excellent guide Eddie. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!*

Gail Bridge, Jun 2009

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