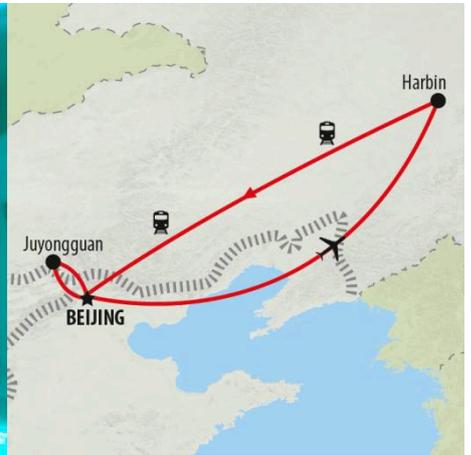


# Harbin Ice Festival Express

5 Days | Starts/Ends: Beijing



Let it snow! See the world's largest and most elaborate ice sculptures this New Year at the Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival. Magical, other-worldly and with New Year's Eve spent exploring the brilliantly illuminated Ice Lantern Show in Zhaolin Park, this is a holiday like no other.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- HARBIN INTERNATIONAL ICE and SNOW FESTIVAL including Sun Island International Snow Sculpture Art Expo, Harbin Ice and Snow World and Harbin Ice Lantern Show at Zhaolin Park (or Sunac Park, dependant on the parks program)
- GREAT WALL OF CHINA - the mountainous Juyongguan Pass section of the UNESCO listed Great Wall of China
- BEIJING - free time to explore

### What's Included

- 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- 2 nights 5 star hotel in Harbin, 1 nights 4 star hotel
- Flight: Beijing – Harbin

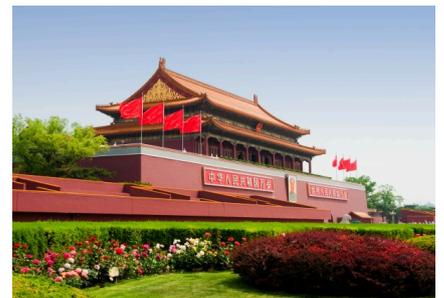
- 1 overnight train: Harbin - Beijing (4-berth soft sleeper cabin)
- Touring of the Juyongguan area of Great Wall of China and Harbin Ice Festival
- Escorted by an experienced English speaking Chinese Tour guide
- Beijing Capital Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer day 5
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private heated vehicles
- A very good holiday!

### What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$35-45pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$120-130pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide is not included in the Tip Kitty. We suggest USD\$3-5 per day, per traveller for a job well done, however the amount is up to you

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Beijing - ready to explore



29 December. Welcome to China and the start of your holiday! Arrive Beijing Capital Airport and included transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day offers free time for you to explore. Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven are all located within the vicinity of our hotel.

### Overnight - Beijing

### Day 2 : Great Wall at Juyongguan Pass



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## Day 3 : Snow Sculpture Expo & Harbin Snow & Ice World



Today, we hit Sun Island Park for the Harbin International Snow Sculpture Art Expo. The festival is open to visitors from 20 Dec, (though the official festival opening occurs on 05 Jan). This is a wonderful time to visit as sculptors will still be adding final touches to their masterpieces.

This afternoon is filled with thrills and spills as we make our way to the dreamlike theme park known as Harbin Snow and Ice World today. Imagine sliding down a huge ice luge resembling the Great Wall of China or climbing to the top of a replica of the Emperor's Summer Palace in Beijing, complete with towers, guard house, moat and seven arched bridge. You could also sail away on Empress Dowager Cixi's ice marble boat. The creations of Snow and Ice World are beyond imagination, enchanting, inspiring, otherworldly and often a little bizarre. What will be on offer this year is anyone's guess.

This evening we include dinner at hotpot restaurant before returning to our hotel to take a position our hotel bar to ring in the New Year. With plenty of lights, ice and 'Maitai firewater', (the local alcoholic spirit) we welcome in the coming year. **Overnight - Harbin (B, D)**

## Day 4 : Happy New Year - Harbin Ice Lantern Show



Harbin - Beijing. Happy New Year! This morning offers free time before we visit Zhaolin Park to see the enchanting Ice Lantern Show, also known as the Ice Lantern Art Fair. The small and sometimes giant frozen displays (ice lanterns as they are known) change from year to year but often include both modern and ancient spectacles and supernatural creations. There is time to marvel at the magnificence of the beautifully illuminated ice sculptures, many incorporating Traditional Chinese lanterns and revel beneath the thousands of fairy lights adorning the park. This evening we bid farewell to Harbin boarding the express overnight sleeper train bound for Beijing. **Overnight - Soft Sleeper Train to Beijing (B)**

## Day 5 : Beijing - your way



02 January. Arrival into Beijing we return to our holiday start hotel to enjoy a nice hot breakfast. You are welcome to leave your luggage at our hotel and head out head out to explore Beijing, returning prior to your included departure transfer to the airport arranged to coordinate with your international flight. Please ensure that flights departing Beijing are booked

after 2pm, in case of delays. Post tour accommodation is also available if you require.(B)

### ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.**

#### Holiday Inn Temple of Heaven

The Beijing Holiday Inn Temple of Heaven is an elegant and comfortable hotel with well-furnished and spacious rooms. Practical in design, the guestrooms feature internet access and the hotel also boasts a range of restaurants and bars, as well as an indoor swimming pool. Located just a 10 minute walk from the Temple of Heaven, the hotel is the perfect base from which to explore this fascinating city.



#### Holiday Inn Express Beijing Minzuyuan

Located just a stones throw from the Beitucheng Subway station, with access to Line 10 & Line 8, the Holiday Inn Express Beijing Minzuyuan is a perfect base to explore the many amazing highlights of Beijing. Within walking distance of the hotel you'll find the famous Birds Nest Olympic Stadium. The hotel boasts a stylish restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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### Songbei Shangri-la Hotel

Ideally situated on the banks of the Songhua River, is the Songbei Shangri-la Hotel. The five-star property offers ample fine dining options as well as gourmet pub cuisine. Each guest room is fully equipped with LED TV, WiFi, mini bar, iron and ironing board and much more. Guests can enjoy a relaxing massage or dip in the indoor pool before sipping on a cocktail in the onsite bar.



### PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
29 Dec	NZD 1,705	NZD 2,455

### PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates marked with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departures are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable to those who don't have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room. If you are a solo traveller and happy to share a room this can be arranged, subject to there being another solo traveller of the same gender for you to share with. Please book a single room and contact us if your preference is to room share.

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