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Essence of China Tour

6-Day of Beijing, Xian Tour

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Join a group tour and get a great price to visit China's ancient capital cities - Beijing and Xi'an. The Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the are waiting for you!

From \$999 Per Person
Departure Dates: You Choose

Tour Dates	Destinations	Transport	Today's Activities
Day 1	Arrive in Beijing	Flight not included, Flight No. TBA	Airport Transfer (Beijing) [detail]
Day 2	Beijing		The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Kungfu Show in Red Theater, Temple of Heaven [detail]
Day 3	Beijing		The Badaling Great Wall, Sacred Way, Exterior visit of Beijing Olympic Stadiums(Bird's Nest and Water Cube), Changling tomb, Shahe Cloisonne Factory [detail]
Day 4	Beijing to Xian	Flight No. TBA	Summer Palace, Hutong Tour in Xicheng District, Hotel to airport Transfer (Beijing), Airport Transfer (Xian) [detail]
Day 5	Xian		The Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Fountain Square of Wild Goose Pagoda, Grea Mosque, Tang Dynasty Show, Xi'an Imperial Fine Arts center [detail]
Day 6	Depart Xian	Flight not included, Flight No. TBA	Ancient City Wall, Shaanxi History Museum, Dumplings Making at Han Tang Tian Xia Restaurant, Hotel to airport Transfer (Xian) [detail]

Day 1

Place & Transport: Arrive in Beijing, Flight not included
Today's Activities: Airport Transfer (Beijing)

Accommodations: [Holiday Inn Express Beijing](#) (Superior)

Day 2



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Place & Transport: Beijing

Today's Activities: The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Hutong Tour in Dongcheng District, Lizexiang Pearl Store
Meals: Breakfast, Chinese Lunch

The Forbidden City (2.5 hours): The Forbidden City was home to 24 emperors between 1368 and 1911. This "city within a city" is a World Heritage Site. The largest and best preserved ancient imperial architectural complex in the world, featuring the great square, halls and gates contrast with intricate halls, gardens, courtyards and quarters. The exhibitions, both permanent and temporary, are all important treasures of ancient China.

Tiananmen Square (40 minutes): Tian'anmen Square is the largest city square in the centre of Beijing, named after the Tiananmen (literally, Gate of Heavenly Peace) which sits to its north, separating it from the Forbidden City. It has great cultural significance as it was the site of several key events in Chinese history. As the world's largest city square and enduring symbol of China's national pride, it is surrounded by many imposing buildings including the Heavenly Gate (entry to the Forbidden City), Museums, government buildings and Chairman Mao's Mausoleum.

Hutong Tour in Dongcheng District: Hutong is a maze of historic alleyways with old single storey traditional courtyard houses, which are now fast disappearing. In this one hour tour, you can hop on a rickshaw to ride through the narrow alleys as well as visit a local family and find out about the different thresholds of the courtyards.

Lizexiang Pearl Store : China's freshwater pearls are celebrated throughout the world. See how they are produced including some of the latest technology, and learn how to spot a fake. The outlet also offers a range of items produced from pearls and pearl oysters which goes far wider than jewellery. China Highlights customers will see the seeds being planted in the live mussel and also how learn how to differentiate real pearls from fake. This is a great opportunity to buy genuine pearls, that come with a guarantee, for your family and friends but there is absolutely no pressure to buy.

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Address: No.7.Changqing Yuan, Congwen District, Beijing City.

Accommodations: [Holiday Inn Express Beijing](#) (Superior)

Day 3



Place & Transport: Beijing

Today's Activities: Temple of Heaven, The Mutianyu Great Wall (with round way cable car), Shahe Cloisonne Factory

Meals: Breakfast, Chinese Lunch

Temple of Heaven (1.5 hours): Built in 1420 during the Ming Dynasty, Temple of Heaven is a complex of Taoist buildings where emperors of Ming and Qing dynasties visited for annual ceremonies of pray for good harvests. Located in the south of Central Beijing, it covers an area of 273 hectares. Temple of Heaven was enrolled as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1998.

The Mutianyu Great Wall (with round way cable car) (2 hours): This less-crowded section of the Great Wall is a about 2.5 hours' drive from downtown Beijing. A cable-car takes you to a good section (avoiding a very steep climb), where you can walk along the wall, through the watch towers and enjoy superb views as it snakes across the hills and mountains. You can return by cable car, walk down or walk along the wall for about an hour to descend by chairlift. Wear good walking shoes and protection from the weather.

Shahe Cloisonne Factory : Sha He Cloisonne Factory manufactures and sells high quality Cloisonne ware. High quality Cloisonne also called "Copper - body and wire inlaid Enamel" requires an elaborate and complicated manufacturing process including hammering, filigree welding, enamel filling, surface polishing and gilding. This is a popular place for those looking for special, quality souvenirs. China Highlights customers have the opportunity to see the manufacturing process. This is an exclusive offer for our customers! There is no pressure to buy!

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Address: Dingfu Huang Zhuang North District Beijing

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Day 4



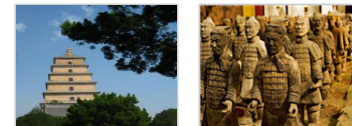
Place & Transport: Beijing to Xian, Air China CA1225 (Beijing Capital Airport - Xian Xianyang Airport) Dep 15:25 - Arr 17:25
Today's Activities: Summer Palace, Exterior visit of Beijing Olympic Stadiums(Bird's Nest and Water Cube), Hotel to airport Transfer (Beijing), Airport Transfer (Xian)
Meals: Breakfast, Chinese Lunch

Summer Palace (1.5 hours): Much-loved summer retreat of the Imperial families, the lovely landscaped gardens, halls, pavilions and corridors are set around the lake and rivers in natural harmony. It is the largest and best preserved imperial garden in China, and also a World Heritage Site.

Exterior visit of Beijing Olympic Stadiums(Bird's Nest and Water Cube) (1 hour): Located at the north end of the central axis of Beijing City, with a large area of 1215 hectares, it contains National museum, exhibition area, Olympic Village and Olympic competition avenues. Approximately 31 venues are used in Beijing Olympics, including National Stadium, the Bird's Nest and National Aquatics Center. You will explore the park, but it doesn't include going inside the Bird's Nest and Water Cube.

Accommodations: [Xian Garden Hotel](#) (Superior)

Day 5



Place & Transport: Xian
Today's Activities: The Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Xi'an Imperial Fine Arts center
Meals: Breakfast, Chinese Lunch

The Terracotta Warriors and Horses (2 hours): Discovered accidentally in 1974, this incredible army of over 7000 soldiers, archers, horses and chariots in full battle array has guarded Emperor Qin's tomb since 210BC. Each figure is unique, and the painstaking repair and excavation continues in 3 pits which are protected inside huge hangars. 1.5 hours from Xian, there is also an excellent museum and film about the history of the vaults. Photos (no flash) are allowed. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Big Wild Goose Pagoda (1 hour): A major Buddhist site, the simple, elegant brick Pagoda stands in the grounds of the attractive Da Ci'en Temple. The Pagoda was built in the 7th century to house the Buddhist materials that Xuanzang (Tripitaka) brought back from his epic journey to India. The Temple complex has several large halls with some great Buddhist statues and murals.

Xi'an Imperial Fine Arts center: Xi'an Imperial Fine Arts mainly manufactures jade carvings and lacquer ware. Tourists can learn how the fine Chinese jade carved and the function of jade.
Tel: 029-85515419

Accommodations: [Xian Garden Hotel](#) (Superior)

Day 6



Place & Transport: Depart Xian, Flight not included

Today's Activities: Ancient City Wall, Muslim Quarters, Learn to Make Dumplings, Hotel to airport Transfer (Xian)

Meals: Breakfast, Chinese Lunch

Ancient City Wall (30 minutes): The walls, ramparts, gates and watchtowers form one of the oldest and most complete city defenses still around. Built in the 13th century on the foundations of the original Tang Forbidden City, it surrounds the city centre. You can walk or pay extra cost to rent a bike (CNY40 per person), rickshaw (CNY45 per person for 45 minutes) or an electric cart (CNY80 per person) around the full 14km circuit, with great views of the city on either side. If the weather is not good for biking on the city wall, we will substitute a visit to the Bell Tower. Your guide will be very glad to take you to the Bell Tower after you have been to look at the city wall.

Muslim Quarters (1 hour): The Muslim quarters lie 100 meters west of the Bell tower in downtown Xi'an. The 500 meters long avenue paved by bluestones is dotted with many unique stalls, souvenir shops, cafés and bars which are mostly run by Muslim people. Tourists, especially from overseas come and shop here.

Learn to Make Dumplings: Jiaozi or dumplings with meat and vegetable fillings are very popular during New Year Festival. It tops the list of delicacies preferred by people in Northern China. Our teacher will share some basic skills of dumpling making and then enjoy the fruits of your labor.

What happens during the class?

1. Full illustration of dumplings making by your tour guide.
2. Demonstration by the chef.
3. Learn to make different types of dumplings.
4. Taste dumplings prepared for you.

Departure Dates	Price Per Person	Hotel Single Supplement	Average
Sep 11 - Sep 16	\$999	\$269	Included
Sep 18 - Sep 23	\$999	\$269	Included
Oct 09 - Oct 14	\$999	\$269	Included
Oct 16 - Oct 21	\$999	\$269	Included
Nov 13 - Nov 18	\$999	\$269	Included
Dec 11 - Dec 16	\$909	\$269	Included
2015 Departure Dates	Price Per Person	Hotel Single Supplement	Average
Mar 23 - Mar 28	\$919	\$289	sold out
Apr 13 - Apr 18	\$999	\$289	sold out
Apr 27 - May 02	\$999	\$289	sold out
May 11 - May 16	\$929	\$289	sold out
May 25 - May 30	\$929	\$289	sold out
Jun 15 - Jun 20	\$989	\$289	sold out
Jul 20 - Jul 25	\$989	\$289	sold out
Aug 17 - Aug 22	\$999	\$289	sold out

Sep 14 - Sep 19	\$999	\$289	sold out c
Sep 28 - Oct 03	\$999	\$289	sold out c
Oct 12 - Oct 17	\$999	\$289	sold out c
Oct 26 - Oct 31	\$999	\$289	sold out c
Nov 09 - Nov 14	\$929	\$289	sold out c
Dec 14 - Dec 19	\$929	\$289	sold out c

1. Normally hotels allow a maximum of 3 people per room with an extra bed. Some hotels will allow three adults and a small child.
2. Tour price is for reference, please enquire for a detailed quotation.
3. Prices are shown in US dollars per person are indicative prices only. The tour price will vary as the exchange rates changes. [Click here to change prices to your Current](#)

Price Inclusion

Meals
Hotels
Shared Car and Driver
Shared English-speaking Guide
Flights & Transfers in China
Airport Tax and Fuel Fee
Entrance Fees
Service Charge & Government Taxes
Insurance
Luggage Transfers

Real Local Restaurants

Our Excellent Tour Guides



Excellent Local Guide

Majored in: English

Guide in: Beijing, China

I'm very honored that I was given an opportunity to work for China Highlights as a tour guide. China Highlights gave me the chance to "fly in the sky with my ambition" and share all I have learnt with foreign friends.

Our Local Vehicles



Our Luxury Car for Families
Suitable for groups of 2-3 persons

China Highlights use only modern air-conditioned luxury cars, vans and small buses on all tours. The comfort and safety of our customers is of utmost importance, so we ensure that all of the vehicles that we use are well-maintained and always very clean.



Comfortable People Carrier for Small Groups
Suitable for groups of 4-7 persons

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