

3 DAY/2 NIGHT BEIJING SHORE EXCURSION

Regarding your Value Inclusive Package (VIP) to China, Online Vacation Center is now offering an optional 3-day shore excursion in Beijing. We highly recommend doing a multi-day excursion in Beijing instead of going back to the ship each day, as the bus ride from Tianjin Cruise Port to downtown Beijing is approximately two and a half hours each way. To ensure that our VIP guests receive the best experience at the best price, we have arranged the following optional shore excursion, available to our VIP guests only. With visits to the most important sites, combined with historical, cultural and culinary adventures, you will experience Beijing like no one else onboard - for a better price!

Beijing & Great Wall Shore Excursion

Duration: 3 Days / 2 Nights

Hotel: City Center, 4-Star or Higher

Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Dinner

Price: **\$599 Per Person.**

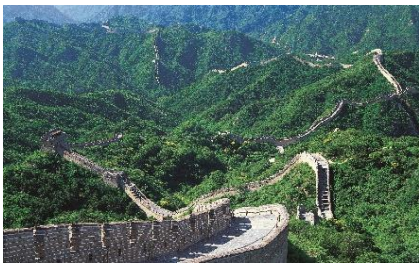
Similar shore excursion programs, which offer less authentic experiences, begin at \$759 per person!



Day 1 – After breakfast on board, set off with your local guide on the most exclusive three-day Shore Excursion to Beijing. Upon arrival in Beijing, you will check in to your centrally located 4-star hotel. After lunch, set off for the Temple of Heaven, the first of several UNESCO World Heritage sites you will see. This imperial complex is considered a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design. While at the Temple, you will have a private demonstration by a shadow-boxing master who will demonstrate the magical secret of Tai Chi Chuan. This evening, you will be treated to an unforgettable demonstration of martial arts before sitting down to a Peking Duck dinner. Peking is one of several former names this city has had in its 3000+ years in existence. **(L,D)**



Day 2 – Most tour groups visit the wall section closest to Beijing, which is the always-crowded Juyongguan section. However, it is not part of the original wall but is a replica of what once stood there. You will journey further from Beijing where you will see one of the most authentic, best preserved original sections of the Great Wall. To get a different perspective, we have included a cable car ride which will show you a section of the wall from above. Then to give you one more view of the wall that many will not see, we will take you to a special restaurant where you will enjoy lunch with a view of the wall. Returning to Beijing, you will view some of the city's most modern construction with photo stops at some of the most interesting venues built for the 2008 summer Olympics, including the Birds Nest and Water Cube. **(B,L)**



Day 3 – Pictures cannot prepare you for the size and scale of several of the sites you will see today. On our way to the Forbidden City, you will drive through Tiananmen Square. At 109 acres, it is one of the largest squares in the world and home to the Monument to the People's Heroes, the Great Hall of the People, the National Museum of China and the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong. A site of great cultural significance in China's history, it is perhaps best remembered as the location of the 1989 suppression of a pro-democracy movement. Adjacent to the square is the Forbidden City, where we will begin the walking portion of our tour. Once the imperial palace, it is listed by UNESCO as the largest collection of preserved ancient wooden structures in the world. After your visit to the Forbidden City, you will tour the historical Hutong area by rickshaw. To top off your Beijing emersion, you will visit a local home where your hostess will show you how to make dumplings before sitting down for lunch. As you return to the ship, located approximately 2-hour drive from Beijing, relax and know that you truly saw the best of Beijing. **(B,L)**



This tour has limited availability, so please let us know soon if you are interested. Must be booked prior to final payment. After final payment, the tour is non-refundable. Please let me know if you have any dietary restrictions, mobility restrictions or other concerns so that I may pass it along to the tour guide.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the tour company have a website where we can get further information?

No, this is a customized tour for Online Vacation Center VIP guests only. If you need further information, please contact your PVM.

2. Lunch is included with each tour along with a drink. Does that include wine and/or beer?

One glass of wine OR beer is included.

3. Are gratuities included?

Gratuities for meals are included. Gratuities for the guide and driver are not.

4. How long is each tour?

In an effort to see everything in the region, we have included many sights, activities and meals. Each day includes a full day of touring, from approximately 9-6, plus dinner when applicable. On the last day, we will transfer back to the ship shortly after lunch.

5. Which hotel will we be staying at?

A centrally-located, 4- or 5-star hotel in Beijing.

6. When is payment due for this tour package?

Tours will be charged at final payment along with the rest of the package.

7. I am unable to walk for long periods of time. Am I able to take this tour?

The amount of walking varies each day. There will be several times throughout the tour where we'll slowly walk 15-20 minutes from one point to another. At the Temple of Heaven, you can expect a total of about 1 mile in walking distance, with some pavilions available to stop and rest. At the Great Wall, you can expect to be visiting and exploring the grounds for multiple hours. While there will be places to stop and rest, there is a considerable amount of walking on this day. In Hutong, there will be very limited walking on the tour through the residential areas.