

China's Golden Triangle: Unveiling the Wonders of Beijing, Xian and Shanghai - 8 Days CN-03



DEPARTURE DATES:

Immerse yourself in the essence of China with our encapsulating journey - a curated selection of the most captivating sights in China's dynamic cities. Whether you're a first-time visitor seeking an excellent introduction or someone intrigued by the intersection of China's futuristic strides and its rich history, this tour is tailor-made for you. Ideal for shoppers, history aficionados, culture enthusiasts, food connoisseurs, photographers, families with children, and anyone with a curiosity about this multifaceted nation. Secure your spot on this unforgettable adventure, and be sure to pack comfortable shoes and your camera to capture every moment! 04.05.2024; 11.05.2024; 18.05.2024; 25.05.2024; 01.06.2024; 08.06.2024; 15.06.2024; 22.06.2024; 29.06.2024; 06.07.2024; 13.07.2024; 20.07.2024; 27.07.2024; 03.08.2024; 10.08.2024; 17.08.2024; 24.08.2024; 31.08.2024; 07.09.2024; 14.09.2024; 21.09.2024; 28.09.2024; 12.10.2024; 26.10.2024; 09.11.2024; 23.11.2024; 07.12.2024; 21.12.2024; 28.12.2024.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Beijing

You will be greeted at the airport by our guide and then you will be transported to the hotel. Our journey begins with a delve into Beijing's history through a rickshaw tour of the 'Hutong' neighborhood. The unhurried pace will afford us the opportunity to absorb the essence of the narrow streets and alleys, steeped in a history spanning hundreds of years. This experience stands in sharp contrast to the modern structures that now dominate Beijing's skyline. Fortunately, certain old hutong areas have been granted 'special status' by the government, ensuring their meticulous preservation. (D)

Day 2 - Beijing

Tiananmen Square, renowned as the emblem of Beijing, is a spectacle that surpasses expectations. Situated at the city's core, it ranks as the fourth largest city square globally, spanning an impressive 440,000 square meters. Following this, your itinerary includes a visit to the renowned Imperial Palace, the Forbidden City, acknowledged by UNESCO as the most extensive assembly of well-preserved ancient wooden structures worldwide. Once the residence of Chinese emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties, the Palace now houses one of the most significant collections of Chinese artwork globally. Subsequently, you will explore the splendid Summer Palace, immersing yourself in the serene beauty of Chinese landscape garden design. As the day concludes, indulge in a delightful dinner featuring the renowned roasted duck. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - Beijing

Today marks a significant highlight as you embark on a visit to the Badaling section of the Great Wall, situated in Yanqing County, approximately 70 kilometers (44 miles) north of Beijing. This iconic structure, representing Chinese civilization and recognized as one of the wonders of the world, holds a prestigious spot on the UNESCO

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

International flights
Accommodation
Full board meals
Train: 2nd class (day / night)
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Meals on the train

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World Heritage List. Scaling the highest point of the Wall in this section at 1015 meters (3300 feet) will reward you with breathtaking views. Following this awe-inspiring experience, the journey continues to the 2008 Summer Olympics site, where you'll explore the Olympic Green and park, featuring the renowned 'Bird's Nest' building. As the day unfolds, indulge in the evening splendor of one of Beijing's finest Acrobatic Shows. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - Beijing - Xian

Embark on a tour of modern China today with a transfer to the Beijing West railway station, where you'll board the morning bullet train to Xian. This cutting-edge high-speed train swiftly covers the 711-mile distance from Beijing to Xian in a mere 4 hours and 40 minutes. Upon your arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to the hotel, marking the beginning of your Xian city tour. As one of the four ancient capitals of China, the exploration commences with the Big Goose Pagoda, a seven-story Buddhist temple dating back to the 7th century, offering panoramic views from its summit. The tour further includes the Little Goose Pagoda, the Bell Tower, and the Great Mosque, one of the earliest mosques constructed in China. A delectable lunch follows, and the evening unfolds with a Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show accompanied by dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Xian

Undoubtedly one of China's most renowned tourist attractions, today's itinerary includes a visit to the Terracotta Army, a site that captivates millions of visitors annually. Unearthed in 1974 by local farmers in the course of their fieldwork, you will explore the pits, ascend the burial mound of the emperor, and witness the thousands of terracotta statues portraying warriors and horses, forming the army of the First Chinese Emperor. Following this captivating experience, our driver will be awaiting you in the hotel lobby to escort you to Xian railway station. The evening brings a comfortable journey aboard the train to Shanghai, with the option of 2 and 4 berth compartments for your convenience. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Shanghai

Today, you'll arrive in China's most dynamic city, Shanghai. Upon disembarking from the train, our driver will be there to meet you and assist with transporting your luggage to the hotel. The city tour unfolds, delving into Shanghai's highlights, encompassing the Shanghai Museum, People's Square, and the Bund. As the largest and most bustling city in China, there's a wealth of experiences awaiting exploration. The centrally located People's Square and the Shanghai Museum provide insights into Chinese arts, spanning calligraphy, ceramics, and furniture. The Bund, a mile-long riverside promenade, boasts an array of European-style buildings, adding to the city's distinctive charm. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Shanghai

Today's tour begins with a serene exploration of old Shanghai, where you'll visit a tranquil garden nestled beside the City God Temple. Encompassing five acres, this garden features a rockery, a chamber of ten thousand

flowers, ponds, pavilions, and towers. Transitioning to the future, the itinerary then takes you to the renowned Oriental Pearl TV Tower, erected in 1994 and once the tallest building in China. This iconic structure offers fantastic opportunities for panoramic shots of the city, and you can choose to visit the revolving restaurant situated at the 267-meter level. The tour concludes with a visit to Nanjing Road, Shanghai's primary shopping street. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Shanghai

Our tour ends. Our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and take you to the airport to catch your flight home. (B)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.	Train upgrade
04/05/2024 - 11/05/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
11/05/2024 - 18/05/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
18/05/2024 - 25/05/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
25/05/2024 - 01/06/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
01/06/2024 - 08/06/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
08/06/2024 - 15/06/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
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07/09/2024 - 14/09/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
14/09/2024 - 21/09/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
21/09/2024 - 28/09/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
28/09/2024 - 05/10/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
12/10/2024 - 19/10/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
26/10/2024 - 02/11/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
09/11/2024 - 16/11/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
23/11/2024 - 30/11/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
07/12/2024 - 14/12/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
21/12/2024 - 28/12/2024	£1545	£2445	£195	£245
28/12/2024 - 04/01/2025	£1545	£2445	£195	£245

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Beijing Explorer - Uncover the Wonders of the Chinese Capital - 6 Days \(CN-02\)](#), Price from £795, 6 days
- > [China's Golden Triangle & Gardens of Suzhou - 9 Days \(CN-04\)](#), Price from £1,695, 9 days
- > [Great Chinese Discovery with Majestic Yangtze River Cruise - 12 Days \(CN-06\)](#), Price from £2,495, 12 days
- > [Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Mongolia - Irkutsk - Baikal - Yekaterinburg - Moscow \(TS-10\)](#), Price from £2,895, 17

days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in the UK, USA, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two - three weeks for each visa application to be processed. The actual visa processing times are published on our website. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in the above countries, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa, processing times and application forms on our website:

www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.co.uk and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on +44 (0)20 33 55 77 17

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

YOUR NOTES

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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