

1 Day Beijing Essence Tour

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-BJ-1D-01

Duration: 8-9 hours

Attractions: Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Mutianyu Great Wall.

Overview: Explore the three most important sites in one day. Skip the line and have more time to closely scrutinize the Forbidden City, and learn about the Ming and Qing Dynasties' royal life. Visit Beijing's landmark Tiananmen Square and recollect the historic events that happened there. Drive outside of the city and walk along the Mutianyu Great Wall. Take a cable car to the top and a toboggan or cable car down.

Highlights

- See how Imperial Families lived in the Ming and Qing Dynasties by visiting the Forbidden City;
- Walk in the largest square in the world - Tiananmen Square;
- Listen to your guide relate how the new China was founded and hear about Chairman Mao's influence decades ago;
- Be amazed by the magnificence of the Great Wall.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	07:30 a.m	Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Mutianyu Great Wall

07:30: Your friendly tour guide will greet you in your hotel lobby and your day tour will commence.

09:00 - 11:30: Drive around 1.5 hours to the **Mutianyu** section of the **Great Wall** and have a quick snack at the Subway at the foot of the Mutianyu Wall. This is a one of the most famous and idyllic sections of the Great Wall. You will have a choice of taking the cable car or chair lift up the breathtaking wall and spend a leisurely 1 to 2 hours walking up and down the various sections exploring the Watch Towers and marvelling at the construction and beauty of the renowned and legendary Wall.



You then have the option of an exhilarating toboggan ride back down or simply return the way you came with cable car.

11:30 - 12:30: Enjoy a typical Beijing lunch nearby the Mutianyu Great Wall (For your own account).

14:00 - 14:30: Return to Beijing and visit **Tiananmen Square**. A rectangular square of 440,000 sq meters. Tiananmen Square echoes the layout of the Forbidden City to some extent. It also displays the major concept of Chinese politics in ancient times namely, centralism. Many historic events took place here, the most famous of which is the Tiananmen Incident. Now, it's just a symbol.

15:00 - 16:30: Visit the magnificent **Forbidden City**, the largest Imperial Palace in the world. We'll spend a couple of hours wandering around this amazing example of Imperial architecture and learning about the history of the palace.



Enclosed by long scarlet walls extending 3.5km, the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City was the very centre of power of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. This large palace witnessed the prosperity and the decline of feudalism. Here you will directly experience how royals lived and how they ruled.

17:00: Drop off at your hotel.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sights mentioned, including cable car up and toboggan down the Great Wall.

Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items at sights.

Tips or gratuities for guide and driver if we did a good job (recommended)

What to take: smile and a relaxed enthusiastic attitude.

Good to know:

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or shops for shopping.
2. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food at a fair price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.
3. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. If you want a tour with a duration exceeding the working period of our tour guide and driver, we need to charge you for your extra hours at the standard rate of 100 RMB per hour.
4. The tour we provide you is based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for between 6 to 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
5. Please be aware that your itinerary may be changed anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
6. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your families or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
7. Wheelchairs are available, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.

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FAQ

1. How long do I stay at the Forbidden City?

Re: You will stay there about 2 hours. It depends how long you stay at other sights.

2. How do I get on to the Great Wall?

Re: You can take the cable car up and go down with the toboggan, which is already included in the quote. You may also return via cable car, the total price is the same as using the toboggan.

3. What kind of car will I have?

Re: It depends on your group size. For a group size of 1-2 people, you will be offered a sedan car. For a group size of 3-4 people, you will enjoy a 7-seater van. A 14-17-seater van will be in service if there are 5-8 of you. When your tour group size is larger, a 33-seater coach or bigger will be offered.

4. Can I confirm this is a private tour?

Re: Yes, this is a private tour just for your group. No other people will join you.

5. Can the tour guide accompany us to have dinner and help us order?

Re: The working time for the tour guide and driver is 8-9 hours. If you have finished your tour early, our tour guide can certainly help you until you get to dinner. Otherwise, you will need to pay extra for their overtime work.

6. Can you help to reserve seats for Roast Duck (Peking Duck)?

Re: Sure, no problem, you just need to tell us what time and where you'd like to have dinner.