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# Beijing Explorer - Uncover the Wonders of the Chinese Capital - 6<mark>CN-02</mark> Days

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This comprehensive tour delves deep into the heart of the Chinese capital, Beijing, offering a thorough exploration of its diverse and captivating landmarks. Additionally, you'll have free time to independently explore the city, providing opportunities for shopping, discovering various restaurants, exploring distinct districts, or even considering the addition of another Chinese city to your itinerary before or after the capital tour.

**DEPARTURE DATES:** 

05.18.2024; 05.25.2024; 06.01.2024; 06.08.2024; 06.15.2024; 06.22.2024; 06.29.2024; 07.06.2024; 07.13.2024; 07.20.2024; 07.27.2024; 08.03.2024; 08.10.2024; 08.17.2024; 08.24.2024; 08.31.2024; 09.07.2024; 09.14.2024; 09.21.2024; 09.28.2024; 10.12.2024; 10.26.2024; 11.09.2024; 11.23.2024; 12.07.2024; 12.21.2024; 12.28.2024.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 - Beijing

Upon your arrival at the airport, our driver and guide will be there to welcome you at the arrivals lounge. Your first day in Beijing will be dedicated to exploring an old district known as a 'Hutong neighborhood,' situated by Shichahai Lake. Hutongs, characterized by narrow alleys and traditional courtyard residences, have a history dating back to the 13th century. Immerse yourself in this bygone era with a guided rickshaw ride, offering a unique perspective on the rich cultural heritage of Beijing. (D)

# Day 2 - Beijing

Explore one of the most renowned squares globally, Tiananmen Square, situated at the heart of Beijing. This colossal square, the fourth largest in the world at 440,000 square meters, stands adjacent to the Tiananmen Gate, separating it from the Forbidden City. Tiananmen Square has been witness to pivotal Chinese events, including Mao Zedong's proclamation of the People's Republic of China in 1949. Following this, delve into the history of the famous Imperial Palace and the Forbidden City, a UNESCO-listed site housing ancient wooden structures and serving as the former residence of Chinese emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties (1420 to 1924). In the afternoon, visit the splendid Summer Palace, where natural beauty harmoniously blends with the artistry of architects and

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

# Included

Accommodation Full board meals English - speaking guides Guided tours & entrance fees Airport transfers

Not included Personal travel insurance Optional excursions

Practical information <u>Chinese visa procedure</u> <u>Visa free travel to Beijing</u> <u>Book with Confidence - Covid FAQs</u>

designers. Conclude this day of exploration with a delectable traditional roast duck dinner. (B,L,D)

#### Day 3 - Beijing

Embark on a journey 70 kilometers (44 miles) north of Beijing to explore the best-preserved section of the Great Wall of China, known as the "Badaling Great Wall." Built during the Ming dynasty in the 16th century, this UNESCO-listed wonder offers a glimpse into China's rich history. After immersing yourself in the ancient marvel, experience a taste of modern China by traveling to the Olympic Green and park, constructed for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. In the evening, be captivated by the

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extraordinary skills on display at one of Beijing's finest Acrobatic Shows. (B,L,D)

# Day 4 - Beijing

Embark on a cultural exploration as you visit the Temple of Heaven, an intriguing complex of temples and altars nestled within a central Beijing park. Constructed for the emperor, this architectural masterpiece symbolizes the connection between heaven and earth. Observe the symbolism in its design, where the northern wall represents the sky, the southern wall represents the earth, and the dark blue tiled roof mirrors the color of heaven. Continue your cultural journey with a visit to the Lama Temple, also known as the Palace of Peace. Functioning as a study center for Tibetan Buddhism, this temple houses a priceless collection, including a statue of Maitreya, the future Buddha. Immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance and artistic treasures within these sacred spaces. (B,L,D)

# Day 5 - Beijing

Take a well-deserved break and carve out your own experience of Beijing. Explore the bustling malls, meander through serene parks, discover local art scenes, or simply immerse yourself in the city's vibrant neighborhoods to witness where locals gather. This free day allows you the flexibility to tailor your Beijing experience according to your preferences. Alternatively, if you're eager for more structured activities, we can assist in arranging an excursion tailored to your interests. (B)

# Day 6 - Beijing

Transfer to the airport with our driver from the hotel lobby. (B)

#### AVAILABLE PACKAGES

#### **PREMIUM - 4\* PACKAGE**

Dates	Tour Price	Single suppliment
05/18/2024 - 05/23/2024	\$895	\$245
05/25/2024 - 05/30/2024	\$895	\$245
06/01/2024 - 06/06/2024	\$895	\$245
06/08/2024 - 06/13/2024	\$895	\$245
06/15/2024 - 06/20/2024	\$895	\$245
06/22/2024 - 06/27/2024	\$895	\$245
06/29/2024 - 07/04/2024	\$895	\$245
07/06/2024 - 07/11/2024	\$895	\$245
07/13/2024 - 07/18/2024	\$895	\$245
07/20/2024 - 07/25/2024	\$895	\$245
07/27/2024 - 08/01/2024	\$895	\$245
08/03/2024 - 08/08/2024	\$895	\$245
08/10/2024 - 08/15/2024	\$895	\$245
08/17/2024 - 08/22/2024	\$895	\$245
08/24/2024 - 08/29/2024	\$895	\$245
08/31/2024 - 09/05/2024	\$895	\$245
09/07/2024 - 09/12/2024	\$895	\$245
09/14/2024 - 09/19/2024	\$895	\$245
09/21/2024 - 09/26/2024	\$895	\$245
09/28/2024 - 10/03/2024	\$895	\$245
10/12/2024 - 10/17/2024	\$895	\$245
10/26/2024 - 10/31/2024	\$895	\$245
11/09/2024 - 11/14/2024	\$895	\$245

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11/23/2024 - 11/28/2024	\$895	\$245
12/07/2024 - 12/12/2024	\$895	\$245
12/21/2024 - 12/26/2024	\$895	\$245
12/28/2024 - 01/02/2025	\$895	\$245

#### ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized 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 <u>contact us for a quote</u>.

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

> China's Golden Triangle: Unveiling the Wonders of Beijing, Xian and Shanghai - 8 Days (CN-03), Price from \$1,795, 8 days

> China's Golden Triangle & Gardens of Suzhou - 9 Days (CN-04), Price from \$1,995, 9 days

> Best of China: Exploring Beijing, Xian, Guilin & Li River, Shanghai, Suzhou - 11 Days (CN-05), Price from \$2,695, 11 days

> Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Ulan Bator - Baikal - Yekaterinburg - Moscow - St. Petes (TS-17), Price from

\$3,695, 20 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.

# USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in the US, UK, 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 weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

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

If you are not resident in the USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, 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 and application forms on our website: <a href="https://www.justgorussia.com/us/visa\_services.html">www.justgorussia.com/us/visa\_services.html</a>

#### 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 <u>www.justgorussia.com</u> 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, lecture participation, update

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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.com, or

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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 \$250) 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 or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

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On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please <u>inquire</u> 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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