

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



Discover the essence of China with this comprehensive tour, highlighting the best attractions in the country's most captivating cities. Whether you're a first-time visitor or intrigued by the interplay of China's rapid modernization with its rich history, this tour is perfect for you. It caters to shoppers, history enthusiasts, culture lovers, food connoisseurs, photographers, families with children, and anyone with a keen interest in exploring this multifaceted nation. Don't forget to pack comfortable shoes and, of course, your camera!

### DEPARTURE DATES:

04.27.2024; 05.04.2024; 05.11.2024; 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 will escort you to the hotel. Begin your exploration of Beijing by delving into its history with a rickshaw tour through the ancient 'Hutong' neighborhoods. The leisurely pace allows you to immerse yourself in the narrow streets and alleys that carry centuries of history. This experience offers a striking contrast to the modern skyscrapers that now define 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 sight to behold. 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 journey will take you to the illustrious Imperial Palace, also known as the Forbidden City. Recognized by UNESCO as the largest collection of well-preserved ancient wooden structures globally, it served as the residence for Chinese emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Housing one of the most significant assortments of Chinese artwork globally, the Forbidden City offers a glimpse into the nation's imperial history. Next, a visit to the enchanting Summer Palace awaits, providing a tranquil exploration of Chinese landscape garden design. As the day unfolds, indulge in a delightful dinner featuring the renowned Peking duck. (B,L,D)

#### Day 3 - Beijing

Today marks a truly remarkable experience as you visit the Badaling section of the Great Wall, located in Yanqing County, approximately 70 kilometers (44 miles) north of Beijing. This iconic structure, symbolizing Chinese civilization and recognized as one of the wonders of the world, has earned a well-deserved spot on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The highest point of the Wall in this

### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

#### Included

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

#### Practical information

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section reaches an elevation of 1015 meters (3300 feet), offering breathtaking panoramic views. Following this awe-inspiring visit, explore the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics. Witness the architectural marvels of the Olympic Green and park, including the renowned 'Bird's Nest' building. As the day concludes, indulge in the evening's entertainment with a captivating Beijing Acrobatic Show. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 4 - Beijing - Xian**

Experience a slice of modern China today as you transfer to the Beijing West railway station and board the morning bullet train to Xian. This cutting-edge high-speed train covers the 711-mile distance from Beijing to Xian in a mere 4 hours and 40 minutes. Upon your arrival, you'll be greeted and transferred to the hotel before embarking on your Xian city tour. As one of the four ancient capitals of China, the tour kicks off with a visit to the Big Goose Pagoda, a seven-story Buddhist temple constructed in the 7th century, offering splendid views from its summit. Explore the Little Goose Pagoda and other notable landmarks like the Bell Tower and the Great Mosque, one of the earliest mosques built in China. Enjoy lunch before an evening filled with the cultural extravaganza of the Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show, accompanied by dinner. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 5 - Xian**

Undoubtedly one of China's most iconic attractions, today's itinerary includes a visit to the Terracotta Army, a site that captivates millions of tourists annually. Discovered by local farmers in 1974 while working in the fields, you'll have the opportunity to explore the pits, ascend the burial mound of the emperor, and marvel at the thousands of terracotta statues depicting warriors and horses, forming the army of the First Chinese Emperor. Following this fascinating excursion, our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and transport you to Xian railway station. The night promises a comfortable adventure as you board the train to Shanghai, with a choice of 2 and 4 berth compartments available for your convenience. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 6 - Shanghai**

Today, you'll arrive in China's most exciting city, Shanghai. Our driver will be there to meet you off the train and assist you in transferring to the hotel to drop off your luggage. The city tour awaits, exploring Shanghai's highlights, including the Shanghai Museum, People's Square, and the Bund. Being the largest and busiest city in China, there's much to discover. The centrally located People's Square is a hub of activity, hosting the Shanghai Museum, a place to delve into Chinese arts such as calligraphy, ceramics, and furniture. The Bund, a mile-long riverside promenade, boasts numerous European-style buildings, providing a picturesque view. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 7 - Shanghai**

Embark on today's tour with a tranquil start in old Shanghai, exploring a serene garden nestled next to the City God Temple. Spanning five acres, the garden boasts a

rockery, a chamber of ten thousand flowers, ponds, pavilions, and towers. From this historical setting, fast-forward to the future with a visit to the famous Oriental Pearl TV Tower, an iconic structure built in 1994 that once held the title of the tallest building in China. Capture breathtaking panoramic shots of the city and consider a stop at the revolving restaurant located at the impressive height of 267 meters. Conclude the day's exploration on Nanjing Road, Shanghai's main shopping street, offering a vibrant atmosphere and a plethora of shopping opportunities. (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	Tour Price	Single suppliment	Train upgrade
04/27/2024 - 05/04/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
05/04/2024 - 05/11/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
05/11/2024 - 05/18/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
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10/26/2024 - 11/02/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
11/09/2024 - 11/16/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
11/23/2024 - 11/30/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
12/07/2024 - 12/14/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
12/21/2024 - 12/28/2024	\$1795	\$295	\$295
12/28/2024 - 01/04/2025	\$1795	\$295	\$295

### 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 [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 \$895, 6 days

- > [China's Golden Triangle & Gardens of Suzhou - 9 Days \(CN-04\)](#), Price from \$1,995, 9 days
- > [Great Chinese Discovery with Majestic Yangtze River Cruise - 12 Days \(CN-06\)](#), Price from \$2,895, 12 days
- > [Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Mongolia - Irkutsk - Baikal - Yekaterinburg - Moscow \(TS-10\)](#), Price from \$3,395, 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.

### 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:

[www.justgorussia.com/us/visa\\_services.html](http://www.justgorussia.com/us/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.com](http://www.justgorussia.com) 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 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](mailto:info@justgorussia.com), or

**Phone:** call us on +1 (917) 259 13 33

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.

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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