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CHINA TRAVEL PLANS

FREE SAMPLE · 2 OF 11 DAYS

CLASSIC CHINA

China's Golden Triangle+

The Forbidden City and the Great Wall, the Terracotta Army and the walls of Xi'an, the Bund and the skyscrapers of Shanghai, port-city Ningbo and a Chinese "Paris" with its own Eiffel Tower.

11 days

10 nights, a ready-made day-by-day rhythm

5 places

from Beijing to Tianducheng

Rail

high-speed trains up to 350 km/h

PEK → PVG

fly into Beijing, out of Shanghai

DAY
2

The Forbidden City and the hutongs

Tiananmen · Forbidden City · Jingshan · Shichahai

TRANSPORT	STAY	TICKETS	TRY
metro line 1, on foot, rickshaw	Beijing	Forbidden City 60 ¥ (≈ €7.9 / \$8.9) (40 ¥ (≈ €5.3 / \$5.9) in winter), Jingshan 2 ¥ (≈ €0.3 / \$0.3)	zhajiangmian



★ **Our pick** Take a guided tour of the Forbidden City. Guides have their own ticket allocation, so **you don't need to book entry in advance** – while tickets for independent visitors sell out in minutes. Plus you'll learn what each hall hides. You can book a guided tour (in English too) on Trip.com, GetYourGuide or Klook.

- 8:00** ○ **Tiananmen Square**
 The largest city square in the world, with Mao's mausoleum and the Gate of Heavenly Peace. Entry through a security check – booking and passport required.
 • 天安门广场
- 8:30** ○ **The Forbidden City**
 The palace of the Ming and Qing emperors – 980 buildings. Enter from the south through the **Meridian Gate**, exit to the north. Allow 3–4 h; closed on Mondays.
 • 故宫博物院 · 午门
- 12:30** ○ **Lunch: noodles with sauce**
Zhajiangmian (炸酱面) – noodles with a thick bean and pork sauce, e.g. at **Haiwanju (海碗居)**.
- 14:00** ○ **Jingshan Park**
 A hill right behind the palace – for 2 ¥ (≈ €0.3 / \$0.3) the best view of the Forbidden City's golden roofs.
 • 景山公园
- 15:30** ○ **The hutongs and Shichahai lakes**
 A maze of old lanes around **Houhai** and **Qianhai** lakes. A rickshaw ride, **Yandai Xiejie** street and the Drum and Bell Towers.
 • 什刹海 · 烟袋斜街 · 鼓楼
- 19:00** ○ **Evening at Houhai**
 Bars and live music by the lake. In winter the lake freezes and turns into an ice rink.

DAY
3

The Great Wall at Mutianyu

Beijing → Mutianyu → Beijing

TRANSPORT bus or driver approx. 1.5 h each way	STAY Beijing	TICKETS wall approx. 40 ¥ (≈ €5.3 / \$5.9), cable car approx. 140 ¥ (≈ €18 / \$21)	TRY trout from the Huairou mountains
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Mutianyu is a restored but less crowded section of the wall than Badaling – with watchtowers along the ridges of forested mountains.

7:00 ○ Getting to Mutianyu

Easiest: a **DiDi driver** or a full-day tour (approx. 400–600 ¥ (≈ €53–79 / \$59–89) per car, return).
Cheaper: bus 916 Express from Dongzhimen to Huairou, then a taxi.

● 慕田峪长城

9:00 ○ Up onto the wall

Ticket approx. 40 ¥ (≈ €5.3 / \$5.9) + shuttle bus to the cable car. Go up by **gondola** or chairlift (approx. 140 ¥ (≈ €18 / \$21) return) – you save your energy for the walk along the wall.

● 慕田峪长城索道

9:30 ○ Walking the wall

Head west towards towers 14–20 – steeper and steeper, with fewer and fewer people. Return the same way; approx. 3 h in total at a relaxed pace.

13:00 ○ Down by toboggan

Instead of the cable car you can ride down on the **toboggan run** (approx. 100 ¥ (≈ €13 / \$15)) – great fun.

14:00 ○ Lunch at the foot of the wall

Restaurants by the car park and in the village – trout from mountain farms, jiaozi dumplings.

19:00 ○ Acrobatics show

Optional: Chinese circus at the Chaoyang Theatre (朝阳剧场), approx. 180–580 ¥ (≈ €24–76 / \$27–86).

● 朝阳剧场



Bring water, snacks, sunscreen and comfortable shoes. There are no shops on the wall, and the steps are high and uneven.

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This is 2 of the 11 days

China's Golden Triangle+ takes you through Beijing and the Great Wall, Xi'an and the Terracotta Army, Shanghai, Ningbo and China's own "Paris" near Hangzhou. This sample shows days 2 and 3 – every day of the itinerary is planned in the same detail.

In the full itinerary (19 pages)

- ✓ Route map and a table of all 11 days
- ✓ Before you go: visa, apps, internet and payments
- ✓ 11 days with times, tickets, food and names in Chinese
- ✓ Intercity connections with journey times and prices
- ✓ What and where to eat: dishes and places along the route
- ✓ What it costs: a budget in two versions and a packing list
- ✓ Taxi cards and the most useful phrases in Chinese
- ✓ English and Polish versions

69 PLN

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