



## Behind the Walls of the Forbidden City 13 nights



### Summary

This 14 day tour will take you to the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden Palace while in Beijing and local markets and hutongs.

Take a cable car or hike up to the Great Wall of China, see the Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an before picking up your bicycle to explore the city on two wheels.

Take a bamboo raft down the Li River and cycle through paddy fields and orchards in the vicinity of Yangshuo.

Visit the Lingyin Temple in Hangzhou and the village of Mei Jia Wu tea, where you are invited to a traditional tea ceremony.

Take a walking tour of Shanghai's historic Bund before a motorcycle side-car tour of the modern city

### Overview

**Interest:** couple — family — group

**Level of Comfort:** 3/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** 2

**Maximum # of passengers:** None

### Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

### Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Chinese Yuan
- **Language:** Mandarin & English
- **Dialing Code:** +86
- **Transportation:** private car, train or bus
- **Recommended vaccine :** None
- **Banks & currency exchange:** foreign currencies must be exchanged through banks and authorized foreign exchange dealers

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**Day 1: Beijing**

Upon arrival at Beijing's international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel  
Rest of the day at leisure

**Day 2-3: Beijing**

Your perfect introduction to Beijing is a guided tour of the Temple of Heaven, a perfect example of Ming architecture and one of the symbols of Beijing. We'll show you around the ancient hutongs, traditional winding alleyways that link the city through a network of diverse neighborhoods. Honquiao market is another fascinating insight, a popular market for local shoppers and one of Beijing's best places to buy Chinese pearls. We'll guide you behind the walls of the Forbidden City, center of the Chinese world for nearly 500 years, and Tiananmen Square, the largest public plaza on the planet. We couldn't bring you to China without you seeing one of the Seven Wonders of the World, so we're taking you to the Great Wall of China in Jinshanling, where you can ride the cable car and hike the Great Wall itself before heading back to your sumptuous hotel, the Waldorf Astoria Beijing

**Day 4-6: Xi'an**

You're leaving Beijing aboard a stylish high speed train, on the way to historic Xi'an and the comfortable Hilton Hotel Xi'an. Home to the Terracotta Warriors, an army of more than 7,000 terracotta figures with their chariots and horses, Xi'an is overflowing with significant history and you can see them all, including every one of the warriors' unique expressions! Xi'an also has a stunning Great Mosque and Muslim Quarter that is a delight to explore. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda is an exceptionally well-preserved symbol of the city's long and illustrious past. Your first taste of cycling in China comes when you collect your bike from the hire shop located on the city walls, which you can explore on two wheels before you head to the airport for your flight to Guilin and on to Yangshuo.

**Day 7: Yangshuo**

It's time to get active as you board a bamboo raft for a thrilling ride down the Li River before heading to Yangshuo, where you'll escape onto the country roads on a bike, cycling alongside the paddy fields and orchard that characterize the area. En route you'll stop at a family home to see a slice of real country life, chatting to the local farmers before making your way back to the hotel. In the evening there's a chance to see a Liu San Jie show

**Day 8: Longsheng**

A scenic mountain road delivers you to Guangxi, where you'll climb the forested mountain slopes which form backbone of southern central China. Your walk will bring you to Heping in Longsheng County, where you can visit a village and enjoy the surrounding paddy fields

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**Day 9-11: Hangzhou**

After hiking the Longji Rice Terrace you've a short flight to Guilin, the gateway to Hangzhou. After a night at the Four Seasons you'll be well rested for your busy day ahead. Pay a visit to the Lingyin Temple, a world-famous historic site, before driving through the lush hills to the village of Mei Jia Wu Tea, where you'll learn how tea is picked and cured before a traditional tea ceremony. Next we're taking you on a private boat ride on West Lake, originally a shallow sea inlet and a once-favourite imperial retreat. Your evening includes a traditional Shanghai.

**Day 12-13: Shanghai**

The scenery today is decidedly urban, as you embark upon a walking tour of the historic Bund, Shanghai's atmospheric waterfront, passing a number of the city's most attractive buildings. Hopping into a motorcycle sidecar, the pace picks up as you are whisked off on a tour of the modern city. After all this walking you'll be glad of a Chinese foot massage before watching a performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe

**Day 14: Shanghai**

Today you will enjoy a walk through the old Chinese Quarter to the river promenade  
Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

This is a product sheet elaborated in order to give you a quick overview of our package with details pertaining to hotels, flights and proposed tours. This is not a tailor made quotation and should you wish to have specific details reviewed to better suits your need please do not hesitate to contact one of our travel consultants or visit one of our branches.

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