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**Mid-cruise optional tours to
the Great Wall
Tian'anmen Square
Forbidden Palace
Summer Palace
Hutong Tour**





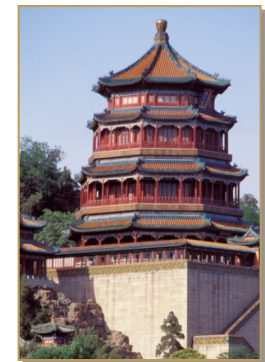
Your Quick View Itinerary

Sat, 4/20	Tianjin - Beijing	Transfer Tianjin – Beijing, Tian’anmen Square & Forbidden City with Chonghuagong Access
Sun, 4/21	Beijing	Great Wall of China
Mon, 4/22	Beijing - Tianjin	Summer Palace, Hutong Tour, Transfer Beijing - Tianjin

Itinerary Map



“I have not told half of what I saw.”
 Marco Polo



Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1, Saturday, 4/20 – Tianjin/Beijing L, D

This morning you will be met at Tianjin International Cruise Terminal by a China Host. You will be transferred by private vehicle to Beijing (approx 2.5 hours) where we will enjoy lunch before beginning touring this afternoon.

Whether by force of irony or expediency, China’s government has been located in the same area continuously for over 600 years. You will walk back in time; strolling across **Tian’anmen Square**, one of the largest squares of the modern era, you will pass the Monument to the People’s Heroes — dedicated to the ravages of the hundred year long Opium War — and finally enter the ancient epicenter of Imperial Power, the **Forbidden City**.

Once there, we will arrange for special access to **Chonghuagong**, a section of the Forbidden City that is normally closed to the general public. *Please note that Chonghuagong is filled with antiques and in the event that the weather is particularly rainy/humid, the authorities will not grant access.*

You will then be taken to check in at your hotel and given time to relax before dinner at one of the city’s best restaurants. (China World Summit Wing – Executive Room)

Day 2, Sunday, 4/21 – Beijing B, L, D

Today, you will visit the **Great Wall of China**. Built to protect China from the incursions of predatory nomads, the utility and meaning of this fortification has been contested for centuries. The unprecedented scale and unexpected charm of the Great Wall may inspire you. The section that we most highly recommend is the further away, about 2.5 hours drive, but is generally considered one of the most beautiful sections of the Great Wall. [Note from Insight Cruises: we have been there and it’s truly incredible. Very much worth the trip.] Once there, you will be treated to an exquisite **private banquet on the Wall** itself (weather permitting). After lunch you will be given some time for a stroll along this most magnificent of sites.

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Tian’anmen Square



Forbidden City



Hotel Profile

China World Summit Wing



China World Summit Wing, a Shangri-La Property, soars high above ground and occupies the top floors of Beijing’s tallest building, with unrivalled panoramic views over the entire city.

Location: At the heart of the Central Business District



Rooms: 278
www.shangri-la.com

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 2, Sunday, 4/21 – Beijing (continued)

To deepen your experience of the Great Wall, you will be accompanied to the Wall by an **historian**, the subject of a major profile in the “New Yorker” magazine and a contributor to two Discovery channel programs, who devotes himself full-time to walking, studying, and writing about the Great Wall and is now arguably the most informed historian on the Great Wall in any country in any language.

Tonight, we will arrange dinner out at one of the city’s trendiest restaurants, designed by none other than the legendary **Philippe Starck**.

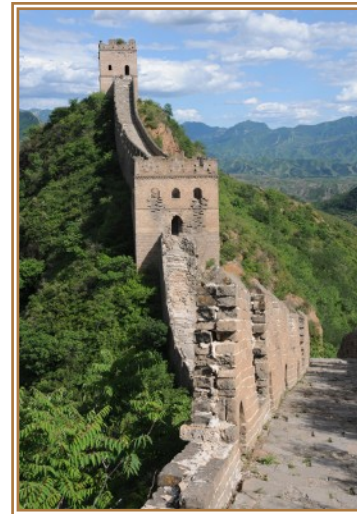
Day 3, Monday, 4/22 – Beijing/Tianjin

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This morning we take a tour of the Imperial **Summer Palace**, a retreat said to have been given to the Empress Dowager Cixi in return for political favors. Whether or not you believe the popular demonization of this female leader, she certainly had taste. Her enchanting mansion, set on 700 acres of land, incorporates stunning temples, arched bridges, capacious pavilions and the world’s longest covered corridor, all within a landscape crafted according to the dictates of fengshui.

We continue the day with a visit to an ancient quarter of Beijing, whose **traditional alleyways known as hutong** are being preserved. We access a deeper understanding of life in the hutong through contrasting two radically different environments in this same area. Our tour begins in the everyday setting of an outdoor market, wedged between a maze of disheveled but lively and colorful streets. From there, we travel partly on **pedicab** along the lakeside to an affluent neighborhood, where you will see beautifully restored traditional courtyard homes and have the opportunity to learn calligraphy.

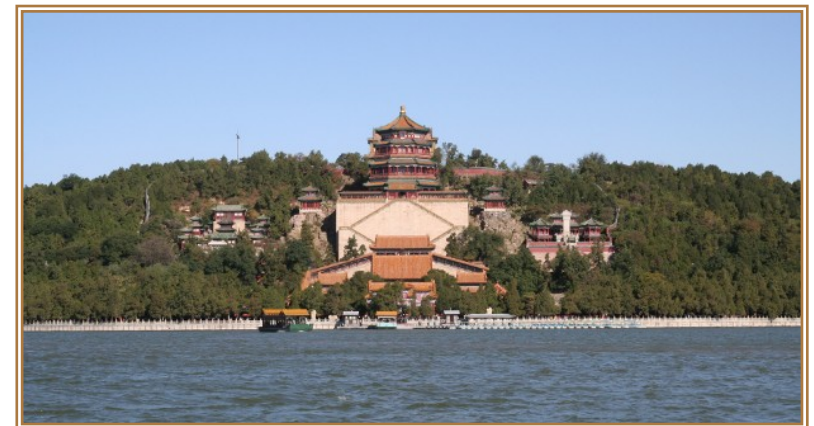
In the afternoon you will be transferred back to Tianjin Cruise Terminal in time for your departure.



Great Wall



Hutong Neighborhood



Summer Palace

Tour Quotation

- **\$2,499 pp (based on 10–15 people)**
- **\$2,199 pp (based on 16–20 people)**
- **\$1,999 pp (based on 21 or more people)**
- **For single occupancy, a supplement of \$499 applies.**
- **3% price discount** available for clients paying by check or wire transfer.

Included in the tour price are:

- 2 nights accommodation in an outstanding five star hotel.
- All meals: 2 breakfasts (buffet breakfast), 3 lunches, 3 dinners at our carefully selected restaurants (including soft drinks and local beer)
- Services of a Western bilingual China Host and local tour guides
- All land transportation (as listed on the itinerary)
- Entrance fees to all tourist sites (as listed on the itinerary)
- Baggage handling, city and hotel taxes
- All gratuities

Not included in the tour price is:

- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, imported mineral waters, excess luggage fees, telephone charges, room service and laundry charges

PAYMENT

In conformity with Imperial Tour's participation in the Travel Money Protection Plan — regarded as the most secure consumer protection plan in the travel industry — all funds paid to us, whether by check, credit card or wire transfer will be deposited in an escrow account, held at the Shelby Financial Corporation/Bank of America, until after the completion of your trip. We accept check, wire transfer, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover. A deposit amount of 10% is due at the time of booking. The remaining 90% of the tour price can be settled 60 days prior to tour departure.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

a) Should you decide to cancel your tour between the time of deposit and 90 days prior to the tour, you will forfeit \$250 per person, between 90 and 60 days prior to departure, you will forfeit \$500, between 60 and 30 days prior to departure, you will forfeit 25% of the tour price, between 30 and 15 days you will forfeit 50% of the tour price, from 14 days or less, you will forfeit 70% of the tour price and from 3 days or less, you will forfeit 100% of the tour price.

b) All notices of cancellation must be written to be effective. The date of cancellation will be the date of reception by Imperial Tours' personnel.

- Please note that the China Host will eat with you during lunches and dinners throughout the trip.

This is to ensure that you are receiving the best possible service. If, at any time, you would prefer to dine on your own, please let the China Host know.

- Please note that no arrangements have been made and are not guaranteed until Imperial Tours receives a deposit.