

Itinerary

Day 1 (Sat 12 October 2019):

London to Beijing

Depart London on our overnight flight to Beijing.

Day 2 (Sun 13 October 2019): Beijing

Arrive in Beijing and check into a central 3* hotel. We have time to freshen up before our first traditional Chinese meal and briefing on the week ahead. If time permits, why not explore the maze of alleys (hutongs) where you will find traditional houses, small local shops and other wonders.

Evening meal included.

Day 3 (Mon 14 October 2019):

Beijing to Gubeikou

Today we transfer by coach to the Great Wall (approx. 3 hours). After a delicious lunch, we enjoy an introductory trek to prepare us for the terrain and what lies ahead. We wind our way uphill and enjoy stunning views of the Great Wall snaking across the countryside. As we descend, we drop down the hillside and make our way through trees and woodland until we reach the small town Gubeikou and our first guesthouse. Even though it is a warm up day, the Great Wall steps will still challenge you!

Trekking time approximately 3 hours.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



Day 4 (Tue 15 October 2019): Gubeikou

After breakfast, we set off to explore the beautiful Gubeikou section of the Great Wall. Dating back to the Ming Dynasty, this section of the Wall is completely original and will prove to be a challenge for us. It is

one of the lesser visited sections and is believed to have seen more battles than any other part of the Great Wall. It has long been a place of military significance and an important passage to the capital city. We will start the day by climbing part of the Wall which is almost completely worn away. There are so few people around us, it will feel like we are stepping back in time. We return to the guesthouse in Gebeikou.

Trekking time approximately 6-7 hours.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 5 (Wed 16 October 2019):



Gubeikou to Jinshanling

Today we will trek up to a section of the Wall known locally as the 'dragon standing on the beautiful golden mountain'. It's easy to see how the Wall resembles a dragon as it weaves across the land. The views are stunning and you will have hundreds of amazing photo opportunities. Unlike other sections of the Wall, this area has seen little restoration and many of the stairs and turrets have crumbled away to leave steep stone slopes between each watch tower. It's a challenging day but the stunning views of the Great Wall snaking along the hilltops will keep us going! We descend through forests and past farmland before transferring to our guesthouse in Simatai.

Trekking time approximately 6-7 hours.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

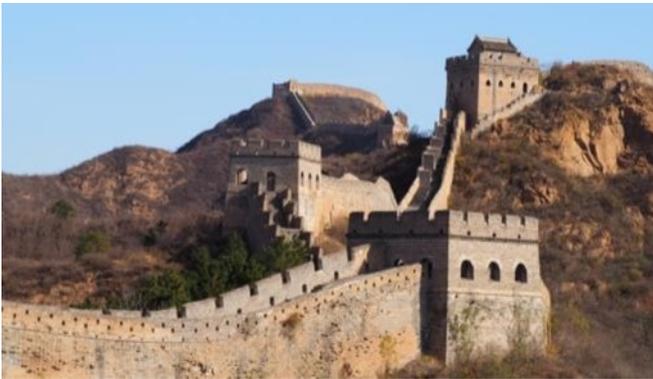
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Day 6 (Thu 17 October 2019): Jinshanling to Simatai

Today's trek takes us along a restored section of the Wall originally built in the 15th century. Here you can see how the Wall looked when it was built centuries ago and appreciate the immensity of the task and meticulous attention to detail undertaken in building this incredible structure. It is truly beautiful and the vista of the Wall disappearing over the mountains is a memorable sight. We descend through the forest and transfer to our guesthouse in Simatai.

Trekking time approximately 6-7 hours.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



Day 7 (Fri 18 October 2019): Simatai to Beijing

After breakfast we start our exhilarating final trek up to a remote and rarely visited watch tower. After spending some time soaking up the breath-taking panorama, we descend on a wonderful winding trail through the forest and past fruit farms before transferring back to the guesthouse for a delicious lunch and a final farewell to our team. After lunch we transfer back to Beijing.

Trekking time approximately 4-5 hours.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



Day 8 (Sat 19 October 2019): Beijing

Today you will have guided visits to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, the must-see sights of Beijing. You will then have some free time before our special farewell dinner this evening.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 9 (Sun 20 October 2019): Beijing to London

We transfer to the airport for the return flight to London. *You may arrive in London the following day, depending on flight schedules. Breakfast included.*

N.B. This itinerary may change due to unusual weather patterns, the ability of the group and so on. We will do our best to keep to the set itinerary, however we cannot be held responsible for changes that might occur outside of our control. In all circumstances your guide and tour leader will have the final say in the interest of the health and safety of the group.

INFORMATION EVENING: 18TH SEPT 2018

Come to our free information evening on Tuesday 18th September 2018 from 6pm and find out if this amazing adventure is for you! Find out more about the trek, how the money you raise will make a difference to our families and meet some of the team before you book onto the challenge.

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