



Beijing 4-Day Extension (CITBJ1)

Day 1: Arrival in Beijing

Today, after arriving in Beijing, you will be greeted at the airport by CIT's professional bilingual tour guide and escorted to the hotel where you will be staying overnight.

Beijing Accommodations: Beijing Jingyi Hotel 北京京仪大酒店 (5-Star) <http://www.jingyihotel.com/>

Day 2: Beijing (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will visit **Tiananmen Square**. Originally the front entrance of the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing Dynasties, Tiananmen ("the Gate of Heavenly Peace") was built in the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Yongle. When it was renovated during the Qing Dynasty, its name was changed to Tiananmen to suggest the idea that the emperor's mandate to pacify and rule the nation came from heaven. You will make a special trip to see the **National Grand Theatre**, whose exterior looks like an enormous eggshell. Next, you will tour the **Forbidden City**, which served as the royal palace for 24 consecutive emperors during the Ming and Qing Dynasties. There you can explore art exhibits from every dynasty, exhibitions of Qing Dynasty cultural relics, the **Three Great Halls**, the **Imperial Garden**, the **Palace of Heavenly Purity**, and other attractions. In the afternoon an expert guide will take you on a pedicab tour of Beijing's **hutong**, or "narrow alleyways," where you can take pictures that will make you feel like you've traveled back in time, and afterward you will stroll along the shore of **Shicha Hai**, a picturesque man-made lake. After dinner you will enjoy a **theatrical kung fu show**.

Day 2 Attractions:

Tiananmen Square (天安门广场, Tiānānmén Guǎngchǎng)

National Grand Theatre (国家大剧院, Guójiā DàjùYuàn)

Forbidden City (故宫, Gù Gōng, or 紫禁城, Zǐjìn Chéng)

Three Great Halls (三大殿, Sān Dàdiàn)

Imperial Garden (御花园, Yùhuā Yuán)

Palace of Heavenly Purity (乾清宫, Qiánqīng Gōng)

Beijing's hutong, (胡同, hùtòng)

Shicha Hai (什刹海, Shíchà Hǎi)

Special Arrangements: theatrical kung fu show (功夫秀, gōngfū xiù)

Day 3: Beijing (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will go to the **Badaling Great Wall**, one of the Eight Wonders of the Ancient World. Located in a strategically important area that military commanders throughout history have sought to control, this stretch of the Great Wall is the best-preserved, most representative, and most finely constructed section from the Ming Dynasty. After visiting the Great Wall, you will tour the **Summer Palace** used by the imperial family during the Qing Dynasty. Originally called "Clear Ripple Garden," the Summer Palace was burned down in 1860 by the allied forces of England and France. Beginning in 1888, the Empress Dowager Cixi rebuilt it with a huge sum of money embezzled from the navy. After its reconstruction was completed ten years later, it was given its current name. You will tour the largest extant temple complex in China, the **Temple of Heaven**, where the emperor held sacrificial rites. The famous **Echo Wall** and **Three-Tone Stone** are located here. Afterward, you will visit the famous sites of many 2008 Beijing Olympics events: the **National Aquatics Center**, or "**Water Cube**" and the **National Stadium**, or "**Bird's Nest**."

Day 3 Attractions:

Badaling Great Wall (八达岭长城, Bādǎlíng Chángchéng)

Summer Palace (颐和园, Yíhé Yuán)

Temple of Heaven (天坛, Tiāntán)



Echo Wall (回音壁, Huíyīn Bì)

Three-Tone Stone (三音石, Sānyīn Shí)

Water Cube (水立方, Shuǐ Lìfāng)

Bird's Nest (鸟巢, Niǎo Cháo)

Special Arrangements: gondola (cable car) transport up and down the Great Wall; **Peking duck** (烤鸭, kǎoyā) at **Quanjude** (全聚德, Quánjùdé), a famous restaurant

Day 4: Departure from Beijing (B)

Today your tour guide will escort you to the airport, where you will say goodbye to Beijing.

Hotel	Rating	Low Season	Single Supp	High Season	Single Supp
Beijing Jingyi Hotel	5-Star	\$339	\$139	\$399	\$199