



Northeast China / Harbin Ice Sculptures 10-Day Discount Tour (CITBD1) **Shenyang 沈阳 – Changchun 长春 – Jilin 吉林 – Harbin (Haerbin) 哈尔滨 – Dalian 大连**

Please note:

- * Prices listed are for a minimum tour group size of 10 people and a Chinese-speaking tour guide.
- * For groups of less than 10, availability of bilingual English-speaking tour guides is not guaranteed.
- * Chinese names are written with the simplified characters used in Mainland China.

Day 1: U.S.A. – Beijing – Shenyang AIR

Today you will take a deluxe flight to **Beijing** and from there to **Shenyang**, a major city in northern China.

Day 2: Transfer to Shenyang after arrival in Beijing (Today's dinner not included)

In the evening you will arrive in **Shenyang**, where you will be greeted at the airport and transported to your hotel for a good night's rest.

Shenyang Accommodations: Crowne Plaza Shenyang Parkview 国际皇冠假日酒店 (5-Star) or equivalent <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/shnns>

Day 3: Shenyang B/L/D

Today you will visit the **Former Imperial Palace of Shenyang**, a complex of palace buildings dating back to the Qing Dynasty that is second only to Beijing's Forbidden City in historical importance and aesthetic value. Next, you will head to the **Luminous Tomb**, where Huang Taiji, the founder of the Qing Dynasty, is buried. (*The price of the tour includes tickets to enter the main gate only.*) Both the Imperial Palace and the Luminous Tomb have been recognized as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Afterward, you will tour the **Former Residence of General Zhang Xueliang**, a mansion built by a warlord who was briefly named president of China after the fall of the Qing Dynasty. For dinner you will enjoy authentic local "laobian" dumplings.

Day 3 Attractions:

Former Imperial Palace of Shenyang or Mukden Palace (沈阳故宫, Shěnyáng Gùgōng)

Luminous Tomb (昭陵, Zhāo Líng) or **North Tomb** (北陵, Běi Líng)

Former Residence of General Zhang Xueliang (张学良将军的少帅府, Zhāng Xuéliáng Jiāngjūn de Shàoshuài Fǔ)

Day 4: Shenyang – Changchun COACH B/L/D

After breakfast, you will proceed by coach to **Changchun**, the "Garden City of the North," known for its forests, culture, automobiles, movies, and orchids. After your arrival, you will visit the **Eight Ministries of Manchukuo**, the headquarters of eight government organizations during the Manchukuo period. The design of this cluster of buildings is a combination of different styles of Western architecture. Afterward, you will tour the **Puppet Emperor's Palace**, which was used by China's last emperor, Puyi, when Japan installed him as figurehead ruler of the puppet state of Manchukuo and made Changchun its capital.

Day 4 Attractions:

Eight Ministries of Manchukuo (伪八大部, Wěi Bā Dàbù)

Puppet Emperor's Palace (伪满洲国皇宫, Wěi Mǎnzhōuguó Huánggōng)

Changchun Accommodations: Ramada Hotel Changchun 华美达大酒店 (5-Star) or equivalent <http://www.ramada.com/Ramada/control/index?variant=cnen>

Day 5: Changchun – Jilin COACH B/L/D

Today you will proceed by coach to **Jilin**, a city of great historical and cultural significance. First, you will head to **Century Square**, a scenic park composed of the Jilin City Museum, the south bank of the Songhua River, and a choreographed musical fountain. It is located near **Songjiang Middle Road**, a vibrant commercial district where you will have time to do some shopping. You will also tour the **Jilin Meteorite Museum**, which boasts the world's largest meteorite exhibit. Afterward, weather permitting, you will have an opportunity to admire the world-famous ice-rimed trees near the **Songhua River**. This magical scenery is considered one of China's "four natural wonders," along with Guilin's Li River scenery, Yunnan's Stone Forest, and the Yangtze River's Three Gorges.



Day 5 Attractions:

Century Square (世纪广场, Shìjì Guǎngchǎng)
Songjiang Middle Road (松江中路, Sōngjiāng Dōnglù)
Jilin Meteorite Museum (吉林陨石博物馆, Jílín Yǔnshí Bówùguǎn)
Jilin's "ice-rimed" trees (雾凇, wùsōng)

Jilin Accommodations: **Empire Garden Hotel** 皇家花园 (5-Star) *or equivalent*
<http://www.eghotel.com/>

Day 6: Jilin – Harbin COACH B/L/D

Today you will proceed by coach to **Harbin** (properly written in Pinyin as “Haerbin”), where you will stroll through the cosmopolitan commercial district of **Central Street**. Central Street features a dazzling array of Western architecture—71 Western-style buildings in all, some of them traditional and some modern. Taken as a whole, this complex of buildings is a veritable gallery of rarely seen architecture.

Day 6 Attractions:

Central Street (中央大街, Zhōngyāng Dàjiē)

Harbin Accommodations: **Fortune Days Hotel** 福顺天天大酒店 (5-Star) *or equivalent*
<http://www.fortunedayshotel.com/>

Day 7: Harbin B/L/D

Today you will visit **St. Sophia Cathedral Square**, the site of an incomparably grand and exquisite Russian-style cathedral that is also the largest Eastern Orthodox church in the East. (*Entrance ticket not included; exterior view only.*) Today you will also have time to explore the fantastic ice sculptures at **Ice and Snow World**, observe winter activities like sledding and outdoor winter swimming, and do some shopping at a popular **Russian market**. For dinner you will have an opportunity to dig into a Northeast China “Flying Dragon” banquet.

Day 7 Attractions:

St. Sophia Cathedral Square (圣索菲亚教堂广场, Shèng Suǒfēiyà Jiàotáng Guǎngchǎng)
Songhua River Ice and Snow World (松花江冰雪大世界, Sōnghuā Jiāng Bīngxuě Dàshìjiè)
Russian market (俄罗斯精品商城, Éluósī Jīngpǐn Shāngchéng *or* 俄罗斯工艺品店, Éluósī Gōngyì Pǐndiàn)

Day 8: Harbin – Dalian TRAIN B/L/D

Today you will visit **Stalin Park**, on the south bank of the **Songhua River**. The park, which features a monument commemorating Harbin’s successes at flood control, draws big crowds with its many nearby stores. In the evening you will board an overnight train (“soft seat” tickets”) and proceed to Dalian, the “Hong Kong of northern China.”

Day 8 Attractions:

Stalin Park (斯大林公园, Sīdàlín Gōngyuán)
Songhua River (松花江, Sōnghuā Jiāng)
flood control monument (防洪胜利纪念塔, Fánghóng Shènglì Jìniàn Tǎ)

Day 8 Accommodations: soft seats on the **Harbin – Dalian sleeper train**

Day 9: Dalian B/L/D

After your arrival in Dalian, you will head to the hotel to rest for a short while. Then you will begin your tour of this beautiful seaside city. First you will head to picturesque **Xinghai** (“Stars and Sea”) **Park** near the ocean, followed by the **People’s Square**, **North Bridge**, scenic **Binhai Road**, and the popular **Qingniwa Bridge** shopping center. For dinner, you will enjoy Dalian-style seafood hot pot.

Day 9 Attractions:

Xinghai Park (星海公园, Xīnghǎi Gōngyuán)
People’s Square (人民广场, Rénmín Guǎngchǎng)
North Bridge (北大桥, Běi Dàqiáo)
Binhai Road (滨海路, Bīnhǎi Lù)
Qingniwa Bridge shopping center (清泥洼桥购物广场, Qīngníwā Gòuwù Guǎngchǎng)



Dalian Accommodations: Hotel Nikko Dalian 日航飯店 (5-Star) or equivalent
<http://www.nikkodalian.com.cn/en/common/index.html>

Day 10: Dalian – Beijing – U.S.A. AIR B

After breakfast today, your tour guide will escort you to the airport to board a flight to **Beijing**, where you will catch a connecting flight back to the U.S.A. and home, sweet home.

Local cuisine featured on the trip:

authentic “Laobian” dumplings
 ginseng pot-steamed chicken
 farm family banquet

“Yaoshan” restorative herb dinner
 Northeast China “Flying Dragon” banquet
 Dalian-style seafood hot pot

2011 Prices and Departure Dates

Departure Friday	From SFO/LAX					
	Land Only	Air Ticket & Land	Single Occupancy	Fuel Surcharge	Taxes & Fees	Total Price*
1/7,21	\$780	\$1330	add \$250	\$220	\$100	\$1650
2/4,18	\$880	\$1430	add \$250	\$220	\$100	\$1750
3/4,18	\$780	\$1440	add \$250	\$220	\$100	\$1760
4/8	\$880	\$1540	add \$250	\$220	\$100	\$1860

* “Total price” includes **air ticket, fuel surcharge, taxes and fees, land transportation, meals** (as noted on the itinerary), **hotels, tour guides, complimentary accident insurance, and all of the attractions listed on the itinerary (including the “special arrangements”)** but does NOT include the **additional charge for single occupancy**; the base price per traveler assumes that hotel rooms are shared by two people.

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- 45-59 days prior to departure: \$300 per person will be assessed.
- 30-44 days prior to departure: \$400 per person will be assessed.
- 15-29 days prior to departure: \$500 per person will be assessed.
- 3-14 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person will be assessed.
- Less than 3 days or nonappearance: 100% of total charge.

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