



Beijing 4-Day Tour Extension (CITBJ1)

Note: Chinese names are written with the simplified characters used in Mainland China.

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: **Grand Gongda Jianguo Hotel** 工大建国 (5-Star) or equivalent
<http://www.bjut-hotelijianguo.com/en/hotelinfo.html>

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 Centre for the Performing Arts**, whose exterior looks like an enormous eggshell, earning it the nickname "The Egg." 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 Centre for the Performing Arts** (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 visit the **Great Wall of China**, one of the Eight Wonders of the Ancient World. Located in a strategically important area that military commanders throughout history have sought to control, the **Badaling** 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. Next, 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:

- Great Wall of China at Badaling** (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)



National Aquatics Center (国家游泳中心, Guójiā Yóuyǒng Zhōngxīn), or **Water Cube** (水立方, Shuǐ Lìfāng)

National Stadium (国家体育馆, Guójiā Tǐyùguǎn), or **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 Occupancy	High Season	Single Occupancy
Grand Gongda Jianguo Hotel	5-Star	\$339*	add \$139	\$399*	add \$199

* Price includes **land transportation, meals** (as noted on the itinerary), **hotel, tour guide, 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.

Charges for children: Children 11 years and under who share a room with two adults and do not ask for an extra bed will be charged the listed child fare or 75% of the regular adult price; if they need an extra bed in the same room with two adults, the cost will be 90% of the regular adult price. Children 12 and older will be charged at the regular adult price.