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## Beijing Central Axis & Intangible Cultural Heritage Premium Tour - 6 Days

Unveil the sacred pulse of China's capital on this premium 6-day cultural odyssey meticulously curated for discerning travelers. Centered around the historic UNESCO-recognized Beijing Central Axis, this journey seamlessly weaves grand imperial landmarks with living intangible cultural heritage, legendary time-honored brands, and exquisite boutique lifestyle experiences.

### Highlights of the tour

**Exclusive Imperial Horizons:** Private, expert-led deep-dives into core landmarks along the Central Axis, including the Forbidden City and the National Museum of China, offering unparalleled scholarly depth.

**Immersive Heritage Masterclasses:** Hands-on multi-dimensional workshops covering Chinese tea ceremonies, calligraphy, traditional Tai Chi wellness, and localized folk opera and Kung Fu arts.

**"One Meal, One Scene, One Story":** Curated dining at historic time-honored brands, non-heritage estates, and scenic private kitchens where gastronomy is paired with traditional cultural performances or panoramic views.

**Premium Luxury Assurances:** Stay at the prestigious 5-star The Peninsula Beijing (or equivalent), chauffeured luxury fleets (Mercedes-S Class or luxury MPVs), dedicated English-speaking guides, 24/7 digital concierges, and professional first-aid support.

**Timeless Rhythms & Slow Exploration:** A seamless blend of majestic imperial architecture, panoramic city vistas, and leisurely walking tours through authentic hutongs to trace the historic pulse of Old Beijing.


**Cherished Cultural Keepsakes:** Curated opportunities during traditional workshops to select refined oriental tea wares and bespoke souvenirs, transforming your journey into tangible memories.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport

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Day 1: Beijing

 Lunch, Dinner

 **08:30–09:00** Your private English-speaking guide and chauffeur welcome you at the hotel lobby for a comfortable transfer to the Palace Museum.

**09:00–12:00 Exclusive Museum Expert Lecture:** A deep-dive exploration of the Central Axis, the Hall of Supreme Harmony, the Palace of Heavenly Purity, the Treasure Gallery, and the Clock Gallery.

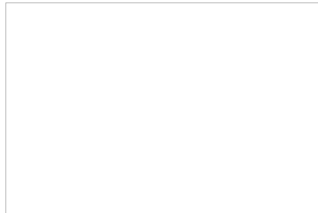
**12:00–14:00** Indulge in an authentic Old Beijing Hotpot at Xiyuanju or Xin Jing Xi Restaurant in Wangfujing—featuring premium local ingredients in an elegant, refined setting.

**14:00–14:30** Drive to the historic Lishi Hutong in Dongsì to visit "Yijian Chashe" (A Serene Tea House).

**14:30–17:00 Bespoke Intangible Cultural Heritage Masterclass:** Immerse yourself in a traditional **Chinese Tea Ceremony & Artistic Calligraphy workshop**. Learn ancient etiquette, savor premium harvests, and wield the traditional brush to feel the charm of Chinese characters. Exquisite tea leaves and artisan teaware are available to purchase as exclusive cultural keepsakes.

**17:00–18:30** Gourmet dinner at Hua's Restaurant (Wangfujing), accompanied by mesmerizing live performances of traditional Chinese **Face-Changing (Bian Lian)** or **Guzheng (Zither)** music.

**18:30–18:45** Private transfer back to your hotel for a restful evening.



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Day 2: Beijing



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



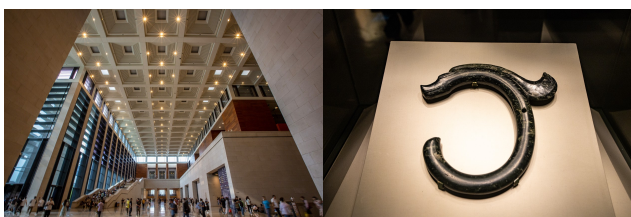
**08:00–09:30** Private transfer to the scenic Mutianyu Great Wall.  
**09:30–13:00** Ascend the **Mutianyu Great Wall** via cable car to marvel at the magnificent, sweeping vistas of this ancient alpine fortification snaking across mountain ridges.  
**13:00–14:00** Savor a curated gourmet lunch at a featured boutique restaurant within the scenic area.  
**14:00–15:30** Private scenic drive to the glorious Summer Palace, the pinnacle of Qing Dynasty imperial garden design.  
**15:30–17:30** A curated stroll through the **Summer Palace**. Wander along the shores of Kunming Lake and the foothills of Longevity Hill; admire the exquisite murals of the Long Corridor and the iconic Marble Boat.  
**17:30–18:30** Drive to the Inner Mongolia Grand Hotel.  
**18:30–20:00** Savor a specialized Inner Mongolian culinary feast, featuring a deep immersion into grassland traditions.  
**20:00–20:30** Private transfer back to your hotel.



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**08:30–09:00** Private transfer to the National Museum of China.  
**09:00–12:00** **National Museum Expert Tour:** An exclusive, scholarly guided tour through the permanent "*Ancient China*" exhibition, offering deep iconographic readings of China's most prized national treasures.



**12:00–14:00** Gourmet lunch at Qingyun·Huai Sijiu Yan (Laofangu Restaurant), celebrating the heritage of non-heritage culinary arts through a masterful fusion of Huaiyang and Beijing cuisines.  
**14:00–16:30** Leisurely walk through **Sanlihe Park**, Dongcheng's romantic "Mini Southern Water Town". Stroll past winding creeks, stone bridges, and historic Guild Halls (*Huiguan*). Participate in an **Intangible Cultural Heritage**

**Masterclass** (choose between crafting traditional herbal sachets, Mortise-and-Tenon wooden joinery, or Velvet Flower art).

**16:30–17:00** Wander through **Qianmen Street**, exploring historic time-honored brands, tasting gourmet snacks, and observing the fusion of heritage and modern pulse.

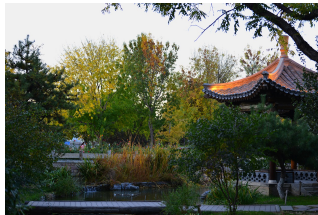
**17:00–18:30** Dine at the legendary *Bianyifang Restaurant* (Qianmen), a time-honored brand celebrated for its centuries-old Menlu (Closed-Oven) Roast Duck technique.

**18:30–18:45** Move to the Qianmen Central Axis “Dangdang” Vintage Tram departure point.

**18:45–20:15 The Golden Central Axis Night Cruise:**

Board a vintage *Dangdang* tram for an immersive night tour along the Central Axis (Qianmen - Drum Tower - Qianmen). Enjoy delicate snacks, light refreshments, and live traditional folk opera on board as the glowing lights of ancient city gates unfold out your window.

**20:15–20:30** Private transfer back to your hotel.





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**09:00–09:30** Private transfer to the Temple of Heaven.

**09:30–12:00 Deep Exploration of the Temple of Heaven:** Expert-guided architectural tour of the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, Circular Mound Altar, Imperial Vault of Heaven, and Divine Music Administration. **Exclusive Tai Chi Wellness Session:** Participate in a private class led by a professional master in a quiet, secluded pine grove, unraveling the links between Tai Chi philosophy, cosmological balance, and imperial rituals.

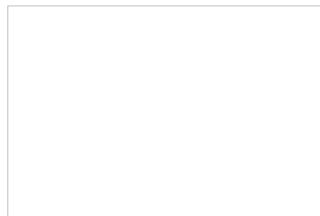
**12:00–13:30** Move to the *Qinian Hong Living Room*, a modern space blending traditional gardens with contemporary design. Enjoy an exquisite fusion lunch at **Guantan Pearl Club (Hongqiao Market)**, featuring unparalleled, open-air terrace vistas looking directly out at the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests and the distant West Mountains.

**13:30–15:30** A curated heritage walk through **Dongjiaominxiang**, one of Beijing's most beautiful historic legation quarters, showcasing European-style architecture, vintage churches, and quiet tree-lined avenues.

**15:30–17:00** Experience a world-class, premium **Acrobatics or Shaolin Kung Fu Stage Spectacular** at the legendary Red Theatre on Xingfu Street (Premium Mid-Front Row seating).

**17:00–18:30** Indulge in a specialized dinner at *Gongdelin*, the centennial time-honored Buddhist vegetarian brand, or *Songhelou* (Taijichang), a master of intangible heritage Suzhou cuisine.

**18:30–19:00** Private transfer back to your hotel.





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**09:00–10:30** Visit the “**Guangzhong**” **Central Axis Local Culture Museum**. Step inside the historic Yuan Dynasty

*Hong'en Taoist Temple* to witness an avant-garde digital art exhibition juxtaposed against ancient timber columns.

**10:30–12:00** Walk to the historic **Drum Tower**. Ascend its steep steps to overlook the grey-tiled gridwork of Old Beijing's hutongs and uncover the complex timekeeping acoustics of the Yuan, Ming, and Qing Dynasties.




**12:00–13:30** Enjoy a premium lunch at *Hetang Dian*, a hidden courtyard restaurant tucked inside a historic princely compound, showcasing modern Beijing fusion cuisine.

**13:30–15:30** A curated stroll through **Nanluoguxiang**, wandering down quiet side-alleys to discover non-heritage artisan boutiques, quiet residential courtyards, and trendy lifestyle spaces.

**15:30–17:00** Explore the historic-meets-modern **Longfusi Street**. Ascend to the 9th-floor **Longfusi Observation Deck** for a breathtaking skyline photography session: look West to spot the golden roofs of the Forbidden City and Jingshan, and turn East to capture the gleaming glass skyscrapers of the CBD.

**17:00–18:30** Dinner at the renowned **Siji Minfu (Forbidden City Branch)**. Savor world-class roast duck right beside the window, overlooking the majestic moat and red ramparts of the Forbidden City.

**18:30–19:00** Private transfer back to your hotel.


6	Day 6: Beijing	<p> Breakfast, Lunch</p> <p> <b>08:30–09:00</b> Check out after breakfast; luggage is securely stowed by your private concierge.</p> <p><b>09:00–09:30</b> Private transfer to the Guozijian area.</p> <p><b>09:30–11:30 Bilingual Cultural Immersion at the Confucius Temple &amp; Imperial Academy (Guozijian):</b> Explore the historic core of China’s imperial examinations and Confucian scholarly lineage. Participate in a traditional scholar’s blessing ritual and craft your own personalized calligraphic bookmark.</p> <p><b>11:30–13:30</b> Enjoy a farewell lunch at <b>Jingyan·Hanlin Academy</b>, a magnificent contemporary Siheyuan courtyard restaurant that beautifully balances classical architectural symmetries with modern interior aesthetics.</p> <p><b>13:30</b> Return to the hotel to retrieve your luggage. Transfer to the airport/train station. Your dedicated coordinator assists with check-in and priority lanes, concluding your ultra-luxury Beijing experience.</p> <div data-bbox="684 728 1329 1160">  </div>
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**Note:** The itinerary timing and sequence of sightseeing are subject to minor changes and adjustments based on local traffic, weather conditions, or museum reservation availability to ensure the best possible guest experience.

## Tour Includes :

- **Hotel Accommodations:** a standard double/twin room at premium 5-star properties (The Peninsula Beijing or verified equivalent), inclusive of daily breakfasts.
- **Private Chauffeured Fleets:** Luxury sedans (Mercedes-Benz S-Class or verified equivalent) allocated for groups of 2; Deluxe 7-seater MPVs (Buick GL8 Luxury Edition or equivalent) for groups of 3-4.
- **Expert Human Resources:** 1 dedicated, fully certified professional English-speaking guide throughout; exclusive National Museum experts for dedicated historical lectures.
- **Admissions:** First-ticket entry fees to all listed landmarks.
- **Gastronomy:** All daily lunches and dinners listed within the itinerary (noted recommended fine-dining venues serve as aesthetic and quality baselines).
- **Premium Guest Care:** Dedicated 24/7 digital butler concierge support, professional on-board first-aid medical kits, and premium chilled mineral water replenished daily.

## Tour Excludes :

- All international and domestic main-line flight or high-speed rail transportation fares to and from Beijing.
- Hotel lodging expenses incurred prior to the night of Day 1.
- Passport, entry visa acquisition, port handling, and customs declaration taxation fees.
- Single room occupancy surcharge fees (applicable if traveling alone or choosing separate rooms).
- All alcoholic beverages, premium wine selections, personal a la carte additions, or unlisted snacks at meals.
- Internal optional scenic spot golf carts, secondary park-in-park tickets, or personal portage services.
- Personal lifestyle expenditures (e.g., laundry, telecom services, souvenir retail purchases, hotel mini-bar).
- Comprehensive travel accident insurance and commercial flight delay insurance (highly recommended to be secured independently).
- All unexpected secondary costs arising from delays, force majeure, flight alterations, weather anomalies, or state

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