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Fascinating Beijing: Imperial Heritage & Modern Wonders Private Tour - 5 Days

Discover the dynamic contrasts of China's capital on this curated 5-day private Beijing tour. Walk through centuries of imperial majesty at the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall, and the sacred Lama Temple. Blend ancient traditions with Beijing's cutting-edge contemporary culture as you explore the Olympic legacy of Shougang Park and the illuminated grounds of Beijing Expo Park.

Tour Highlights

Iconic Imperial Heritage: Stand across monumental **Tian'anmen Square**, discover the palatial halls of the **Forbidden City**, and relax in the lakeside gardens of the **Summer Palace**.
Great Wall Adventure: Traverse the ancient stone watchtowers of the **Great Wall**, surrounded by breathtaking mountain landscapes.
Spiritual Sanctuary: Tour **Lama Temple (Yonghe Temple)**, the largest and best-preserved Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Beijing.
Industrial & Olympic Innovation: Explore **Shougang Park**, an extraordinary modern urban revitalization project featuring the dramatic Big Air Shougang ski-jumping venue.
Vibrant Nightscapes & Shopping: Stroll through buzzing **Wangfujing Street** and marvel at evening light displays at **Beijing Expo Park**.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Arrival in Beijing	airport - hotel transfer in Beijing

2	Day 2 Beijing | Forbidden City & Summer Palace	breakfast, lunch **Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City (UNESCO), The Summer Palace (UNESCO)** Stand in the heart of modern China at the world's largest public square, a site of profound historical significance and grand architectural scale. Walk into or drive through (sedan/minivan) Tian'anmen Square to marvel at its iconic surroundings, including the Monument to the People's Heroes and the Great Hall of the People. Constructed from 1406 at the very centre of Beijing, the Palace Museum is more widely known as the Forbidden City. Previously home to 24 different emperors, it is the largest palace complex in the world at approximately 720,000 square metres. Note: Closed on Mondays. In case of closure or ticket unavailability, the itinerary adjusts to Jingshan Park for a premier panoramic view overlooking the entire Forbidden City. This Qing Dynasty (1636-1912) imperial palace and garden (1636-1912) is the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China. Modelled on the West Lake in Hangzhou and borrowing design techniques and artistic ideas from the gardens of Jiangnan south of the Yangtze River, this landscaped park offers the perfect summer retreat. **Good to know:** Usually the guide service for a full day tour is about from 9:00 to 17:00, and the evening time is on your own. If needed, your guide is happy to offer some tips or help you buy tickets for evening entertainment. **Ideas for leisure time:** If you are interested in Chinese Kung Fu, the Legend of Kung Fu is a good choice for tonight. It is stunning Kung Fu show with a great story line and martial arts skills.
3	Day 3 Beijing | Great Wall & Beijing Expo Park	breakfast, lunch **The Great Wall (UNESCO), Beijing Expo Park Lantern Art Festival** The Great Wall is the largest ancient defensive project ever undertaken in China and even the world. Built continuously over 2,000 years starting in the Western Zhou Dynasty (1046-771 BC), the Great Wall now snakes its way across vast areas of northern and central China and has a total length of more than 20,000 km. The wall is a physical illustration of the Chinese philosophy of defending and tolerating rather than expanding and invading. Beijing Expo Park Lantern Art Festival features 170 sets of large-scale lighting installations and some 3,900 lanterns. Visitors can admire the exhibitions while walking along its 3-kilometer-long sightseeing route at the park. The duration of the exhibition is from Jan.15 to Oct.15, 2023.

4	Day 4 Beijing | Lama Temple & Shougang Park	breakfast, lunch **Lama Temple, Shougang Park, Wangfujing Street** The Lama Temple has a reputation of the largest and best-preserved Tibetan Buddhist Lamasery in Beijing. The building and artwork of the lama Temple is a combination of Han and Tibetan styles. The Shougang Park is a symbol of urban regeneration. Established in 1919, it used to be a steel factory. Smokestacks, blast furnaces and other factory and warehouse remains are now surrounded by expansive greenery, sports facilities, commercial buildings and modern offices. You can't miss the Big Air Shougang, which is an important venue legacy of Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. Wangfujing Street is a pedestrianized shopping street. It is home to upscale shopping malls, souvenir shops and street foods. You may find lots of dining options and shops for all kinds of budgets here.
5	Day 5 Beijing Departure	hotel - airport transfer in Beijing breakfast

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What makes Shougang Park a unique stop on this Beijing itinerary?
A: Once a massive steel mill, Shougang Park was transformed into a stunning futuristic urban complex and Olympic venue for the 2022 Winter Games, offering a striking contrast of raw industrial heritage and cutting-edge modern architecture.

Q: Which section of the Great Wall will we visit during this tour?
A: We typically arrange visits to Mutianyu or Badaling. Mutianyu is especially favored by international guests for its restored watchtowers, cable cars, toboggan rides, and less crowded pathways.

Q: Are evening performances or activities available during our stay?
A: Yes, your private guide can assist with optional evening entertainment such as a traditional Peking Roast Duck feast, a dynamic Chinese Kung Fu performance, or an acrobatic show.

Q: Is this 5-day tour eligible under the 240-hour visa-free transit policy?
A: Yes, travelers from eligible nations arriving at Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK) or Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX) can easily utilize the visa-free transit policy for this 5-day tour.

Tour Includes :

-- Private English-speaking tour guide
-- Private Air-conditioned coach
-- Land transfers between airport and hotel
-- Entrance tickets as listed
-- Lunch as listed
-- Hotel with daily breakfast

Tour Excludes :

-- Cable car of the Great Wall
-- International flights with airport tax
-- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
-- Tips for guides and drivers
-- China Visa
-- Travel insurance

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