

Hiking Tour on the Great Wall

Departure: Daily (Suitable Time: from June to Oct.)

This is a "Private Tour Group", it means you have your private car (or bus) and driver, sightseeing with your private local English speaking tour guide, no stranger tourists in the group.



Hiking on the Great Wall for

nine days is design for the Great wall lover. Built to ward off enemies in ancient times, today the Great Wall brings together people from all corners of the world. Hiking along the Great Wall, is substantially different than simply making the usual short visit. You will not only accept a challenge physically, but also obtain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Chinese history and culture, as well as man's creative power. In the tour, we will start from the Old Dragon Head in Hebei province, the eastern starting point of the Ten-thousand-li Great Wall, to Huangyaguan Pass in Tianjin, and trek on to Simatai, Jinshanling and Gubeikou in Beijing. The sections of the Wall you will visit are typical in architecture, scenery, wildness, and military importance. The total length we will trek in the trip is about 80km. Some part of the wall is too broken to walk, please prepared to experience some hardship on the way. You have the chance to visit and explore beautiful sections of the Great Wall that most people will never see.

[GW-CA-004] Trekking on The Great Wall (9 days)

Day01 Arrive in Beijing

Meet and greet at the airport of Beijing. Transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, we will have a brief meeting: we will show you the equipment and food we have prepared for you and check whether there is any personal item needed. And the rest of the time is left for you to shop in the outdoor store for what missing. Stay in 3-star hotel in Beijing. (D)

Day02 Beijing-Old Dragon Head-Shanhaiguan-Jiaoshan

Drive from Beijing to the Old Dragon Head in Qinghuangdao City. The Old Dragon Head is

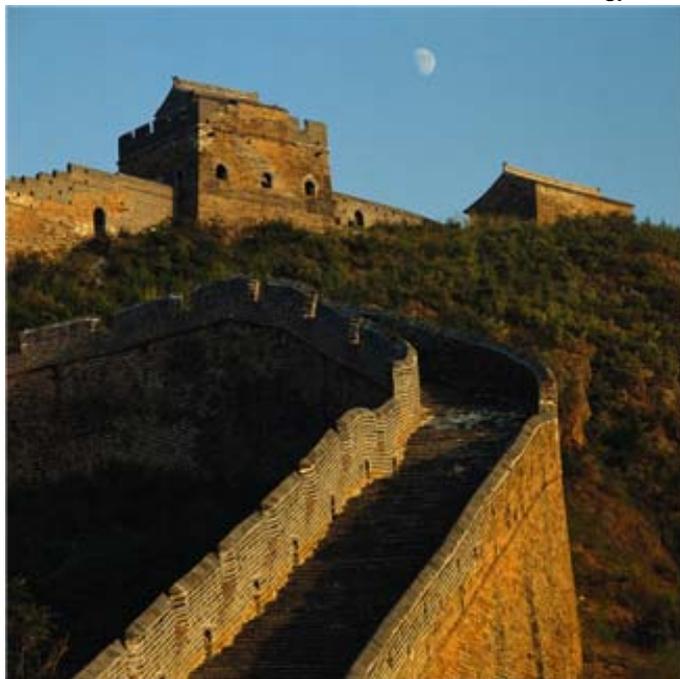
in the very eastern end of the Great Wall, where it plunges into the sea. It was built in the Ming Dynasty by General Xu Da. The martial constructions lasted from the beginning to the end of Ming Dynasty. In the Qin Dynasty, invaders destroyed the Old Dragon Head for military purpose. In 1985, the government took effective measures to repair the Old Dragon Head. We will start here and trek northwest first to Shanhaiguan Pass, the first Pass Under Heaven along the Wall. It was the east gate of the ancient city. The original name was Zhen Dong, which means the safety of the east. In fact the name of Shanhaiguan not only refers to the tower or the ancient city, but also a complete military defense system, which includes the Great Wall stretching out for 26 km with 10 passes. We shall visit the Great Wall Museum. Then trek up to the foot of Jiaoshan Great Wall. Today we walk along the wall for about 5kms and the wall is on the plain so it is not difficult. We can camp at foot of Jiaoshan Great Wall or drive to a hotel. (B-L-D)

Day03 Jiaoshan-Sandaoguan

Watch sun-rising on the top of the Wall. Today is the first day we trek the unprepared wild wall. Be prepared to trek up and down of the mountains. It is a hard work. (about 5kms, 5-6hours walking). On this section of the Great Wall you can see the Great Wall just like hanging along the mountain ranges. Have box lunch on the mountain. Bus will meet at Sandaoguan Great Wall, and drive to Qinfa Holiday Hotel. (B-L-D)

Day04 Sandaoguan-Dongjiakou-Chengziyu-Great Wall Village

After breakfast in the hotel we will drive to Dongjiakou, This section of the Great Wall is



located to the northeast of Funing County, which is 38 miles from downtown-Qinhuangdao. As an important strategic point, this section fortified with 36 turrets, 28 ramparts and 16 beacon towers with a total length of 8.5 miles(we could walk part of it). The highest altitude is 556m. Trek from Dongjiakou to Chengziyu. The architectural forms of the Great Wall are various. Some the relief carvings on the arched gateways are scanty in China, because this is the vivid embodiment of the culture from south China, which

General Qi brought in from Fujian Province. In the morning about 2 and half hours trekking then walking down of the wall and have lunch in a farmer's house. After lunch Trekking from Chengziyu to Great Wall Village and then get down the wall to the bus. (About one and half hours walking in the afternoon). Then drive to Qinfa Holiday Hotel. (B-L-D)

Day05 Great Wall Village-Luweishan-Liujia kou-Zunhua

After breakfast drive to Luweishan about 130kms, and 2-hour driving. Start trekking along the wild wall from Luweishan to Liujia kou where is a water pass. (About 4-5kms, and about 5 hours walking). Bus meets at Liujia kou and then drive to Zunhua. Stay overnight at Zunhua International Hotel. (B-L-D)

Day06 Zunhua-East Qing Tomb-Huangyaguan Section

After breakfast, visit the East Qing Tomb, where Cixi and other emperors are buried. After lunch drive to Huangyaguan, another important pass on the Wall. We will stay in the hostel at the bottom of the wall, in the late afternoon, hike the eastern part of the wall and then wondering around the pass city. (B-L-D)

Day07 Huangyaguan Section-Simatai Section

Get up in the early morning to hike up the west part of this section. Later in the morning we will drive from Huangyaguan to Simatai, passing Miyun County and have lunch there. After arrival at Simatai, check in the hostel at the bottom of the Wall, where you will have a great view of the Wall on the steep mountain out of your window. Late afternoon we start out for the eastern part of the Wall (one of the most steep part on the Wall) and enjoy the breath-taking sun-setting view on top of the Mountain. It took us three-four hours up and back. (B-L-D)

Day08 Simatai Section-Jinshanling Section

Today we will trek westward for about 12km on the wild wall until we arrive at our camping site in Jinshanling Section. Have picnic lunch on the way. Camp on the Wall or stay overnight at Jinshanlin hostel. (B-L-D)

Day09 Jinshanling Section-Gubeikou Section (BL)

Continue trek west from Jinshanling Section to General Tower in Gubeikou, on the way, you will pass a military area where you have to trek a short distance country road away from the wall. Today's trekking is easy because the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall is still kept well. At the end of the trek, drive back to Beijing. Stay at a 3 star hotel for a comfortable shower and sleep.