

China Porcelain Tour

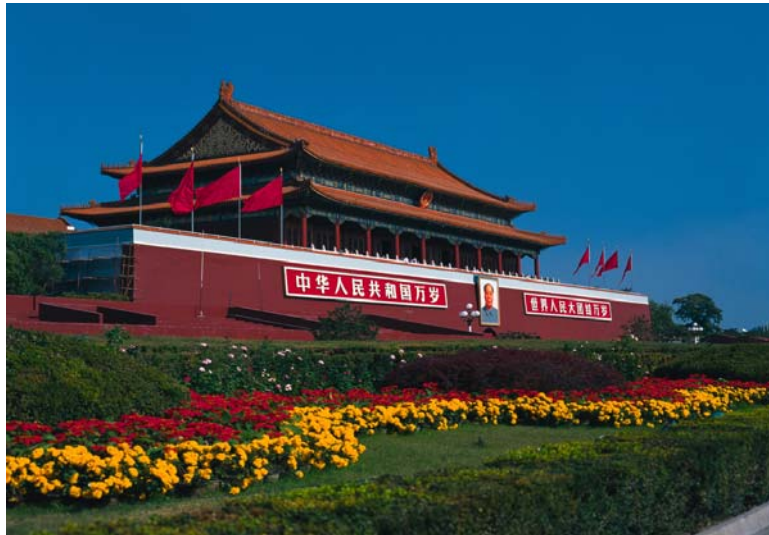
[GW-TCP-001] Beijing-Jingdezhen-Shanghai (8 days)

Day01 Arrive in Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. Meet your guide upon arrival and be transferred to your comfortable hotel. (D)

Day02 Beijing

Begin the day's activity with a visit to **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest urban square in the world. Then, move on to visit the Imperial Palace, also known as the "**Forbidden City**", the biggest palace complex in the world. There is abundant porcelain treasure collection in Forbidden City, both on quantity and quality. In the afternoon, visit the **Temple of Heaven** where the emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for good harvest. You will have an opportunity to visit **Liulichang**, a small street lined with some antique stores. (B-L-D)



Day03 Beijing

Today's highlight is your visit to **the Great Wall**, one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" and a symbol of Chinese civilization. Just like a gigantic dragon, the Great Wall winds up and down across mountains. A short drive away is the statue-lined **Shenlu (Spirit Road)** leading to

the **Ming Tombs**, here you can see some marvelous stone sculptures. The Ming Tombs area is for deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. A **Peking Duck Dinner** concludes your full day activities in China. (B-L-D)

Day04 Beijing-Jingdezhen

After breakfast, visit the enchanting **Summer Palace**, one of China's largest and best-preserved royal gardens, where you can have a walk along the famous Long Corridor. You will also take a ride in rickshaw through some old "**Hutongs**", lanes or alleys formed by lines of Siheyuan (a compound with houses around a courtyard). Then, take a late afternoon flight to Jingdezhen, the capital of "China Porcelain". (B-L)

Day05 Jingdezhen

Today is for your professional trip. After breakfast, pay a visit **Jingdezhen Ceramics Museum**, a special museum of Chinese ceramics. This museum, seized about 18,000 collections, showed the ceramic development history of Jingdezhen. Move on to visit

Jingdezhen Ceramic History Museum, composed of historical museum and ancient kiln workshop. Here the visitors learn the history behind the city, famed for its ceramics. Then, visit **Hutian Ancient Kiln Site** which represents the development of porcelain-making techniques, artistic quality and production scale, and provides important concrete materials for the research into the developing history of Chinese porcelain. Also the **Gaoling Mountain Original Kaolin Mine** near the village of Gaoling. In China, the name "Gaoling" or "Kaoling" has been for centuries the term for the clay of porcelains. In this busy day, you also



have some opportunity to make ceramics on your own. (B-L-D)

Day06 Jingdezhen-Shanghai

Today's highlight is visiting the **Pottery & Porcelain Sculpturing Factory**, the **Chinaware Trading Mansion** where is the heaven for tasting, appreciating and purchasing of chinaware. Then, you will visit **Longzhu Pavilion**, located at the top of Mt. Pearl, known as the imperial ceramic kiln in Ming and Qing dynasties. Then, fly to Shanghai in the late afternoon. Be transferred to the hotel on arrival. (B-L-D)

Day07 Shanghai

After breakfast, visit marvelous **Shanghai Museum**, a leading attraction of the city since it opened in 1994, containing some priceless collections of paintings, porcelains and bronzes. Then, visit **the Bund**, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Jin Mao Tower can be seen on the opposite side. The splendid row of early 20th century Europe buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Pay a visit to fascinating **Yuyuan Garden**, a well-restored Suzhou-style garden, and take a walk through the Old Town filled with antique markets and specialty stores. A fabulous **Acrobatic Show** concludes your first day in Shanghai. (B-L-D)

Day08 Depart from Shanghai

Be transferred to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. (B)