

GIGWAY TRAVEL PROMOTIONS

Curated Journeys to China

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Ancient Capitals to Modern Metropolis

Route: Beijing → Xi'an → Shanghai

Duration: 11 Days / 10 Nights

Bespoke starting point — fully customisable with your tour specialist

Gigway Travel Promotions — Bespoke China Tours

TOUR PROFILE

Categories:

History & Heritage City & Modern Culture & Arts Food & Flavour

Departure: Includes return connection to Beijing for your international flight, or direct departure from an international gateway city of your choice.

Customisation: Cities, pace, duration (8-30+ days) and budget all adjustable — contact our tour specialist.

Best travel window: Sep-Oct & Apr-May (all cities weather-tolerant)

INTER-CITY TRANSPORT — FLIGHT / TRAIN / CAR TIMES

Leg	Flight	Train	Private Car	Recommended
Beijing → Xi'an	2h 10m	4h 30m–5h	~11–12h	Train — city-centre to city-centre
Xi'an → Shanghai	2h–2h 30m	6–7h	~13–15h	Flight

Daily Mobility Ratings

Gentle Mostly flat, smooth paths, seating available **Moderate** Uneven ground, some steps, longer walks **Active** Climbs, stairs, higher elevations; accessible alternatives noted

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day	Location	Highlights	Local Transport	Mobility
1	Beijing	Arrive Beijing · private airport transfer · hotel check-in · welcome dinner <i>Airport transfer; rest day to adjust to time zone.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
2	Beijing	Tiananmen Square · Forbidden City · Jingshan Park panorama · imperial food walk <i>Extensive walking on uneven stone paths; many steps at Jingshan.</i>	Private vehicle	Moderate
3	Beijing	Mutianyu Great Wall (cable car & toboggan optional) · Summer Palace · tea ceremony <i>Great Wall has inclines & uneven steps; cable car/buggy reduce effort. Summer Palace = gentle.</i>	Private vehicle	Active
4	Transfer	Transfer Beijing → Xi'an ·	2h 10m · 4h 30m–5h ·	Gentle

		Recommended: Train — city-centre to city-centre	~11–12h	
5	Xi'an	Arrive Xi'an · transfer · City Wall sunset bike or stroll · Muslim Quarter food tour <i>City Wall top is flat & wide; Muslim Quarter = busy, cobbled lanes.</i>	Private vehicle	Moderate
6	Xi'an	Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum · Huaqing Hot Springs · Tang Dynasty show (optional) <i>Museum is fully accessible with ramps & flat walkways; shuttle inside site.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
7	Xi'an	Big Wild Goose Pagoda · Shaanxi History Museum · ancient Tang street evening <i>Pagoda climb optional (steep stairs); ground level fully accessible.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
8	Transfer	Transfer Xi'an → Shanghai · Recommended: Flight	2h–2h 30m · 6–7h · ~13–15h	Gentle
9	Shanghai	Arrive Shanghai · transfer · The Bund evening walk · Huangpu River cruise (optional) <i>Bund promenade is flat & wide; river cruise = fully seated.</i>	Private vehicle	Gentle
10	Shanghai	Yu Garden & Old Town · Shanghai Museum · Xintiandi · acrobatics/era show evening <i>Old Town has cobblestones & steps in garden; museum fully accessible.</i>	Vehicle + metro	Moderate
11	Shanghai	Shanghai Tower observation deck · French Concession stroll · local brunch · farewell dinner <i>Flat city walking; lifts to observation deck; pace adjustable.</i>	Vehicle + metro	Gentle
Departure	Transfer	Return flight or train to Beijing · private transfer to airport · international flight home (we recommend arriving Beijing the day before)	Morning departure from final city; same-day or overnight in Beijing as preferred · we book the connection and airport transfer.	Gentle

IMPORTANT MOBILITY & PLANNING NOTES

- All three cities are highly accessible with flat metro & lifts; Great Wall section chosen for gentler gradient.
- Xi'an City Wall biking optional — walking or electric cart available.

What's Included / Not Included

Included	Not Included
✓ Accommodation as specified (4★/5★ or boutique)	✗ International flights
✓ Private ground transport & all transfers	✗ Internal flights (available as add-on)
✓ Local licensed English-speaking expert guides	✗ Personal expenses, meals not listed, tips
✓ Daily breakfast + selected meals as noted	✗ Visa fees
✓ All listed entrance fees & experiences	✗ Travel insurance (highly recommended)
✓ 24/7 on-location support throughout your journey	✗ Optional upgrades & extra activities

READY TO BUILD THIS JOURNEY?

This is a curated starting point. Tell us your preferred dates, group size, and special wishes — our tour specialist will send a fully personalised draft itinerary within 24 business hours, tailored to your budget.

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