

## Post-AGM07 Tours

### Beijing: An introduction



Beijing, present-day China's capital whose population hit the 15 million mark in 2004, has become a very popular tourist destination. The city's central axis is 7.5 km long, cutting through Beijing from North to South. Along this central line are Yongding Gate, Qianmen Gate and Tian'anmen.

Tian'anmen, the Gate of Heavenly Peace, is the front entrance to the Imperial City. Going North through Tian'anmen, you arrive at the Forbidden City. On the South end of this axis, are the Temple of Heaven and Xiannongtan Temple. Almost all of Beijing's streets are constructed according to this axis. Take a walk along the axis to appreciate the harmony of the design and, if you want to get know Beijing better, explore the windy alleys (known as *Hutongs*) between the city's main boulevards.



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### Main tourist attraction

#### **Forbidden City (Dongcheng District)**



The Forbidden City (*Zijincheng*), also known as the Imperial Palace (*Gugong*) and the Palace Museum, is the largest and best-preserved collection of ancient buildings in China depicting the history of each of China's dynasties. You enter the Palace through Tian'anmen Gate and proceed through Wumen (Meridian Gate) which leads you to the heart of the complex, a large Palace courtyard. Hereafter, the complex is divided into two sections: the Inner Court or the living quarters, and the Outer Court or the working area. The Palace courtyard contains the "stream of golden water" and five bridges, all decorated with carved torches, traditional symbols of masculinity. The Outer Court is guarded by a row of lions protecting the Gate of Supreme Harmony.

### Tian'anmen Square (Dongcheng District)



Tian'anmen Square is at the heart of Beijing and is the largest urban square in the world. It is 880 meters from North to South and 500 meters from East to West; it can accommodate up to one million people. Tian'anmen is where Mao declared the founding of the People's Republic and is the focal point of Chinese political life making it a must-see for Beijing visitors. Here, the Chinese flag is raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset when PLA soldiers march up and down at 108 paces per minute!

### The Temple of Heaven (Chongwen District)

On leaving the Forbidden City, follow in the footsteps of emperors, court ministers and eunuchs and head South to the magnificent and colorful Temple of Heaven (*Tiantan*), China's largest temple and altar complex. While the bi-annual procession of thousands of eunuchs and ministers no longer takes place, the Temple of Heaven and Tiantan Park are still delightful places to visit.



### The Badaling Great Wall



The Great Wall at Simatai is famous for being both stunning and slightly perilous! This section of the wall is fascinating - it is the only remaining part of the Great Wall that maintains its original Ming Dynasty appearance and has been listed by UNESCO as one of the most important cultural relics in the world. It is 19km long with 35 watch towers. The Great Wall at Simatai is situated Northeast of Beijing near Gubeikou Town in Miyun County.

## **Xiaotangshan Modern Agriculture Science and Technology Park**

Established in 1998, the Beijing Xiaotangshan modern agricultural science and technology demonstration park is the first agricultural project approved by the Capital Programming Committee. It integrates agricultural project programming and small town construction planning. It is the only national agricultural



park in Beijing and has a total area is 111.6 sq km. The park was named Beijing Changping National Agricultural Science and Technology Park by the 6th National Ministry in 2001. The park seeks to improve the ecological environment and the quality of life of urban and rural residents. Based on the park's unique geothermal resources, the park represents an urban agriculture sightseeing area and tourism-oriented high-tech agriculture. Tourists from Thailand, Brunei, the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, the Netherlands and France, have visited the park since its opening.

## **Institute of Crop Science and the Institute of Vegetables and Flowers, CAAS**

**(Information forthcoming)**

### Tentative Itinerary

Tour Line	Four-Day Business Tour of Beijing
<b>Day 1/ Dec.7</b>	<b>Beijing</b>
08:00-09:00	Breakfast at Hotel
09:00-09:30	Film screening: An introduction to CAAS
09:30-10:30	Visit to the Institute of Crop Science, CAAS
10:30-11:30	Visit to the Institute of Vegetables and Flowers, CAAS
12:00-13:30	Lunch (Chinese-style banquet)
14:00-17:00	Visit to The Summer Palace
18:00-19:30	Dinner (Chinese-style banquet)
<b>Day 2/ Dec.8</b>	<b>Beijing</b>
07:30-08:30	Breakfast at Hotel
09:00-11:30	Visit the Tian'anmen Square and the Forbidden City
12:00-13:30	Lunch (Beijing Roast Duck of Quanjude)
13:30-17:00	Visit to the Temple of Heaven
17:30-18:30	Dinner (Chinese-style banquet)
19:30-20:30	After-dinner show: Chinese Kungfu
<b>Day 3/ Dec.9</b>	<b>Beijing</b>
07:30-08:30	Breakfast at Hotel
09:00-11:30	Visit to the Jade Processing Place and the Badaling Great Wall
12:00-13:30	Lunch (Chinese-style banquet)
14:00-16:00	Visit to Xiaotangshan Modern Agriculture Science and Technology Park
18:00-20:00	Dinner (Chinese-style banquet)
<b>Day 4/ Dec.10</b>	<b>Beijing</b>
07:30- 08:30	Breakfast at Hotel
12:00	Check out of Hotel and proceed to Airport for return flight

**The above itinerary is for reference only; the itinerary will be confirmed subject to the scheduled flight prior to your departure. (The itinerary will be changed according to the real situation.)**

Price includes:

- All local transport to the various destinations including hotels, tourist attractions, guided tours;
- Buffet breakfast, Chinese lunch and dinner as specified in the itinerary;
- All admission fees to tourist spots included in the itinerary;
- English-speaking tour guide; driver & tour guide tip US \$ 5 per person per day
- Travel insurance

Price excludes:

- Personal expenses
- incidental expenses
- Hotel

**Tentative departure date: Dec.7 (Registration should be completed 15 days before tour departure)**

**Price: USD185/ Person**

**The price applies to a tour group of no less than ten persons**



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