



## GW125 - Small Group Iconic Great Wall Hiking

### 2-day at Gubeikou & Jinshanling led by local farmer guide

#### PRICE

USD 268 per adult (13+)

Group size over 8 please contact us for a better rate. Private groups can be customised upon request.

**Guaranteed departures: Mon/Fri from 15 March to 15 November**

You can select your own dates if you're a group of minimum 2 people.

**BOOKING:** [customer@greatwallhiking.com](mailto:customer@greatwallhiking.com)

#### TRIP NOTES

**Trip name:** Small Group Iconic Great Wall Hiking

**Trip code:** GW125

**Trip length:** 2 days

**Hiking route:** Gubeikou & Jinshanling

**Meeting time:** 08:00 am; the traffic in Beijing is very busy in morning rush hours, please make your own way at least 15 minutes earlier; it's difficult to wait for your late arrival as a group tour

**Meeting point:** Exit C, Dongzhimen Station, Subway Line 2. 地铁2号线东直门站C出口

**Meeting directions:** Our driver will hold a blue Great Wall Hiking logo at Exit C.

**Finishing time:** 17:00-18:00 depending on the traffic on Day 2

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**Hiking duration:** 3.5 hours on Day 1, 4.5 hours on Day 2

**Hiking distance:** 6 km on Day 1, 9 km on Day 2

**Physical rating:** ★★★☆☆ **Moderate**

**Highlights:**

- \*Wild Great Wall at Coiling Dragon Hill at Gubeikou
- \*Partially restored Great Wall at Jinshanling
- \*Stunning photo opportunity of the Great Wall
- \*No hidden cost; no unscheduled or mandatory shopping stops
- \*Comfortable sleeping at local guesthouse
- \*Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 2 people

#### Included:

- return air-con & comfortable vehicle from Beijing
- entrance tickets of the Great Wall at Gubekou & Jinshanling
- twin-shared comfortable accommodation at local farmer's guesthouse at Gubeikou village
- group local farmer guide on site, limited English-speaking
- 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

#### Not included:

- travel insurance
- personal expenses



- tipping of local farmer guide/driver recommended on good service on a 2:1 ratio separately (CNY100: 50 per day per group can be a guideline)

### **What to take:**

comfortable shoes or boots, sunscreen, sun-glasses, lip balm, cap, day pack

## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

Escape from crowds and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience with us on the Great Wall!

### **Day 1 Beijing, Gubeikou to Jinshanling West**

Meet you up by our driver at 8am and then drive to Gubeikou. You will start the hiking around 10:30 am, and it will take about 3.5 hours/6km from Gubeikou to Jinshanling West. You will have a picnic lunch on the way. The driver will take you back to the village. You're free to explore the village in the afternoon. You will learn making dumplings instructed by the host. The dinner is served with dumplings and other local produces together.

Gubeikou, along with the passes at Shanhaiguan in the east and Juyongguan in the west, was a key strategic target in military campaigns since ancient times. Protecting these three passes was considered vital for keeping Beijing safe from the Mongolian nomads. There was also a fierce battle between Chinese and Japanese in the 2nd World War. The vistas of the sinuous Wall snaking its way over the ridges of the Yanshan Mountain are breathtaking.

The main Wall here has decayed (we will walk through 8 intact watchtowers ) and only the foundation is left. It is relatively flat trail instead of many stairs on the Wall. The unrestored wall, the watch towers, the beacon towers snake on the mountain from east to west.

Meals: picnic lunch/dinner with dumplings

Accommodation: local farmer's guesthouse at Gubeikou village

### **Day 2 Jinshanling West to East, Beijing**

We will drive to Jinshanling West where we finished the day before at 08:00, and start the hike at 08:30. It's the right time to produce amazing photographs. At this time there are usually no other tourists on the wall, you have the wall to yourself. It will take about 4.5 hours/9km hiking on the wall. There are many steps and ups & downs. We will get off the wall near Kylin Tower and then a late lunch is organised at local restaurant.

This section offers arguably the finest hiking anywhere on the Great Wall. It is extremely photogenic, with over 30 watch-towers, and steep gradients that give constantly changing perspectives and wide, open views. There is fascinating variety in the watchtowers here. Some have two storeys, others three. Some have flat roofs, others rounded and others again are pitched with upturned eaves. This section of the wall is wild, ruined, preserved and original. On a clear day, it is difficult to fail to take good photographs here.

Our farmer host will say goodbye to us after lunch. The driver will bring you back to the city afterward.



Meals: breakfast/lunch

**Notes:**

- You will hike the Wall from A to B every day and your belongings will go with the car/van directly to the accommodation, and you need a day pack to carry water, snacks and other stuff.
- Travel insurance is optional and is the sole responsibility of travellers. It is strongly encouraged to have coverage of injury or accident.
- There is no toilet along the path on the Wall. There are toilets at the entrance of Gubeikou and Jinshanling East, otherwise be prepared to commune with nature. Please prepare before hiking and always carry toilet paper by yourself.
- Unlimited bottled waters are stored in our car/van every day.
- We will bring trekking poles in our car/van and please tell your guide/driver if you need one.
- It's recommended to prepare some snacks before your departure from Beijing if you don't like snickers.
- As responsible travelers, we "take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprint"

**PAYMENT**

We accept credit card payment via Paypal which is safe and fast. **We do not store any info of your credit card and PayPal will secure your personal info.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Days before departure	Charge applicable
not less than 14 days	loss of deposit
between 7 days and 13 days	loss of 50% of the total booking cost or loss of deposit; whichever is the greater
6 days or less	loss of total booking cost