



GWPS23- Hiking and Sleeping by the Great Wall (private)

2-day at Jinshanling & Gubeikou

PRICES

Group size	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price/USD each	285	295	310	320	330	365	385	595

For group sizes over 9 please send us an email request to obtain the best possible rate.

Sorry, there's no discount for children as all camping gears have to be carried uphill by local farmers and there's no difference between adults and children regarding camping gears.

Remember when comparing price, you get what you pay for. We don't earn money by taking you to commissioned shopping stops, a common practice in China, wasting your time. Our guides are carefully selected, highly trained and well-paid to be friendly and patient travel companions. We are not the cheapest, but we are one of the best.

BOOKING: customer@greatwallhiking.com

WHY US?

- Great Wall hiking specialist with western standard service
- No hidden cost; no unscheduled or mandatory shopping stops
- Licensed tour guides and experienced drivers; safe and comfortable vehicles
- Your satisfaction and safety is our priority
- Responsible travel

TRIP NOTES

Trip name: Hiking and Sleeping by the Great Wall (2-day private)

Trip code: GWPS23

Trip length: 2 days

Hiking route: Jinshanling & Gubeikou

Meeting point & time: at your hotel on Day 1 at 08:00am in June/July/August, 09:30 am in April/October, 10:00am in May/September.

Finishing point & time: 15:00 at your hotel on Day 2

Hiking duration: 4 hours on Day 1, 4 hours on Day 2

Best time to go: late March to early November

Highlights:

- *Hiking on partially restored section of the Great Wall at Jinshanling
- *Hiking on original and untouched section of the Great Wall at Gubeikou
- *Sleeping by the Great Wall
- *Amazing sunrise & sunset by the Great Wall
- *Stunning photo opportunity of the Great Wall
- *Countryside-style food at local farmer's restaurant



Physical rating: ★★★★★ **Moderate**

Departure: your selected date, start and finish in Beijing, all year round

Included:

- air-con vehicle with experienced driver
- personal expert English-speaking hiking tour guide
- entrance fees for the Great Wall
- Camping gears: twin-share tent, 1 sleeping bag/1 rolling mat per person
- bottled water; snacks; meals as listed
- a certificate of completion for hiking on the Great Wall of China

Not included:

- travel insurance
- any other additional local facilities
- personal expenses
- tipping to hiking guide/driver recommended on good service on a 2:1 ratio separately

What to take:

comfortable **hiking boots**, sunscreen, sun-glasses, lip balm, cap, day pack

Notes:

- There is no toilet along the path on the Wall. There are toilets at the entrance of Jinshanling & Gubeikou. Please prepare before hiking and always carry toilet paper by yourself.
- Bottled waters are stored in our car/van today, and you need a day pack to carry them.
- We will bring trekking poles in our car/van and please tell your guide if you need one.
- It's recommended to prepare some snacks before departure from Beijing if you don't like snickers.
- **We're not able to guarantee good weather.** If the weather is really bad (heavy rain or thunderstorm in June/July/August) at night, we will shift you to a local guesthouse without additional charge.
- Travel insurance is optional and is the sole responsibility of travellers. It is encouraged to have coverage of injury or accident.
- **Luggages:** you can carry a light daypack for the hiking, and put all other washing stuff and changing clothes in one bag which will be taken to the dinner courtyard by the host; the rest of luggages will be stored in the van and you won't see it until the next day after hiking.
- As responsible travellers, we "take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprint".

Customized pick-up & drop-off:

If you plan the hike on the first or last day of your duration in Beijing, we can include a customized pick-up or drop-off at the following points without additional cost. It's safe to store your luggage at our car/van.

Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK): arrival before 7am or departure after 4pm

Beijing Railway Station: arrival before 8am or departure after 4pm

Beijingxi (West) Railway Station (train to/from Xi'an): arrival before 8am or departure after 4:30pm

Beijing Fengtai Railway Station (train to/from Pingyao/Datong): arrival before 8am or departure after 4:30pm



Beijingnan (South) Railway Station (train to/from Shanghai): arrival before 8am or departure after 5pm

Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX) is a little further out of the city. Please email us for customized pick-up & drop-off. Additional cost is applied.

DETAILED ITINERARY

If you want to sleep by the Great Wall and also walk longer on the Great Wall, this would fit your expectation perfectly! Both Jinshanling and Gubeikou are the most photogenic sections of the Great Wall near Beijing. Furthermore, it's less-visited all year round. The Wall snakes from east to west along the Yanshan Mountain range and disappears in far distance. There are many ups and downs, as well as some big and steep steps. You have to be prepared for this lifetime adventure!

Day 1: Beijing - Jinshanling - campsite (4 hours/8km hiking)

Pick you up at your Beijing hotel and drive 2.5 hours to Jinshanling. A 40-minute walking up will lead you to East-Five-Eye watchtower. You may take a few breaths before reaching the Wall, and will be rewarded by the breathtaking panoramic view of this amazing human constructions. Once standing on the top of the Wall, you could see Simatai, Jinshanling and Gubeikou in a clear day, what a spectacular view! We will walk mainly on brick steps at Jinshanling section and some of them are big. This section of the Wall is very popular among keen photographers for its intact watchtowers, beacon towers and other solid constructions. The steps rise up and down constantly and scenery is changing at every watchtower. Take a short break and some photos here, we will then walk westward. We will get through Shalingkou and Zhuanduokou and then off the Wall at Taochunkou. A half-hour walking downhill will come to a farmer's house in the valley, where we will have a simple home-made dinner here due to limited supply of food materials in this isolated location. Basic shower is available in summer. Our host will lift up all camping gears to the campsite after dinner. We will go up to the campsite in 20 minutes. Torch is necessary to find your way at night. You have to go to toilet before ascending the Wall.

Camping gears: twin-shared tent, 1 sleeping bag, 1 rolling mat and 1 pillow per person

Meals: sandwiches lunch/dinner

Accommodation: camping by the Great Wall

Day 2: Campsite - Gubeikou - Beijing (4 hours/8km hiking)

Wake up by the Great Wall as the sun rises around you. It's the right time to produce amazing photographs. At this time there are usually no other people, and you have the wall to yourself. We will come downhill to the farmhouse for breakfast and bathroom.

We will walk on hilly path and then farming field toward Gubeikou after breakfast for 1.5 hours. Coming back to the Wall again at 24-Eye Watchtower at Gubeikou, we could see the panoramic view of the Crouching Tiger Hill in a distance if weather permits. The rest of 2.5 hours' walking on the Dragon Hill is relatively flat and easier. A lunch will be served in a local farmer restaurant. We will drive 2.5 hours back to Beijing.

Meals: breakfast/lunch

Jinshanling & Gubeikou Great Wall

Jinshanling is the name given to the wall situated on the Jinshan Mountains. Its earliest section was built in the 6th Century but most of what you see now also dates from the Ming Dynasty. The walkway along the top is paved with square bricks providing a level surface wide enough to construct batteries. Poems and tablet writings can be found here, left from the time General Qi Jiguang directed building of this section of the Great Wall. Barrier walls were built leading to the enemy to protect the towers. Some of the towers were storerooms for food, hay and weapons.

In 1378 (the 11th year of Emperor Hongwu's reign in the Ming Dynasty), General Xu Da ordered this section of the Great Wall rebuilt. Gubeikou has probably seen more battles than any other parts of the Great wall, including some of the most famous in Chinese history. On the southern slope of Gubeikou stands a temple dedicated to Yang Ye, a famous Great Wall garrison general of the Song Dynasty. This is one of the oldest temples dedicated to this general in China. In WWII there's fierce fighting between Chinese and Japanese armies for weeks, and a cemetery for some 300 Chinese soldiers is preserved close to the Wall.

PAYMENT

We accept credit card payment via PayPal which is safe and fast. **Non-refundable deposit** is required via PayPal at the time of booking, remaining payment can be paid via PayPal as well before leaving home. If you want to pay the outstanding balance upon arrival, then cash payment (either USD or CNY) is accepted, as well as Alipay, which works much better than WeChat pay.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Days before departure	Charge applicable
Not less than 14 days	Loss of deposit
Between 7 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



