



GWSA17-Self-guided day hiking from Jinshanling East to Gubeikou

(7 hours hiking)

PRICE

Group size	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price/USD each	75	80	85	90	95	105	125	235

Local farmer escort on the Wall: additional **USD70** per group.

BOOKING: customer@greatwallhiking.com

WHY US?

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

TRIP NOTES

Trip name: Self-guided day hiking from Jinshanling East to Gubeikou

Trip code: GWSA17

Trip length: 1 day

Hiking route: Jinshanling East, Jinshanling main part and Gubeikou

Meeting point & time: your hotel lobby at 07:00

Finishing point & time: your hotel lobby at 20:00-21:00 depending on traffic

Hiking duration: 7 - 7.5 hours

Hiking distance: 14 km

Best time to go: April/May/September/October, it's very hot (30-35 C) in June/July/August

Physical rating: ★★★★★ **Strenuous**

Departure: your selected date, start and finish in Beijing, March to November

Highlights:

- *Wild Great Wall at Jinshanling East & Gubeikou
- *Partially restored Great Wall at Jinshanling main part
- *Stunning photo opportunity of the Great Wall
- *Challenging hiking route

Included:

- air-con vehicle with experienced driver
- detailed hiking map and instructions
- trekking poles
- unlimited bottled water
- WeChat support on hiking



Not included:

- travel insurance
- entrance fees (CNY65 for Jinshanling; CNY33 for Gubeikou)
- meals
- cable car, chairlift or any other additional local facilities
- personal expenses

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 East & Gubeikou. Please prepare before hiking and always carry toilet paper by yourself.
- Please don't make any appointment after the trip as the return is quite late at night.
- Unlimited 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 driver if you need one.
- It's recommended to prepare some snacks/picnic lunch before your departure from Beijing.
- Travel insurance is optional and is the sole responsibility of travellers. It is encouraged to have coverage of injury or accident.
- As responsible travellers, we "take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprint".

DETAILED ITINERARY

If you want to challenge yourself and try a tough challenging hiking in one day, this would be the perfect one! Both Jinshanling and Gubeikou are the most photogenic sections of the Great Wall near Beijing. The Wall snakes from east west to 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!

Pick you up at your Beijing hotel at 7am and drive 2.5 hours to Jinshanling East (Simatai West). 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 to Jinshanling. We will get through Shalingkou and Zhuanduokou and then off the Wall at Taochunkou for 2.5 hours. One hour walking downhill through farming fields will lead us to Jinshanling West, where we will have a basic lunch and refreshment. We will continue our walking toward Gubeikou after lunch. Once standing on 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 1.5 hours' walking at the Dragon Hill is relatively flat and easier. Our driver is waiting for us at the end of Gubeikou. We will drive 2.5 hours back to our hotel in Beijing.



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 dates from the Ming Dynasty. The walkway along the top is paved with square bricks providing a level surface wide enough to construct battlements. 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 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. 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, the remaining payment will be collected by our driver via Alipay or cash (USD or CNY) after picking up on the day.

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



Google Earth Info:

Note: the actual hiking distance is longer than the Earth info.

Distance: 12.9 km

Elev Gain: 676 m

Elev Loss: -810m

Max Slope: 32.4%, -33.0%

Avg Slope: 10.2%, -10.9%