



GWTA27- Summit of Great Wall Challenge Hiking (private)

Two-day from Chenjiapu to Jinshanling, Gubeikou

PRICES

Group size	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price/USD each	360	370	380	400	410	420	450	690
Farmer guide price/USD each	290	300	310	320	330	340	350	590

Hiking guides difference: our regular service/price will employ professional English-speaking guide who will fully escort your hiking from the very beginning to the end, they're happy to answer all your questions beyond the Great Wall. The farmer guides are very limited English-speaking, they will fully escort you on the hiking from starting to end, but can't tell you the history and story of the Wall. Their main role is to lead your direction to avoid lost on the Wall.

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

Children under age 12 are not allowed to take this tour.

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: Summit of Great Wall Challenge Hiking: Two-day from Chenjiapu to Jinshanling, Gubeikou (private)

Trip code: GWTA27

Trip length: 2 days

Hiking route: Chenjiapu, Jinshanling, Gubeikou

Meeting point & time: your hotel lobby at 07:00 on Day 1

Finishing point & time: your hotel at 19:00-20:00 depending on traffic on Day 2

Hiking duration: 6.5-7 hours on Day 1; 7-7.5 hours on Day 2

Hiking distance: 11 km on Day 1; 14 km on Day 2

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



Physical rating: ★★★★★ **Strenuous**

Available departures: your selected date, start and finish in Beijing, 1st April to 31st October

Highlights:

- *Wild Great Wall at Chenjiapu and Gubeikou
- *Partially restored Great Wall at Jinshanling
- *Stunning photo opportunity of the Great Wall
- *Countryside-style food at local farmer's guesthouse
- *Challenging hiking route

Included:

- air-con vehicle with experienced driver
- personal expert English-speaking hiking tour guide
- entrance fees for both sections of the Great Wall
- one night twin-shared accommodation at local farmer's guesthouse
- bottled water on hiking; snacks
- meals as listed in the itinerary
- a certificate of completion for hiking on the Great Wall of China

Not included:

- travel insurance
- cable car, chairlift or 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 Chenjiapu, Jinshanling and Gubeikou. Please prepare before hiking and always carry toilet paper by yourself.
- Please don't make any appointment after the trip as the return depending on the traffic between 7-8 pm on Day 2.
- Bottled waters are stored in our car/van for the hiking, 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.
- 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

In this 2-day challenging hiking, you will complete what the regular hikers walk for 4 days at Chenjiapu, Jinshanling and Gubeikou, all photogenic sections of the Great Wall around Beijing. Every section of the Wall is different from the other, as well as the scenery. There are many ups and downs, as well as some big and steep steps. You have to be prepared well for this lifetime adventure!



Day 1 Beijing, Daheigou - Chenjiapu, Gubeikou (6.5-7 hours/11 km hiking)

Pick you up at your Beijing hotel at 7am and drive 2 hours to Chenjiapu. You will take a Subway sandwiches for lunch on the way. Once arriving at the village, we will continue further into the deep valley at Daheigou (literally Grand Black Valley). The starting section is completely original, ruined and crumbling, no other people at all. This section of the Wall is actually the border between Beijing and Hebei Province. The Wall rises up steadily in the first 2 hours. There's a special part, the so-called U Wall. If the artisans built the Wall on a straight line, there would be a defense post for enemy. The artisans eventually completed the Wall on a U shape cliff and stopped the possible attack from enemy. Passing by the U Wall, we will get to a top watchtower and have picnic lunch here at noon. We will descend on the Wall in the rest of 4.5 hours despite a few slow ups and downs. When approaching Chengjiapu village, the Wall is almost the same sea level as the village. A late lunch (or early dinner) is organised by our driver after the hiking. We will then drive 3 hours to Gubeikou and will arrive at late night.

The wall at Chenjiapu village connects Badaling in the north and is vital to protect the capital in the Ming Dynasty. There were also fierce battles between Chinese and Japanese invades in World War II. There're almost no people on this section. The major part of the Wall is original, ruined and slippery. Only a few watchtowers were restored and preserved. Currently the Wall is the border between Beijing and Hebei Province, and was the border between Han Chinese and nomadic Mongolians in ancient times. The Wall rises up and down on the mountain ridges with solid granite foundation and bricks steps. It's strong wind and freezing cold here in winter.

Meals: picnic lunch/dinner

Accommodation: local farmer's guesthouse with private bathroom and shower at Gubeikou village

Day 2 Jinshanling East - Gubeikou, Beijing (7-7.5 hours/14 km hiking)

Finishing breakfast by 7:30am and drive 30 minutes to Jinshanling East (Simatai West). A 40-minute walking up will lead you to East-Five-Eye watchtower on the Wall. 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. The hiking continues for 1 hour from Taochunkou to Jinshanling West, where a late lunch is organised. After the lunch break, we will head to 24-Eye Watchtower at Gubeikou, we could see the panoramic view of the Crouching Tiger Hill in distance if weather permits. The rest of 1.5 hours' walking on the Dragon Hill is relatively flat and easier. Our driver is waiting for us at the parking lot at Panlongshan. We will drive 2.5 hours back to the city.

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. 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.

Meals: breakfast/lunch

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

Google Earth Info:

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

Day 1:

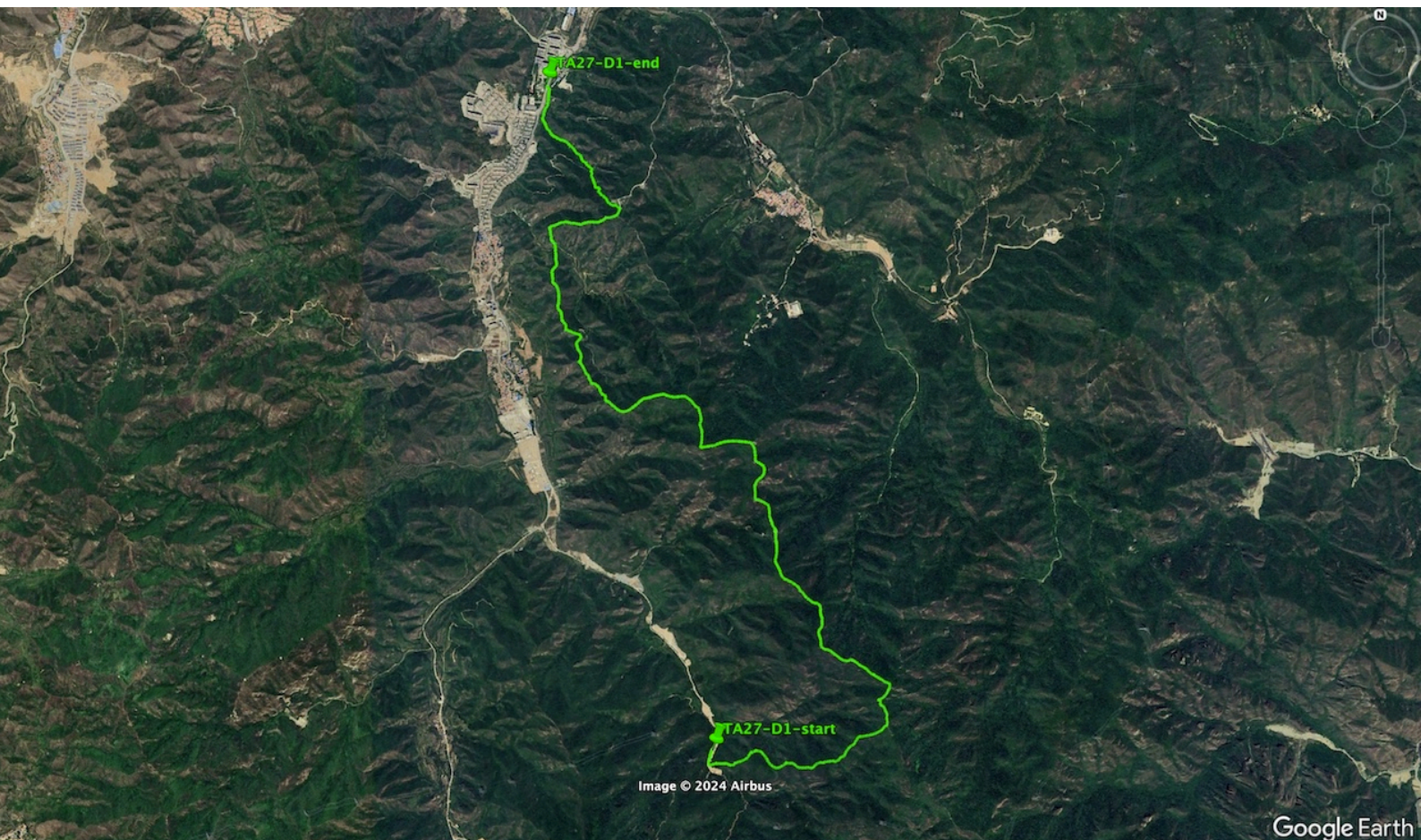
Distance: 9.1 km;

Elev Gain: 849 m;

Elev Loss: -1010m;

Max Slope: 53.2%, -52.2%;

Avg Slope: 19.8%,-18.2%





Day 2:

Distance: 12.9 km

Elev Gain: 676 m

Elev Loss: -810m

Max Slope: 32.4%, -33.0%

Avg Slope: 10.2%,-10.9%

