



## GWPS21– Hiking and Sleeping on the Great Wall (2-day private)

### PRICE

Group size	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price/USD each	195	205	225	245	265	275	295	520

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

Children under age 12 receive 50% discount. Children under 5 are free. Children's price is based on adult travelers. Please send us children's details in email.

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](mailto: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 on the Great Wall (2-day private)

**Trip code:** GWPS21

**Trip length:** 2 days

**Hiking route:** Huanghuacheng and Xishuiyu

**Meeting point:** your hotel on Day 1

**Meeting time:** 11:00 in Nov-Mar; 12:00 in Apr/May/Sep/Oct; 13:00 in Jun-Aug

**Finishing point & time:** your hotel at 14:00 on Day 2

**Hiking duration:** 1.5 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 Huanghuacheng
- \*Hiking on wild and original section of the Great Wall at Xishuiyu
- \*Sleeping in one of the ancient military watchtowers on the Great Wall
- \*Amazing sunrise on 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
- unlimited 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 of hiking guide/driver recommended on good service on a 2:1 ratio separately

**What to take:**

comfortable boots, snacks, sunscreen, sun-glasses, first aid kit, lip balm, cap

**Notes:**

- You need a day pack to carry water, snacks and other personal 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 Huanghuacheng or at the end of Xishuiyu, 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 vehicle.
- We will bring trekking poles in our vehicle and please tell your guide if you need one.
- Since this trip will go through jungles and bushes, then long pants with zip-off legs will be the best in summer time and shorts are not recommended.
- 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.
- It's recommended to prepare your own snacks before departure from Beijing if you don't like snacks we provided.
- 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 at T1/T2/T3): arrival before 12:00 or departure after 14:00

Beijing Railway Station: arrival before 13:00 or departure after 14:00

Beijing West Railway Station (train to/from Xi'an): arrival before 13:00 or departure after 14:00

Beijing South Railway Station (train to/from Shanghai): arrival before 13:00 or departure after 14:00

## DETAILED ITINERARY

The Great Wall of China was built by hundreds of thousands of soldiers and labourers in ancient times. We're not able to understand the hardship and magnificence of this man-made construction until we reach it. An overnight camping at one of the watchtowers will make this dream alive. Walking on the Wall and sleeping at the watchtower, you may feel the marching of the Mongols.

Huanghuacheng was a strategic military pass to defend the imperial tombs in the Ming Dynasty (1368



AD-1644 AD). In order to defend the capital and imperial tombs, two types of the Wall were built to the north of Beijing, Outer Great Wall & Inner Great Wall. Huanghuacheng is a part of the Inner Great Wall. The Wall was built on the ridge of the mountains, and both stone and bricks were employed on the construction. In early 1950s the local authority set up two dam sites for irrigation and flood control and parts of the Wall submerged into the water. You will see two reservoirs at the beginning and the end of the hike.

### Day 1 Beijing - Huanghuacheng (1.5 hours, 3km hiking)

Pick you up at your hotel in Beijing at 14:00 and drive to Huanghuacheng (2 hours). You will start the hiking around 16:00, and it will take about 1.5 hours hiking on the wall for a return trip of 4 watchtowers. The Wall actually snakes eastward, however we're not able to walk further as it's very steep and crumbling.

We will have a home-made local dinner at a farmer's guesthouse next to the Wall. Basic shower is also available here after dinner. Our host will lift up all camping gears to the watchtower on the Wall after dinner. We will go up to the watchtower by 20 minutes walking. 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: dinner

Accommodation: camping at watchtower on the Great Wall

### Day 2 Sunrise & Hiking from Huanghuacheng to Xishuiyu (4 hours, 6km hiking) - Beijing

Wake up on 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 on the wall, and you have the wall to yourself. We will come down to the guesthouse and have basic breakfast here and then walk up to the Wall again.

The first 40-minute straight up walking is challenging and you will be rewarded by a panoramic view of the lakeside Great Wall however. There are constant ups and downs toward Xishuiyu. You will meander through jungles and bushes, along with chestnut orchid next to the Wall. When reaching the end of today's hike at Xishuiyu, you will see another part of the Wall cut by another reservoir. Again, stunning view from top of the watchtower on the Wall. Coming down on little path and we will finish the hike at the parking lot. Be warned that it is slippery when descending the Wall, and you don't have to rush forward.

A unique Hotpot lunch is followed on the way back to Beijing. Hotpot is originally from Sichuan Province and now is popular all over China. You can choose Plain or Spicy one as you like. This is also a good opportunity to practice your chopstick skills. You will get back to hotel by 2pm.

Meals: breakfast, lunch

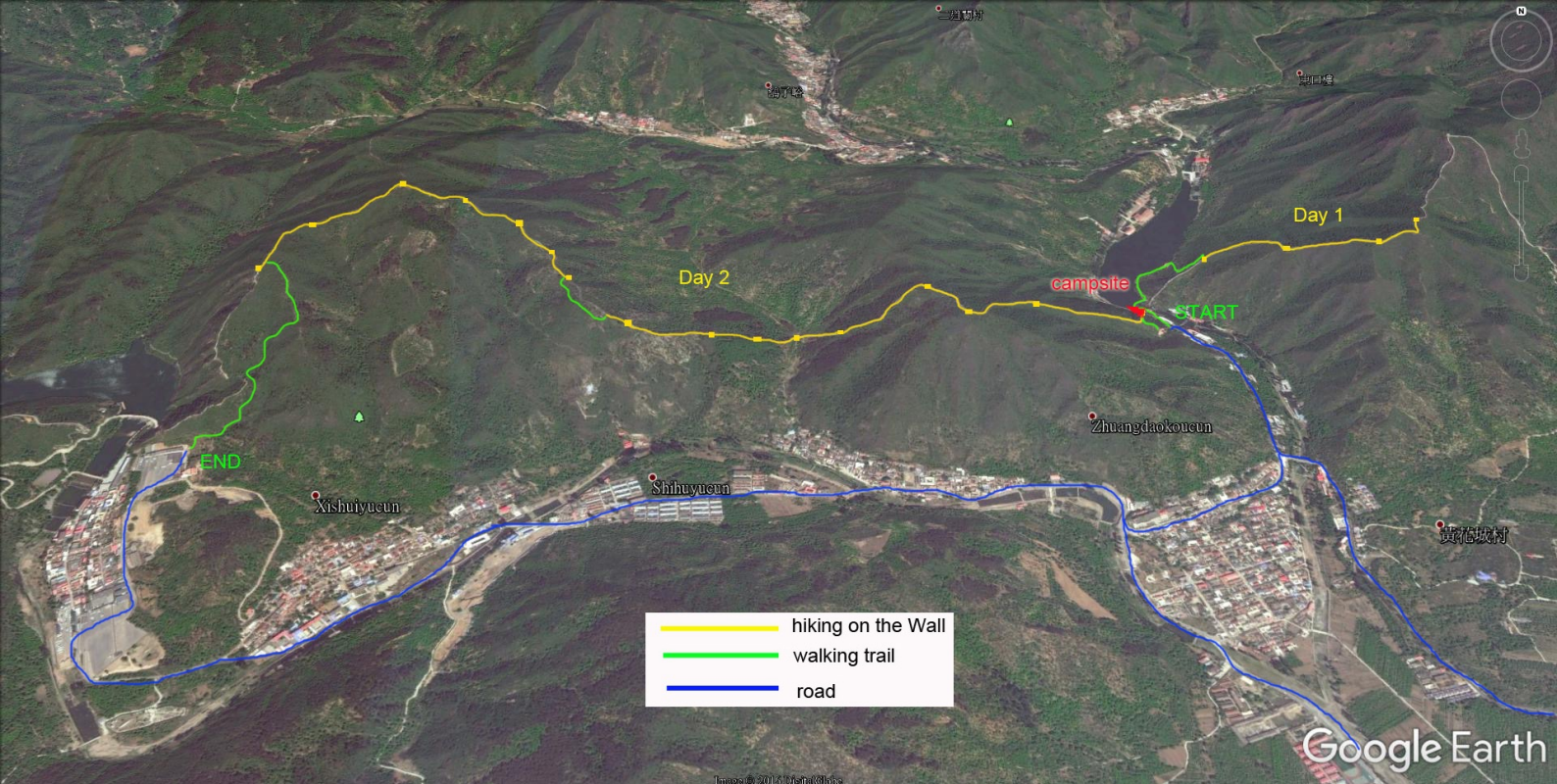
### PAYMENT

We accept credit card payment via Paypal which is safe and fast. **Non-refundable deposit** is required via Paypal at the time of booking. If you want to pay the outstanding balance upon arrival, then only cash payment (either USD or CNY) is accepted. Please note that Paypal may not work **when you are already in China** due to safety concerns.

### 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





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