



## GWGA11– Small Group Highlight of Great Wall Hiking

### One-day from Simatai West to Jinshanling

#### PRICE

USD 148 per adult (13+)

USD 99 per child (6 -12)

Children under 5 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.

**Guaranteed departure:** daily from 15 March to 15 November, Tue/Thu/Sat from 16 November to 14 March

**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:** Small Group Highlight of Great Wall Hiking: One-day from Simatai West to Jinshanling

**Trip code:** GWGA11

**Trip length:** 1 day

**Hiking route:** Simatai West and Jinshanling

**Meeting time:** 08:00am; 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:** McDonald's at Oriental Kenzo, 48 Dongzhimenwai Dajie. 东直门外大街东方银座麦当劳

**Meeting directions:** Dongzhimen Station, subway line 2, Exit C. Turn right after getting out of the exit. Our guide will hold a blue Great Wall Hiking logo at the gate on ground floor of McDonald's. Please note that there are two McDonald's on both sides of the street, the meeting point is at subway Exit C side. The McDonald's is next to the shopping mall entrance and you have to go over the parking lot.

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

**Finishing point:** McDonald's at Oriental Kenzo, 48 Dongzhimenwai Dajie. 东直门外大街东方银座麦当劳

**Hiking duration:** 3 hours

**Hiking distance:** 6km

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

**Highlights:**



- \*Wild Great Wall at Simatai West
- \*Partially restored Great Wall at Jinshanling
- \*Stunning photo opportunity of the Great Wall
- \*Countryside-style food at local farmer's restaurant
- \*Small group of maximum 8 travelers

**Included:**

- air-con vehicle with experienced driver
- personal expert English-speaking hiking tour guide
- entrance fees for both sections of the Great Wall
- unlimited bottled water; snacks; late lunch at local farmer's restaurant after the hike
- 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 of hiking guide/driver recommended on good service on a 2:1 ratio separately

**What to take:**

comfortable shoes or 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 Simatai West and Jinshanling. 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 5-6 pm.
- 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 guide if you need one.
- 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

As the most popular hiking trip of the Great Wall around Beijing, it will show you both Simatai and Jinshanling sections of the wall within 3 hours. A 40-minute steps walking up will lead you to East-Five-Eye watchtower at Simatai West. You may take a few breaths before reaching the Wall, and will be rewarded by the breathtaking panoramic view of this amazing human constructions. Take a short break and some photos here, we will then walk westward to Jinshanling. We will get off the wall at Shalingkou at Jinshanling, alternatively you can walk another 30 minutes if you feel energetic and then get off the wall at Zhuanduokou . The unrestored wall, the watch towers, the beacon towers snake on the mountain from east to west. You will have chance to meet local farmer friends, try local home-made food and learn local community development. It is the best place for keen photographers along the wall. Regarding fitness it is a medium-level hiking for all ages.

Meet you up at 8am and then drive to Simatai West. You will start the hiking around 10:30 am, and it will take about 3 hours to complete the hiking. A lunch at a local farmer's restaurant will be organized after the hiking before returning your hotel.

This section offers arguably the finest hiking anywhere on the Great Wall. It is extremely photogenic, with over 15 watch-towers, and steep gradients that give constantly changing perspectives and wide, open views. There

is fascinating variety in the watch-towers 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.

## 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 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

