



GW125 - Small Group Iconic Great Wall Hiking

2-day at Gubeikou & Jinshanling led by local farmer guide

PRICE

USD 198 per adult (13+)

Group size over 8 please contact us for a better rate. Private groups can be customised upon request.

Guaranteed departures: Mon/Fri from 15 March to 15 November

BOOKING: customer@greatwallhiking.com

TRIP NOTES

Trip name: Small Group Iconic Great Wall Hiking

Trip code: GW125

Trip length: 2 days

Hiking route: Gubeikou & Jinshanling

Meeting time: **08:00** am; 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: Exit C, Dongzhimen Station, Subway Line 2. **地铁2号线东直门站C出口**

Meeting directions: Our driver will hold a blue Great Wall Inn logo at Exit C.

Finishing time: 17:00-18:00 depending on the traffic on Day 2

Finishing point: Exit C, Dongzhimen Station, Subway Line 2. **地铁2号线东直门站C出口**

Hiking duration: 3 hours on Day 1, 3 hours on Day 2

Hiking distance: 5 km on Day 1, 7 km on Day 2

Physical rating: ★★★☆☆ **Moderate**

Highlights:

- *Wild Great Wall at Coiling Dragon Hill at Gubeikou
- *Partially restored Great Wall at Jinshanling
- *Stunning photo opportunity of the Great Wall
- *No hidden cost; no unscheduled or mandatory shopping stops
- *Comfortable sleeping at local guesthouse
- *Guaranteed departure with even 1 person

Included:

- return air-con & comfortable bus from Beijing to Gubeikou
- entrance tickets of the Great Wall at Gubekou & Jinshanling
- twin-shared comfortable accommodation at Great Wall Inn Gubeikou
- group local farmer guide on site, basic English-speaking
- 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

Not included:

- travel insurance
- personal expenses



What to take:

comfortable shoes or boots, sunscreen, sun-glasses, lip balm, cap, day pack

DETAILED ITINERARY

Escape from crowds and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience with us on the Great Wall!

Day 1 Beijing to Gubeikou

Meet you up by our driver at 8am and then drive to Gubeikou. You will start the hiking around 10:30 am, and it will take about 3 hours/5km to complete the hiking at Coiling Dragon Hill. A late lunch at Great Wall Inn's restaurant will be organized after the hiking. You're free to explore the village in the afternoon. A light dinner is arranged at night.

Gubeikou, along with the passes at Shanhaiguan in the east and Juyongguan in the west, was a key strategic target in military campaigns since ancient times. Protecting these three passes was considered vital for keeping Beijing safe from the Mongolian nomads. There was also a fierce battle between Chinese and Japanese in the 2nd World War. The vistas of the sinuous Wall snaking its way over the ridges of the Yanshan Mountain are breathtaking.

The main Wall here has decayed (we will walk through 8 intact watchtowers) and only the foundation is left. It is relatively flat trail instead of many stairs on the Wall. The unrestored wall, the watch towers, the beacon towers snake on the mountain from east to west. It is one of the best places for keen photographers along the wall. On a clear day, it is difficult to fail to take good photographs here. Regarding fitness it is a medium-level hiking.

Meals: lunch/dinner

Accommodation: Great Wall Inn Gubeikou

Day 2 Simatai West & Jinshanling to Beijing

We will drive to Jinshanling in 20 minutes after breakfast at 08:00, and start the hike at 08:30. It's the right time to produce amazing photographs. At this time there are usually no other tourists on the wall, you have the wall to yourself. It will take about 3 hours/7km hiking on the wall. There are many steps and ups & downs. We will get off the wall near Kylin Tower and then a lunch is organised at local restaurant.

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 watchtowers 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.

Our farmer host will say goodbye to us after lunch. The driver will bring you back to the city afterward.

PAYMENT

We accept credit card payment via Paypal which is safe and fast. **We do not store any info of your credit card and PayPal will secure your personal info.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

Days before departure	Charge applicable
not less than 14 days	deposit refundable
between 7 days and 13 days	loss of deposit
6 days or less	loss of total booking cost

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Gary, founder at Great Wall Hiking, starts his adventure of a boutique accommodation project in South China's Yangshuo, well-known for its karst mountains and rivers landscape. His family is welcoming friends all over the world in the village. Staying is opened by **Feb 6, 2017**.

Get **30%** discount with promo code **GWH** when booking at www.mountainscapeyangshuo.com.

