



Beijing City Stay

Presented by The Colony Community Center

Day 1: Monday, November 01, 2010
Overnight Flight

Day 2: Tuesday, November 02, 2010
Arrive Beijing, China - Tour Begins

Experience one of the most fascinating cities in the world, Beijing. Over the next several days, you will experience the beauty and intrigue of this ancient culture.

Day 3: Wednesday, November 03, 2010
Beijing

LANGUAGE DISCOVERY: Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Start your journey in Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China, with a morning visit to the Summer Palace, which is ranked among the most noted classical gardens in the world. In 1998, it was listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Your afternoon includes a visit to the Beijing Zoo, home of the famous pandas. See the new habitat that has been created for those pandas rescued from the earthquake region who are now happily residing in their new home! Tonight, a traditional dumpling dinner is included.

Today Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included.

Day 4: Thursday, November 04, 2010
Beijing

Begin your day with a visit to the famous site of Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world. Next, visit the Forbidden City, a vast network of palaces including five halls, seventeen palaces and numerous other rooms &



November 01 - November 9, 2010

Highlights...

Beijing Zoo • Peking Opera • The Great Wall • Rickshaw Tour •

9 Days • 15 Meals:

7 Breakfasts • 4 Lunches • 4 Dinners

Per Person Rates*:

Double \$2399

Single \$2749

Triple \$2369

***Included in Price:** Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$80 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Dallas Ft Worth Intl,

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*** Not Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$150 per person,

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

buildings which have been home to 24 Chinese Emperors over 491 years. This evening you will be treated to a dinner featuring Peking Duck, followed by a colorful performance of the Peking Opera.

Today Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included.

Day 5: Friday, November 05, 2010

The Great Wall

No visit to China would be complete without seeing The Great Wall, one of the new 7 Wonders of the World! Behold this awesome site and have the chance to walk along a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Travel through the Valley of the Ming Tombs where you will walk along the Sacred Way, or Divine Road, which means "the road leading to heaven." Feel the excitement of the 2008 Summer Olympics during a visit to the Olympic Green where you have the opportunity to take photos of two famous structures - the Bird's Nest and Water Cube!

Today Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included.

Day 6: Saturday, November 06, 2010

Beijing

Today is at leisure to explore this fascinating, constantly changing city independently. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions on how best to spend your day!

Today Breakfast is included.

Day 7: Sunday, November 07, 2010

Beijing

Enjoy a full day of leisure to relax or independently explore this wonderful city. You may take an optional tour to Xian*, which includes a visit to the Terra-Cotta Warriors Museum.

Today Breakfast is included.

Day 8: Monday, November 08, 2010

Beijing

This morning you'll visit the Temple of Heaven where the emperor came twice each year to thank the gods for the good harvest and pray for the new harvest. You will also see the locals doing their morning Tai Chi exercises, playing cards or board games. Afterwards, experience ancient Beijing on a traditional rickshaw tour through its narrow streets and alleys. With help from an interpreter, you will learn about a local family's history and way of life when you share lunch with them in their Hutong home. They will also teach you the art of traditional dumpling making! Next, visit with a kite master and learn the history of the favorite pastime of many locals. During your visit enjoy a traditional tea ceremony. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner.

Today Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included.

Day 9: Tuesday, November 09, 2010

Beijing - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Beijing. On your return flight home you will cross the International Dateline.

Today Breakfast is included.

DAY 1

Overnight Flight

DAY 2 - 8

Grand Millennium Hotel, Beijing

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It!

The Peking Opera

The Peking Opera of China is a national treasure with a history of 200 years. It is a synthesis of stylized action, singing, dialogue and mime, acrobatic fighting and dancing to represent a story or depict different characters and their feelings. In Peking opera there are four main types of roles: male, young female, painted face male, and clown (male or female). The characters may be loyal or treacherous, beautiful or ugly, good or bad, with their images being vividly manifested. The repertoire of Peking opera is mainly engaged in fairy tales of preceding dynasties, important historical events, emperors, ministers and generals. The performance is accompanied by a tune played on wind instruments, percussion instruments and stringed instruments. The costumes are graceful, magnificent, elegant and brilliant, most of which are made in handcrafted embroidery. As the traditional Chinese patterns are adopted, the costumes are of a high aesthetic value. Join your fellow passengers for an incredible performance at the Peking Opera.

[Click here for: Important Reservation Information.](#)

For more information call

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Please Note:

- Passport is required.
- Visa is required.
- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave

at pre-scheduled times.

- At Collette, we pride ourselves on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.
- Order of days in China may change. Many dinners are Western.
- This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.
- *The optional tour to Xian must be purchased a minimum of 45 days prior to departure and is non-refundable within 45 days of departure. Passport information is required at the time of booking this option. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. The cost of this option is \$499.00 USD per person. Should you decide to book this option inside of 45 days of departure, the cost will be approx. \$599.00 USD and is subject to availability.