

Badaling Great Wall and Ming Tombs Bus Tour

Departure: Daily

Duration: Approx.8 hours (include lunch)

Hiking Area: East Badaling (4-6 towers)

Pick-up point and time: International Bamboo and Rattan Tower (IBRT) between 7:20am and 8:30am

Finishing point and time: Your Hotel around 6:00pm

Great Wall Hiking Time: 2 hours

Hiking Level: Beginner - intermediate

Cable car,Toboggan: Available (optional add-on price)

Distance: 80km

English Guide

Cost: \$65

Details:

Pick-up from IBRT between 7:00am and 8:30am, and then drive to Ming Tombs (50 miles away from downtown about one hour driving). The thirteen Ming Tombs are the best-preserved Chinese imperial tombs with 500 years history. You will visit Changling, the head and the largest tomb of Ming Tombs, where Emperor Yongle (the first emperor in Beijing) and his Empress Xu were buried. The sightseeing on the Ming Tombs takes about 1 hour.



The visit to Ming Tombs finishes at about 10:45. Before having lunch (11:30 am), you will have 45 minutes for a short visit of a Jade Carving Factory. The jade carving is a famous special Chinese product, a blend of the excellent skill on carving and Chinese traditional cultures.

Having traditional Chinese lunch at Jindian restaurant. After lunch, driving to the Badaling Great Wall. Badaling section of the Great Wall is within Yanqing County, one of the two counties in Beijing. The wall is about 80 kilometers northwest from downtown Beijing. Badaling Great Wall is actually a mountain pass of the Jundu Mountain. It is recorded that the Badaling Great Wall was built to protect the Juyongguan Pass (Juyongguan section of the Great Wall) on its south, further protecting the city of Beijing. Badaling is an ancient military defense project. It is about 1,000 meters above sea level.

The Badaling section of Great Wall is about 3,740 meters long and averagely 8 meters high. The highest section is 15 meters high. The wall is wide enough for five horses to ride abreast. Badaling was the earliest part open to the visitors among all the sections of the Great Wall in Beijing.

The wall is narrow on the top and broad on the base making the wall stands firmly rising and falling ridges. The wall was made with huge stones. Inside the Wall are made of mud and stone block. This makes the wall clean, pretty, and firm.

Every other 300 to 500 meters, there are fortresses. There are two kinds of fortresses. One is a two-storied fortress used as a fighting tower. Its ground floor was used for living, storing weapons and the top floor was used for watching and shooting. Another kind is fighting terrace or enemy terrace, which was used for patrolling and fighting.



Just close to Badaling, there are a big Great Wall Museum and the Great Wall National Theater. The theater offers you a chance to get a full view of the Great Wall. In 1987, Badaling was listed as World Cultural heritage' by the United Nation. The hike on Badaling Great Wall takes 2 hours. Badaling section is the most famous and best-preserved wall. Its highest point at Badaling is some 800 meters above sea level. Cable car is available and optional.



Head back to downtown Beijing and pass by the Olympic Green, having a distant view of both the National Stadium - the "bird Nest" and National Aquatics Center - the Water Cube. After that, you will have a chance to enjoy the Chinese traditional Silk arts. Back to your hotel around 6:00pm

Travel Tips:

Wear casually and pay attention to the climate in Beijing.

Service package includes:

1. Entrance tickets
2. Pick-up service from hotel
3. Air-conditioned tour coach
4. English Speaking tour guide
5. Typical Chinese lunch

Service package excludes:

1. Exclusive of cable car
2. Tips to the guide and driver