ITINERARY

Beijing, Xi’an & Guilin – Private Tour – 10 Days 9 Nights

Ten days linking Beijing’s imperial sights, Xi’an’s Terracotta Army and Guilin’s karst landscapes, from the Buni rice terraces to the Li River.

DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DURATION
Beijing	Guilin	10 Days / 9 Nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrival in Beijing

Arrive Beijing

You are met on arrival at Beijing airport or high-speed railway station and transferred to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is free to rest and adjust to the time difference.

Hotel: **Howard Johnson Junhe Hotel Beijing or Courtyard by Marriott Beijing Changping (5-star), or similar**

Day 2

Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Yongle Palace Banquet

Beijing

After breakfast you visit Tiananmen Square, then take an in-depth tour of the Palace Museum (Forbidden City), the UNESCO-listed imperial palace of the Ming and Qing emperors.

In the evening you stroll along Wangfujing Street, then enjoy the Yongle Palace Banquet & Show, a dinner of Chinese cuisine with traditional performances, with priority seating in rows 3–4.

Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner (Yongle Palace Banquet & Show)**

Hotel: **Howard Johnson Junhe Hotel Beijing or Courtyard by Marriott Beijing Changping (5-star), or similar**

Day 3

Juyongguan Great Wall and the Ming Tombs

Beijing → Juyongguan → Ming Tombs → Beijing

After breakfast you head to the Juyongguan section of the Great Wall and climb the wall for views over the layered mountains.

After a Peking duck lunch you visit Changling, the best-preserved tomb of the Ming Tombs, and learn about the architecture and history of the Ming Dynasty.

Optional at extra cost: a rickshaw hutong tour, a visit to the Panda Garden and an acrobatic show.

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch (Peking duck)**

Hotel: **Howard Johnson Junhe Hotel Beijing or Courtyard by Marriott Beijing Changping (5-star), or similar**

Day 4

High-speed train to Xi’an

Beijing → Xi’an

After breakfast you take the high-speed train to Xi’an. On arrival you are met and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Jinling Purple Mountain Hotel Xi’an, or similar**

Day 5

Terracotta Army, City Wall and the Grand Tang welcome

Xi’an → Lintong → Xi’an

After breakfast you visit the Museum of the Terracotta Army (with one-way shuttle bus and audio guide) and the Bronze Chariot Exhibition Hall (with shuttle bus). Lunch is a dumpling feast.

In the afternoon you tour the Xi’an City Wall and Yongxingfang Food Street. After dinner you watch “Dream of Chang’an – Grand Tang Dynasty Welcoming Ceremony” (April to October, no show on Mondays); outside the season a Tang Dynasty song and dance show is arranged instead.

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch (dumpling feast)** Hotel: **Jinling Purple Mountain Hotel Xi’an, or similar**

Day 6

Onward to Guilin

Xi’an → Guilin

You travel from Xi’an to Guilin. On arrival at Guilin airport your guide meets you and transfers you to your hotel to check in and settle in.

Hotel: **Wellington Zhiyin Hotel, Guilin, or similar**

Day 7

Buni Terraces, Red Yao village and Impression Sanjie Liu

Guilin → Longsheng → Yangshuo

By coach you head north to Longsheng County for the Buni Terraces, rice fields stepping down the mountain slopes. A cable car takes you up the mountainside for panoramic terrace views, followed by Wujia Waterfall in the subtropical forest. You then visit Baimian Red Yao Village to see the customs and way of life of the Red Yao people.

In the evening you watch Impression Sanjie Liu, an open-air show staged on the Li River with the karst peaks as backdrop, then walk along Yangshuo West Street with its shops, snack stalls and bars.

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner** Hotel: **Green Lotus Hotel, Yangshuo, or similar**

Day 8

Moon Hill and the Li River to Xingping

Yangshuo → Xingping → Guilin

By coach you visit Fuli Bridge, an old stone bridge set among karst hills, and Moon Hill, a limestone peak with a natural crescent-shaped arch.

You then take a sightseeing cruise on the Li River’s Xingping section, through the karst scenery of Chinese painting, and stroll the historic streets of Xingping Ancient Town before returning to Guilin.

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner** Hotel: **Wellington Zhiyin Hotel, Guilin, or similar**

Day 9

Shanshui show and Guilin city sights

Guilin

You watch Shanshui, a Guilin song and dance show about the region's landscapes and ethnic culture, then visit Elephant Trunk Hill Park, viewed from Zizhou Park, and Fubo Hill Park with its rock formations and old stone carvings.

Afterwards you walk through East-West Alley, a historic quarter with shops, stop at Xiaoyao Tower and finish at Wanda Food Plaza to try Guilin specialties.

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch** | Hotel: **Wellington Zhiyin Hotel, Guilin, or similar**

Day 10

Departure from Guilin

Depart Guilin

After breakfast you are transferred to the airport at the scheduled time for your flight.

Meals: **Breakfast**

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

COST INCLUDES

- ✓ Your tour price covers:
- ✓ 9 nights in the hotels listed in the itinerary, or similar, twin share
- ✓ Meals as listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Private vehicle and driver for your party throughout the itinerary
- ✓ Private English-speaking guide
- ✓ Entrance fees for the sights listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers as described in the itinerary
- ✓ Yongle Palace Banquet & Show with priority seating (rows 3–4)
- ✓ Peking duck lunch
- ✓ High-speed train Beijing – Xi'an
- ✓ Terracotta Army one-way shuttle bus and audio guide; Bronze Chariot Exhibition Hall shuttle bus
- ✓ Xi'an dumpling feast lunch
- ✓ "Dream of Chang'an – Grand Tang Dynasty Welcoming Ceremony" show (April–October, not Mondays), or Tang Dynasty song and dance show outside the season
- ✓ Buni Terraces cable car
- ✓ Impression Sanjie Liu show
- ✓ Li River cruise, Xingping section
- ✓ Shanshui show in Guilin

COST EXCLUDES

- ✗ The following are not covered by the tour price:
- ✗ International flights to Beijing and home from Guilin, and airport taxes
- ✗ Gratuities — CAD $200 per person (CAD $20 a day), added at checkout
- ✗ Single room supplement — CAD $650
- ✗ Chinese visa and travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not listed in the itinerary, drinks and personal expenses
- ✗ Optional: Rickshaw hutong tour, Panda Garden visit and acrobatic show (Day 3, at extra cost)

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

- **Valid Passport** — must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date
- **Required Visas** — verify visa requirements for your destination and nationality before travel
- **Travel Insurance Certificate** — trip cancellation and out-of-country medical coverage (strongly recommended)
- **Credit Card & Cash** — for personal expenses and emergencies

- **Medications** — in original packaging with prescriptions, plus a copy stored separately

IMPORTANT TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Entry Requirements: Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure all documents are valid and in order.

Local Conditions: Living standards and practices at the destination, and the standards and conditions with respect to utilities, services, and accommodation, may differ from those found in Canada.

Airport Arrival: Please arrive at the airport at least **3 hours before** international departures and **2 hours before** domestic departures. Reconfirm onward flights with the airline at least 72 hours in advance.

Government Travel Advice: Check Global Affairs Canada at **travel.gc.ca** for the latest travel advisories for your destination.