

## 5 Days Peking Splendid Tour

### Day 1: Singapore – Beijing (L/D)

Assemble at Changi Airport for your flight to Beijing. Upon arrival met by our local representative and visit the **Tiananmen Square**- the largest square in the world. Where you can visit Tiananmen Tower, Monument of the People's Heroes, and **Great Hall** of the People, Mao Zedong Memorial Hall and see the national flag raising ceremony. Thousands of people come to the Square every day. It is the must place to visit in Beijing City. After lunch process to hotel for check and rest until late afternoon, then transfer to local Chinese restaurant for dinner and enjoy the **Beijing acrobatic show**.



### Day 2: Beijing (B/L/D)



After breakfast, you will visit the **Temple of Heaven**, a place of prayer for Ming, Qing Emperors and a masterpiece of 15<sup>th</sup> century architecture. The Temple of Heaven is the most holy of Beijing's Imperial temples. For this is where the Emperor came every winter solstice to worship heaven and to solemnly pray for a good harvest. Since his rule was legitimized by a mandate from heaven, a bad harvest could be interpreted as his fall from heaven's favour and threaten the stability of his reign. So, it was not without a measure of self-interest that the Emperor fervently prayed for a very good crop. Then proceed to the

**Forbidden City**, residence of the Emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties. There are 6 main places and many small buildings, containing over 9000 rooms. Then proceed **Beihai Park**. Beihai Park is just a few hundred meters northwest of the Forbidden City. Its main attraction is its topography. Most of Beijing is an unrelentingly flat plain, but Beihai boasts a large lake and a few surrounding hills decorated with restored pavilions. The artificial hills are believed to have been created in the Yuan dynasty by the Mongol Khans, who used the area as a base camp. Nothing of the original palace survives except a large jar of green jade that was given to the Khan in 1265. Supposedly it stored his wine until Taoist priests appropriated it to store pickles. Thereafter enjoy free shopping at **Yaxiu market**, until dinner time (**Beijing famous duck dinner**).



### Day 3: Beijing (B/L/D)



Morning highlight is the **Great Wall**. Its imposing and ancient Chinese structure, stretching over 6000 km of mountain terrain is the only man-made structure visible from the moon. The well-preserved sections of the Great Wall in Beijing are China's most famous tourist site. These sections are mainly the remains from the Ming Dynasty, an era of tremendous construction. The wall runs across the northern part of Beijing for over six hundred kilometres with various passes and towers. The main sections include Badaling, Simatai, Jinshanling, Mutianyu, Gubeikou, Huanghuacheng and Jiankou. Our next destination is **Ming Tombs**- buried place of 13 Ming Dynasty emperors. 18 pairs of

stone human figures and animals welcome you to the impressive site. Thereafter you enjoy the Beijing famous street – **Wangfujing street**. Wangfujing is the most famous commercial street in Beijing; and it



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has a history of nearly 100 years. Most of Wangfujing's shoppers are visitors from foreign countries and other parts of China. There, they can buy all the souvenirs they desire. On the west side of the street is the famous Beijing Department Store, and on the east side is the newly opened Sun Dong An Market. The street also centers on many large specialty stores, including the Wangfujing Arts and Crafts Store, the Xinhua Bookstore, the Foreign Languages Bookstore, and the China Photo Studio, all known as the largest of their own kind. Wangfujing is also renowned for its multitude of time-honoured stores, such as the Shengxifu Cap Store, the Tongbihe Footwear Store, the Wuyutai Tea House, and the Jiguge Antique Store. Another place in Wangfujing that visitors should not miss is its renowned Snack Street, where you can enjoy various snacks from around the country.

## Day 04: Beijing (B/L/D)

After breakfast, visit the **Summer Palace**, which contains magnificent lakes and beautiful mountains, it

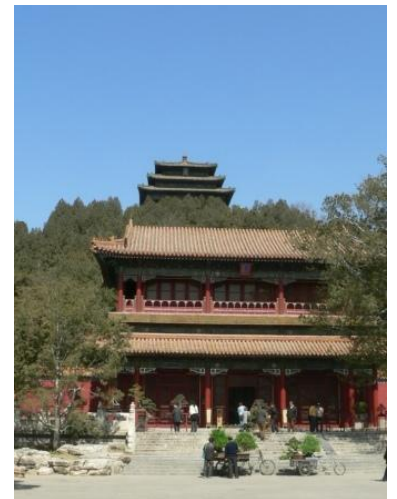


is the largest and best-preserved imperial Chinese garden. The Summer Palace has a history of over 800 years. Early in the Jin dynasty, an imperial palace named Golden Hill Palace was built on the present site of the Summer Palace. In 1750, with 4.48 million taels of silver, Emperor Qian Long of the Qing dynasty built the Garden of Clear Ripples here and renamed the hill Longevity Hill to celebrate his mother's birthday. Then proceed to the **Lama Temple**, it built initially in 1694 during the Qing Dynasty, this building was the residence of Emperor Yongzheng when he was just a prince. However, in 1744 the Qing Dynasty



formally changed the status of the dwelling to that of a lamasery, and so Yonghe Lamasery became the national centre of Lama administration. After lunch, you will continue to visit the **Jingshan Park**, the highest point in Beijing City, built in 1179 during the Jin Dynasty and has a history of more than 800 years. This Park is located directly to the north of the Forbidden City's Shenwu Gate. Visitors will discover that Beihai Park is located directly to the west of Jingshan Park. Further north again from Jingshan Park, the Bell and Drum Towers are located at the top of Di An Men Da Jie.

Then continue to enjoy the **Beijing Hutong tour**, a hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing, where hutongs run into the several thousand. Surrounding the Forbidden City, many were built during the Yuan (1206-1341), Ming (1368-1628) and Qing (1644-1908) dynasties. In the prime of these dynasties the emperors, in order to establish supreme power for themselves, planned the city and arranged the residential areas according to the etiquette systems of the Zhou Dynasty. The center of the city of Beijing was the royal palace -- the Forbidden City.



## Day 05: Beijing – Singapore (B)

After breakfast, free at your leisure until transfer to airport for your flight back to Singapore.