

Beijing City Stay

Highlights....

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



9 Days • 15 Meals: 7 Breakfasts • 4 Lunches • 4 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Enjoy a tour of Beijing's Summer Palace, the largest and best-preserved royal garden in China.
- ★ Savor typical Chinese dinners, including a Peking duck dinner and dumplings.
- ★ Experience the best of Beijing while spending each night of your tour in this fascinating city.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: 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: 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 into Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China, with a sightseeing tour of Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world. Next visit the Forbidden City, a vast network of palaces including five halls, seventeen palaces and numerous other buildings. You are free this afternoon to explore on your own. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Beijing

This morning visit the Summer Palace, which is ranked amongst the most noted classical gardens in the world. In 1998, it was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. After lunch, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore on your own. Tonight, a traditional dumpling dinner is included.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 5: The Great Wall

No visit to China would be complete without seeing The Great Wall. 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."**★ Your dinner this evening, a famous Peking duck dinner, is followed by a special treat: the Peking Opera show. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Beijing

This morning visit the Temple of Heaven where the emperor came twice each year to thank the gods for the good harvest and to pray for the new harvest. You will also see the locals doing their morning Tai Chi exercises, playing cards or board games. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening you may choose an optional tour to the world-famous Beijing Acrobatic Show. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: 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 will be included.*

Day 8: Beijing

★**This morning, enjoy a visit to the Beijing Zoo, home of the famous Pandas.**★ Afterwards you have the opportunity to experience ancient Beijing on a 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 to the Bell Tower enjoy a tradition tea ceremony. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Beijing - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Beijing. On your return flight home you will cross the International Dateline. *Today breakfast will be included.*

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.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2 - 8	Grand Millennium, Beijing
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.		

"Value Stay": tours provide all the primary experiences a standard Collette Tour offers. These vacations have fewer inclusions and meals, and may stay at 3-4 star hotels, or hotels not as centrally located.

Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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.

*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 \$558.00 USD per person. Should you decide to book this option inside of 45 days of departure, the cost will be approx. \$658.00 USD and is subject to availability.

Order of days in China may change.

Many dinners are Western.

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.

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.

Optional Xian Full Day Tour

May 1, 2009 - April 30, 2010 \$558 USD per person, double, land only

On your full day of leisure in Beijing, you may purchase our option to fly to the former capital of China for an once-in-a-lifetime experience. You will visit the excavation site of the famed Terra Cotta Warriors and horses. In 1974, the Terra Cotta Warriors were discovered accidentally by a group of workers who were working on a well. It was determined that the Terra Cotta Warriors (and their horses) belonged to Emperor Qin Shi Huang who ruled during the Qin Dynasty from 211 - 206 B. C. and were created to protect the mausoleum of the emperor in the afterlife.

Option includes round trip airfare, lunch and extensive sightseeing. Should you decide to book this option within 45 days of departure or after arrival in China, the cost will increase and is subject to availability. A minimum of 10 passengers is required to operate this optional tour.

This option must be booked 45 days prior to departure and passport number is required at time of booking. This option is non-refundable within 45 days of departure and is not covered by the Waiver if cancelled within 45 days of departure.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

Passports and Visa are required for this tour at your expense. The approximate Visa cost is \$175 USD. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details.

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IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 25% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 50% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

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