

Great Wall Trekking from Hills to Sea

Spanning over 5,000 kilometers and 1500 years of construction, the Great Wall is one of the world's most impressive engineering achievements. Get up close to the most important and historic sections on unforgettable treks – Photographer's love **Jiankou** • Hiker's favorite **Jinshanling** • Panoramic **Simatai** • Strategic **Huangyaguan** Underwater **Panjiakou** • Marvelous marble **Baiyangyu** • Sophisticated **Shanhaiguan** • End-of-the-Wall **Laolongtou**

10 Days (Tour Code–AGW)

Arrive	May07	Jun11	Sep10	Oct08
Return	May16	Jun20	Sep19	Oct17
Land Price in USD	2,290	2,290	2,390	2,390
Single Supplement	490	490	550	550

- Land prices are per person, double occupancy in first class or best available inns and hotels. Prices include ground transportation, guide, all transfers, all sightseeing and hiking admissions, cultural events, most meals and visa processing.
- Land price does not include cost for international flights. For assistance on international airfare to China, please contact us by dialing 1-800-788-1399.
- This tour is fully escorted (for a group of 2 or more travelers) during the 10 day touring & trekking in China by a private English-speaking professional tour and trekking guide. Hiking/trekking time ranges from 3 to 5 hours per day.



Day 1 Beijing

Upon arrival at Beijing Capital Airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Meet your guide and fellow trekkers at the Evening Reception.

<Evening Reception> **Soluxe Courtyard Hotel Beijing**

Day 2 Beijing → Jiankou

After breakfast in your hotel, begin your adventure with travel by private vehicle to the **Great Wall at Jiankou**. After check in at a farmer's guest house for the overnight stay, we immediately ascend the Wall and start climbing.



A view of the Great Wall at Jiankou, Beijing



The Simatai section of the Great Wall, Beijing

Jiankou Great Wall is a favorite location among many photographers since the Wall here clings to dramatic high ridges of the mountains covered with thick vegetation that create fantastic views.

Spend the night in a village guesthouse and enjoy a **homemade dinner** using fresh local produce.

<B-L-D> **Jiankou Village Guesthouse**

Day 3 Jiankou → Simatai

Today travel by private vehicle with your guide and driver to Jinshanling. Start hiking on the **Jinshanling Great Wall** section around noon time.

Traversing the undulating hills, hikers will encounter as many as 150 watchtowers, battlements, terraces and turrets that houses troops guarding the wall in the old days. Architecturally, there are towers of square, circular and oblate shapes. Roofs with flat, vaulted, domed and quadrangular ceilings are common.

At the end of the day, you arrive at Simatai for a comfortable overnight at a local guesthouse.

<B-L-D> **Simatai Guesthouse**

Day 4 Simatai → Huangyaguan

After breakfast in the guesthouse, begin hiking at Simatai, a breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage site.

The actual construction of **Simatai** section on the border between Beijing and Hebei Province began in 1368. The 19-kilometer wall was built with unique structural design

to accommodate the impossibly steep slopes. The 35 watchtowers vary from each another in architectural details and purpose. Among them, **Wangjinglou** (*Capital Viewing Tower*) at the elevation of 986 meters (3235 feet) was constructed on sheer precipices and on clear days one can see Beijing 120 kilometers (75 miles) away.

The afternoon drive from Simatai to Huangyaguan takes about three hours through a stunning landscape of small villages, rugged hills, and narrow valleys.

<B-L-D> **Huangyaguan Villa Hotel**

Day 5 Huangyaguan → Zunhua

The **Huangyaguan** section of the Great Wall winds through a great variety of landscapes creating magnificent vistas along the steep mountain ridges.

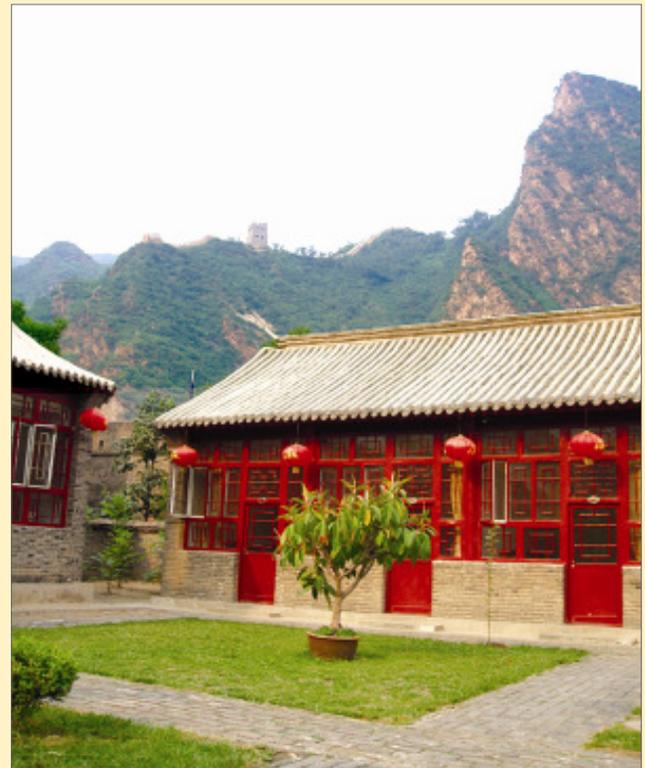
This section features strongholds, fortresses, turrets and water barriers designed to repel invaders from the North. Each of the beacon towers offer fantastic views.

In the afternoon, drive to the **East Qing Tombs** to visit the tomb of Dowager Empress Cixi. An interpretive Museum and charming walkway lined with carved stone animals can be explored. Arrive in Zunhua by the evening and dinner is on your own.

<B-L> **Zunhua International Hotel**

Day 6 Zunhua → Qian'An

Travel by private vehicle to **Panjiakou Reservoir** and explore the remnants of the ruined Great Wall including



A courtyard with Great Wall in the background at Huangyaguan, Tianjin

a section that has been submerged under the water. The Great Wall here has a different appeal, winding along rolling hills mirrored by the large lake. Hike along the **Xifengkou Section** of the Wall and visit several villages and sites used for filming Chinese epic cinema.

In late afternoon, travel to Qian'An and spend the night in town and enjoy a **tasty local cuisine dinner**.

<B-L-D> **Qian'An Jinjiang Hotel**

Day 7 Qian'An → Shanhaiguan

This morning, drive through rolling hills into the Yanshan Mountain and arrive at **Baiyangyu Great Wall**, which was the only section of the Great Wall built upon marble bases. You will hike for three to four hours from Baiyangyu to the strategic Lengkou Pass.

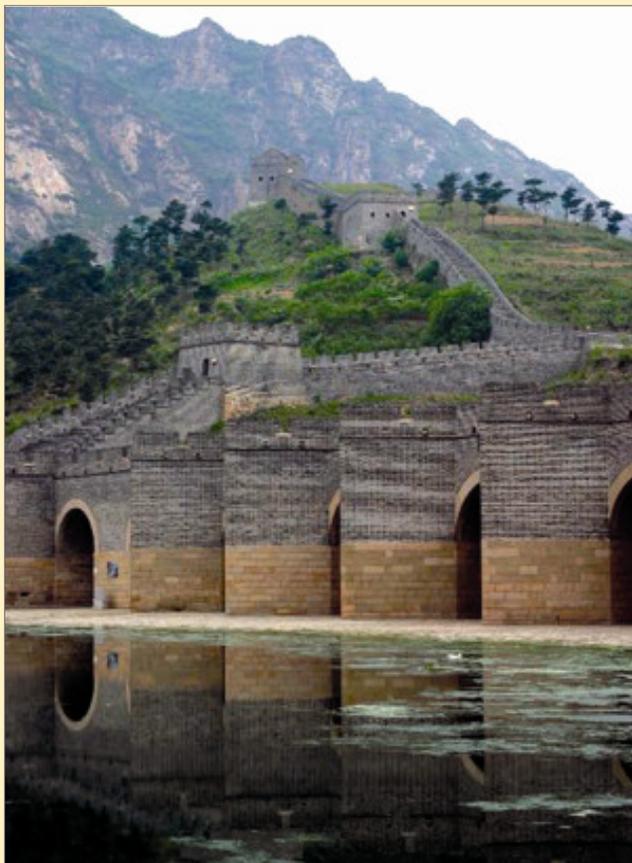
Enjoy a **picnic lunch** on the Wall, and stop by a **small village** to chat with farmers and visit their homes.

In the afternoon travel by vehicle to Shanhaiguan and check into your hotel and enjoy a hearty dinner.

<B-L-D> **Haisheng Garden Hotel**

Day 8 Shanhaiguan

Today's trekking takes you into Liaoning Province, the southern most of the three provinces in Manchuria (*Northest China and commonly called "Dongbei" in Mandarin*).



The bridge style Great Wall at Jiumenkou, Liaoning



East Qing Tombs in Zunhua, Hebei

Explore the unique **Jiumenkou Great Wall**. Here at Jiumenkou, we find extensive defense structures that were constructed above a river .

In the afternoon, we conclude the Great Wall adventure with a final four kilometers walk from the strategic **Shanhaiguan Pass** to **Laolongtou (Old Dragon Head)**, where the 3,500-mile-long Great Wall finally plunges into the Bohai Sea of the Pacific Ocean.

Celebrate your great accomplishment with your guide and fellow trekkers in a **local seafood restaurant**.

<B-L-D> **Haisheng Garden Hotel**

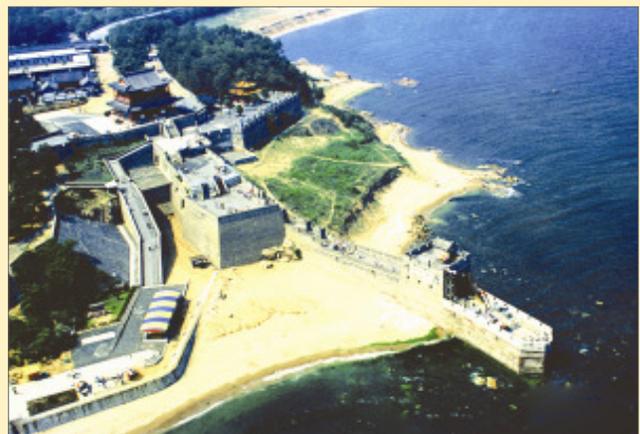
Day 9 Shanhaiguan → Beijing

After breakfast, drive back with your guide to Beijing along modern motorways and arrive by early afternoon. Check in your hotel and the balance of the day is for your relaxation or urban exploration.

<B-L> **Park Plaza Beijing Wangfujing**

Day 10 Return Home

Transfer to the airport and board your homebound flight. Arrive in North America on the same day.



The Great Wall reaches the ocean, Hebei