

Beijing Day Tour: Tian'anmen, Forbidden City and Summer Palace

Trip overview

Experience the grandeur of China's imperial past on this classic one-day private tour. This itinerary takes you through the very "soul" of Beijing, from the monumental **Tian'anmen Square** to the golden-roofed **Forbidden City**, and finally to the serene lakeside elegance of the **Summer Palace**. It is the ultimate experience for those who want to witness the architectural wonders of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in a single, perfectly paced day.

- **Durations:** 1 Days
- **Destinations:** Tian'anmen - Forbidden City and Summer Palace
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/beijing-tiananmen-forbidden-city-summer-palace-tour-one-day/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Imperial Legacy - Tian'anmen, Forbidden City & Summer Palace

- **Tian'anmen Square (Tian'anmen Guangchang)** Begin your day at the world's largest city square. Your guide will introduce you to the surrounding landmarks, including the Great Hall of the People, Chairman Mao's Mausoleum, and the National Museum, while sharing the square's pivotal role in modern Chinese history.

Duration: 15–30 mins.

- **Forbidden City - The Palace Museum** Enter the massive wooden structural complex that served as the Imperial Residence for nearly 600 years during China's last two dynasties. As

you walk between archaic buildings, your guide will bring the history of the Ming and Qing emperors to life, explaining the symbolism and stories hidden within these palace walls.

Duration: 2 hours.

- **Summer Palace (Yiheyuan)** Escape to this massive Imperial Garden, originally a birthday gift from an emperor to his mother nearly 300 years ago. Explore the Palace Area to glimpse the luxurious life of the imperial family, then walk through the longest painted corridor in the world. Conclude your visit with an imperial ferry boat ride on Kunming Lake for a stunning view of the gardens.

Duration: 2 hours.

Expert Tips for Your Imperial Beijing Tour?

- - **Forbidden City Ticket Strategy:** *The Forbidden City enforces a strict daily visitor limit, and tickets often sell out weeks in advance. We recommend booking your tour at least 10–14 days early so we can secure your entry during the high-demand morning slot.*
 - **Optimal Viewing at Jingshan Park:** *For the best photography, consider a quick 15-minute climb up Jingshan Hill immediately after exiting the Forbidden City. It offers the only 360-degree bird's-eye view of the palace's golden roofs, which is particularly stunning in the late morning light.*
 - **Summer Palace Boat Ride:** *The imperial ferry boat on Kunming Lake is a highlight, but it may be suspended during strong winds or heavy rain for safety. If the boat is unavailable, your guide will lead you through the beautiful back-hill paths for a unique "hidden garden" experience.*
 - **Comfortable Footwear:** *You will be walking through history today! The Forbidden City and Summer Palace involve significant walking on stone paths and marble steps. We strongly recommend wearing comfortable, broken-in walking shoes to enjoy the 4–5 hours of exploration comfortably.*

- **Beating the Crowds:** To avoid the largest tour groups at Tian'anmen Square, our guides typically recommend an early start around 8:30 am. This ensures you reach the Forbidden City gate just as it opens for a more serene experience.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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