One Day Beijing Hutong Tour

Trip overview

Hutong is the local word for any of the imperial-era alleys where the traditional residential houses of old Beijing are located. At the back of the Forbidden City, there is a well-preserved old district where you can see hutongs and typical courtyard houses.

Escape the modern skyscrapers and journey into the "veins" of Beijing—the **Hutongs**. Our curated one-day Beijing Hutong tour offers more than just a walk; it's an immersive cultural experience designed to show you the authentic, soul-stirring side of the capital.

- **Durations:** 1 Days
- **Destinations:** Beijing
- **Tour inquiry:** https://asiachinatour.com/beijing-hutong-tour-one-day/

Itinerary

Day 1: A Deep Dive into Beijing's Spiritual & Living Soul

09:00 | Meet Your Guide at the Gates of History

Your journey begins at the **Yonghegong (Lama Temple) Subway Station (Exit C)**. As the city wakes up, your expert guide will lead you away from the morning rush and into a world of incense and ancient echoes.

09:15 – 11:30 | Faith & Wisdom: Lama Temple & Confucian Sanctuary

- **Lama Temple:** Step into the most celebrated Tibetan Buddhist temple outside Tibet. Marvel at the **Guinness World Record-holding Maitreya Buddha**, carved from a single piece of sandalwood.

- **Confucian Temple & Guozijian:** Escape the crowds in the tranquil courtyards where emperors once lectured. Walk the same paths as ancient scholars and feel the weight of 700 years of intellectual history.
- **A Royal Treat:** Pause to try **Old Beijing Yogurt**. Once a favorite of Empress Dowager Cixi, this refreshing, creamy snack is the taste of a Beijing childhood.

11:30 – 13:15 | Alleyway Wonders & The Art of the Dumpling

Meander through the winding "veins" of the city. We'll stop at a hand-picked local eatery for a **classic Dumpling Lunch**. Watch how these pockets of joy are folded, then enjoy them steaming hot—the ultimate fuel for an afternoon of exploration.

13:15 – 14:45 | Exclusive Access: A Private Hutong Home Visit

This is the heart of the tour. Go behind the "Grey Walls" to visit a **local family** that has called this *Siheyuan* (courtyard house) home for generations.

- **Inside Look:** Learn the secrets of Feng Shui and architectural hierarchy.
- **Cultural Exchange:** Over tea, chat with the host about how life has changed in the Hutongs. It's not just a tour; it's a genuine connection with the people who make Beijing what it is.

14:45 – 15:20 | The Pulse of the City: The Drum Tower

Climb the steep steps of the **Drum Tower**. From the top, enjoy a panoramic **bird's-eye view** of the sprawling Hutong rooftops. The highlight? A powerful **live drum performance** that recreates the ancient way of telling time in medieval China—a rhythmic bridge to the past.

15:20 – 16:30 | Yandaixiejie: From Dynasties to Design

Stroll through **Yandaixiejie** ("Tobacco Pouch Diagonal Street"), the city's oldest commercial street dating back to the Yuan Dynasty. Today, it's a vibrant mix of traditional crafts, quirky boutiques, and historic architecture—perfect for finding a unique souvenir or a final photo op.

16:30 | Relaxed Return

Your private driver will be waiting to whisk you back to your hotel. Feeling adventurous? We can also drop you off at any downtown location (like a nearby tea house or the Houhai lake area) to continue your evening at your own pace.

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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