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# CHINA

## GREAT WALL TREK

“You are not a man if you have not been to the Great Wall” – so the saying goes in China. Stretching for 6,000kms, the Great Wall zigzags its way across China ending at the Jiayuguan Pass in the desert of Western China. This 5-day trek exploring this man made wonder of the World will take in many fascinating watchtowers and battlements. It’s a trek into the past to remember!



### CHALLENGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Trek along this legendary new Wonder of the World
- Experience the fascinating culture that’s been under a veil of mystery for centuries
- Enjoy free time to explore the treasures of Beijing with its Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and famous Tiananmen Square

### CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

- **Best time to go:** April, May, June, September, October
- **Duration:** 9 days
- **Trekking days:** 5
- **Distance trekked:** 36km approx.
- **Accommodation:** Hotels and lodges
- **Challenge grading:** Challenging (1/3)

# ITINERARY

## Day 1

We depart the UK for our overnight flight to Beijing.

## Day 2 Arrive Beijing and transfer to hotel near Huangyaguan

We arrive in Beijing and then transfer to our hotel near Huangyaguan to freshen up and have some free time before dinner.

**Transfers:** Approx. 1 hour 40 minute transfer to hotel.

## Day 3 Huangyaguan

Following breakfast at the hotel, we take a short transfer to our start point to begin our warm up trek along the section which begins at Taipingzhai and then returns along the Great Wall to Huangyaguan. This section is very popular as it used to be an army barracks 600 years ago and was a highly strategic point for entering into Beijing - you can still see the links of the barracks to the Great Wall. Even though it is a warm up day there will still be plenty of ups and downs as you get used to the Great Wall Steps!

**Approx. 3 hours trekking - approx. 4/5km**

**Transfers:** Approx. 5 minute transfer in the morning and a 2 hour transfer at the end of our trek.

## Day 4 Gubeikou to Jinshanling

We commence trekking along the beautiful Gubeikou Great Wall to Jinshanling. Your main challenge today will be to cover some 27 watchtowers over old brick-made steps! Step back in time here and drink in the history of this remote and beautiful section of the Great Wall. As we descend from the Wall we trek through remote villages and farms at the end of our day's challenge.

**Approx. 7 - 8 hours trekking - approx. 13km**

## Day 5 Jinshanling

Today we trek from Jinshanling to a remote section of the Wall which will give you a flavour of the immensity of the task undertaken in building this incredible structure. It is a truly beautiful area and the vista of the Wall disappearing over the mountains is a memorable sight. A truly amazing day you'll remember forever.

**Approx. 5 - 6 hours trekking - approx. 7.5km**

**Transfers:** Approx. 2 hour transfer at the end of our trek.





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### Day 6 Mutianyu

After breakfast we take a short transfer to the Mutianyu section and climb the awesome 1,000 steps up to the foot of the Wall. We then trek through 11 towers to the 'Heavenly Ladder' – a near vertical staircase that climbs to the top of the mountain. The scenery is stunning – the Great Wall pitches up and dives down across the rolling green hillsides disappearing and then reappearing amongst the forested slopes. A very tough day again but the views make it all worthwhile. Once we descend, enjoy some “retail therapy” at the base of the wall, where stall holders set out their wares for you to buy. Everyone loves a bargain and this is certainly the place to practice your bartering skills!

**Approx. 5 – 6 hours trekking – approx. 7km**

**Transfer:** Approx. 5 minute morning transfer to trekking start point and 1 hour, 20 minute afternoon transfer at the end of our trek.

### Day 7 Juyongguan

The first part of the day is spent at the Juyongguan section of the Great Wall, which is very similar to the first day at Huangyaguan with an important barracks situated at the bottom. This section gives you a clear indication of how the Wall would have looked originally.

### Day 7 cont.

Following our trek we will transfer back to Beijing. Once back in Beijing we have the opportunity to go on an optional Hutong rickshaw tour.

**Approx. 3 – 4 hours trekking – approx. 4/5km**

**Transfer:** Approx. 45 minute transfer in the morning and 2 hour afternoon transfer at the end of our trek.

### Day 8 Beijing

Free day to enjoy the hustle and bustle of Beijing and all it has to offer, both modern and ancient. Why not visit the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square or the beautiful Temple of Heaven? In the evening we will have our farewell dinner at Beijing's Premier Duck Dinner Restaurant. Indulge in a real Chinese food experience and celebrate your achievements with your fellow participants.

### Day 9

We transfer back to Beijing Airport for our flight back to the UK, arriving the same day.

*(Itinerary correct at time of printing, and strictly subject to change)*



## COSTS, SERVICE LEVELS AND DEPOSITS

Costs are based on departing the UK in 2026. Each participant registers directly with Global Adventure Challenges at a cost of £299.00, non-refundable. The costs below are payable no later than 12 weeks prior to departure.

### Included

- Return flights from Manchester Airport to Beijing including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- All transfers
- All accommodation
- All meals and celebratory dinner
- Bottled water for trekking days
- Professional English-speaking local guide/s
- Global Adventure Challenges Leader from UK. 2 for groups of 35 full paying pax plus

### Included cont.

- UK Dr to travel with group
- Comprehensive medical kit with supplies
- Medal per person
- One free place

### Not included

- Travel insurance
- Visa for China – approx. £175 pp which participants must obtain themselves prior to departure
- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips and gratuities
- Lunch on day 8

### Deposits

Approximately 11 months before departure we will require the client to financially secure a number of seats for the group. The cost of the deposit per seat is approximately £100 - £200 (dependant on airline). Please note, the deposits are non-refundable. The deposits will be deducted from the final challenge invoice payable no later than 12 weeks prior to departure.

