

Great Wall Marathon/Half Marathon 10K Tour 2017

12 Nights May 14 – May 27

\$3225 based on double occupancy

\$660 single supplement

Sun 14May Leave your home town on flights you have arranged to Beijing.

Mon 15May **Arrive Beijing.** On arrival, meet-and-greet by our Chinese local hosts and transfer to your hotel:
***Must arrive Beijing between 12pm to 5pm for group transfer, otherwise transfer on own to hotel.**

[CAPITAL HOTEL](#)

A fine 4 1/2-star hotel centrally located; only a 10 minute walk from the famous Tiananmen Square.

Settle in at the hotel and relax this evening from your journey.
Dinner on own.

Tue 16May
B,L

In Beijing.

Get the "kinks" out with an optional early morning guided run, watching the traditional daily flag raising ceremony at Tiananmen Square. Breakfast at the hotel.



0830 Morning Tour to Temple of Heaven and Silk Factory with lunch.

Afternoon at leisure. Start exploring the city on your own for the greatest shopping opportunities you can imagine.

1700 Welcome to China "Happy Hour" at our hotel. **Dinner on own**

Wed 17May
B,L,D

0830 **In Beijing.** Breakfast at the hotel.
Summer Palace including lunch. Remainder of day at leisure.
Afternoon race bib number distribution.



1715 Acrobatic Show at the famous Chao Yang Theatre
Dinner on own

Thu 18May
B,L,D

In Beijing. Early morning light breakfast at the hotel.

Every traveler to China wants to climb the Great Wall, and today your dreams come true on this "mandatory" site inspection. This visit is mandatory for everyone in order to familiarize yourself with the Great Wall and the run route.

You will be walking the actual 4-km, incredibly spectacular section of the Wall which is included on the run. Lunch is included. Return directly to your hotel in the mid-afternoon.



Eve A special, exclusive carbo-loading Pasta Dinner is included this evening for our group at our hotel.

Fri 19May
B,L

In Beijing. Breakfast at the hotel.
0830 Morning Hutong Tour a visit to the Old Beijing section with lunch. Includes a pedicab ride to & from the Hutong Area.



Afternoon at leisure. Prepare for race day.
Dinner on own. Plan to tuck in early!

Sat 20May
RACE DAY!
B,L

In Beijing. Coffee and juices and light breakfast items at the hotel.
THIS IS YOUR DAY!

Very early morning wake-up call for 1hr 45min, 130 km drive by motorcoach (yes, you can sleep on the bus) to "our" piece of the Great Wall. It takes place on a part of the 6,000 km long Great Wall which is not generally visited by tourists.



Dinner on own.

Sun 21May
B,D

Beijing

Breakfast at the hotel. Sleep in and recover!
No particular plans today, although adventurous souls may wish to explore the city further and do some more shopping.
Optional morning tour to the Lama Temple.

Eve Gala Dinner for all participating runners and non-runners. A very special, elaborate Chinese Banquet to celebrate all the runners' triumph over the Great Wall. A fun evening, sharing the experience with others.

Mon 22May
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Beijing

Optional tour of Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Coal Hill with lunch.



Free afternoon. Last minute shopping OR relaxing.
Farewell Peking Duck Dinner

Tue 23May
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Beijing-Xian

TBD Transfer to the airport for Flight to Xian

TBD Arrive in XIAN, the east end of the legendary Silk Road.
Meet local guide and drive into Xian to the Terra Cotta Warriors Digs.
This is one of the most fascinating archaeological sites in the world and a highlight of any China itinerary.



Early lunch at a local restaurant inside the Digs compound.
Return to Xian to check into our hotel

TITAN TIMES HOTEL

A fine 5-star hotel centrally located at the Western City Gate.

Dinner at a local restaurant

**Wed 24May
B,L**

Xian

Breakfast at the hotel.

MT. Huashan tour. 1.5 hours bus ride to Mt. Huashan
Bring comfortable running/walking shoes and water. The mountain offers several pathways as you challenge yourselves to hike the most beautiful mountain in Northern China today. We will experience the cable car ride up and back to the mountain. You are free to choose to climb up either the Eastern or Western slope. You can also walk the famous plank! Boxed lunch.



Optional Xian City Wall Bike Ride in evening.
Dinner on own.

Thu 25May
B,D

Xian

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Muslim Quarter.
Lunch on own at the Muslim Quarter



Mid afternoon visit to Jade Factory
Dumpling dinner at Grand Opera House and Tang Dynasty Show



Fri 26May

Xian-Beijing

- TBD Pick up & transfer to the airport by coach with guide, who has the group air ticket.
- TBD Leave Xian on CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES MU2101, Airbus320, non-stop.
- TBD Arrive in Beijing; transfer to CITIS Hotel for overnight.
Afternoon free for last minute shopping and exploring Beijing or village near the hotel.

Sat 27 May

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Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Beijing International Airport for your flight back home.