

# Great Wall

## Marathon/Half Marathon/8.5K Tour 2019

### 12 Nights May 13 – May 25

**Sun 12 May**  
**Beijing.**

**Leave your home town on flights you have arranged to**

**Mon 13 May**

**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 from your journey.

**Dinner on own.**

**Tue 14 May**  
**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.

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

**Wed 15 May**  
**B,L**

**In Beijing.** Breakfast at the hotel.  
**0830** Summer Palace including lunch. Remainder of day at leisure.



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

**Thu 16 May**  
**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.



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

**Fri 17 May**  
**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 18 May**  
**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 1 hr 45min, 130 km drive by motorcoach 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 19 May**  
**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 Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Coal Hill with lunch.



**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 20 May**  
**B**

### **Beijing**

Optional tour to Lama Temple

Free afternoon. Last minute shopping OR relaxing.

**Tue 21 May**  
**B, L**

### **Beijing-Xian**

Transfer to the airport for Flight to Xian

Meet local guide and drive into Xian to the Terra Cotta Warriors.

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

## SOFITEL XIAN ON RENMIN SQUARE

Optional Xian City Wall Bike Ride in evening.

**Dinner on own.**

**Wed 22 May**

**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.



**Thu 23 May**  
**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 24 May**

**Xian-Beijing**

Pick up & transfer to the airport by coach with guide, who has the group air ticket.

Arrive in Beijing; transfer to CITIC Hotel for overnight.

**\* At airport, exit gate 5 and walk across to parking structure.**

Afternoon free for last minute shopping and exploring Beijing or village near the hotel.

**Sat 25 May**

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