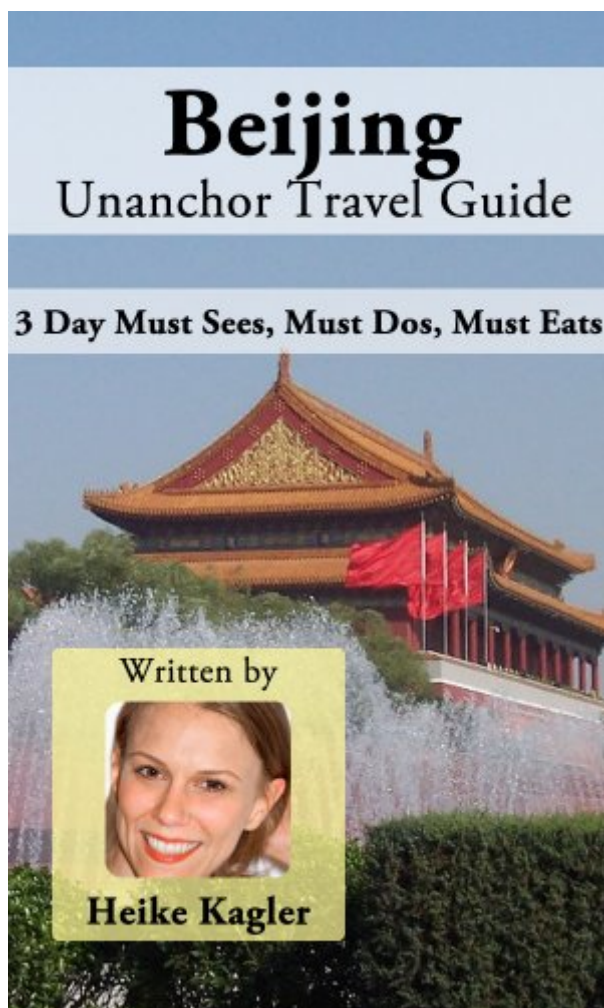


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Beijing Travel Guide - 3 Day Must Sees, Must Dos, Must Eats



Synopsis

Welcome to the bustling, interesting, ever changing, yet charming city of Beijing (北京), one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals and the heart of the People's Republic of China! Beijing in three days is tough, there's a lot to see and do and one could easily spend two full weeks without getting bored. That's why, for your short three days in Beijing, the itinerary concentrates on the cultural/historical Beijing. See the city from a local's point of view and see some of the best parts of this massive metropolis. There'll be a lot of walking; don't worry though, I arranged the itinerary for maximum comfort while keeping your budget in mind. Trust me, I've been living here for over 10 years. I know my city.

== Who is this guide for? == Budget-conscious first-time visitors to Beijing who want it all:

- * Visit the best of Beijing's must sees and experience some of the best of local cuisine, culture, shopping, and party
- * Get an introduction to cultural/traditional Beijing as well as a look at its modern side
- * Up-to-date information and local insight
- * Avoid the so-called must sees
- * Avoid wasting time on research, running from A to C rather than A to B, and worrying about getting lost
- * Additional tips and suggestions for those who stay in Beijing one or two days longer

Itinerary includes == Get a solid overview of Beijing city, visit Beijing's ancient and current centers of power as well as Beijing's most beautiful sites and historic alleys, enjoy the best of local cuisine, fun shopping, and evening entertainment. ==

MUST SEES

- * Tian An Men Square - current center of power and historic relevance
- * Qian Men Area - little shops, markets, and snack foods
- * The Forbidden City - Imperial Palace
- * Jingshan Park - one of the imperial gardens, aerial view of The Forbidden City
- * The Great Wall - Mu Tian Yu section
- * The Summer Palace - royal garden and summer resort of Empress Dowager Cixi
- * Temple of Heaven - wonders of Taoist architecture, site of annual prayer ceremonies by the emperor
- * Wang Fu Jing - Beijing's show-off pedestrian street, Dong Hua Men Night Market, Wang Fu Jing Snack Street
- * Ghost Street - Beijing's most famous food street
- * Lama Temple - the largest lamasery in China and one of the most important Tibetan Buddhist monasteries in the world
- * Beijing's Hutongs - expansive labyrinth of age-old hutongs (traditional alleys and courtyard neighborhoods typical for Beijing) and sites in the area: Guozijian imperial college, Confucius Temple - second largest Confucian temple in China, Drum Tower & Bell Tower - the highest buildings of old Beijing, Shichahai lakes, Beijing's most popular Beihai Park and the most popular hutong:

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== MUST DO ==

- * Urban Planning Museum - For a fascinating overview of Beijing City
- * Traditional Chinese Massage - Enjoy a relaxing Chinese traditional medicine massage at Dragonfly
- * Pearl market - Test your bargaining skills at one of Beijing's main fake markets
- * Laoshe Teahouse - for a Chinese culture program of Beijing Opera to acrobatics, Kung Fu, and

Cross-talk== MUST EATS == * Best of Chinese cuisine from famous Beijing Roast Duck and Chinese dumplings to minority cuisine, upscale fusion, and the best of Chinese and typical Beijing street and snack foods.== Itinerary Features == * 43-page PDF document * Bilingual location names & addresses, incl. useful phrases and mini-guide to Chinese mandarin pronunciation * Complete with descriptions and background information, pictures, overview maps, and customized walking-routes/ detail maps for a clear overview of the area youâ™re in, pointing out the destinations and directions, and arrows clearly marking which way to walk * Insider information where applicable and numerous extra tips and suggestions to give you options for a possible 4th and 5th day in Beijing, if you have the time * My contact information if you have any additional questions or need support while you're in Beijing.

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Customer Reviews

I actually did not need the itinerary for myself, but for guests of mine coming to Beijing. I live in Beijing for more than 6 years. When developing an itinerary for these guys, I needed some inspiration and bought the 3-day-guide. I realised that we share the same preferences: the one morning I had scheduled for my guests was EXACTLY the same that was suggested by the guide -

but the book gave me additional ideas for restaurants that I did not know yet, conveniently located for the day. The guide features a combination of nice restaurants, but not excessively foreigner-oriented, interesting locations, but also with some off-tourist routes, appreciation of the beauty of a city such as Beijing that has nothing to do with sights (such as the hutong alleys) - I felt at home with this. It was also very much up to date. Very often tourist guidebook recommendations for Beijing point to holes in the ground where the city improvement programme has hit. I am not sure whether it needs to be as expensive as it is (especially as you will probably use it parallel to other guide books that have a wider choice of hotels, restaurants and sights, and which allow some background reading on the city and its history and sights), but as an electronic version that you can take along your city stroll on the phone or pad, it's certainly a worthy investment.

..a travel guide which gives you a clear overview how to spend your precious time in Beijing the best and easiest way. Instead of endless lists of sights, attractions, and tours the author provides a structured and well experienced choice of the candies of this very city. I lived in Beijing for many years myself and I couldn't have made a better selection. Truly a 'Must Read' for everyone visiting the great northern capital.

We used this book as our guide on a recent four-day stay in Beijing. We opted for a leisurely pace and cherry-picked the most interesting items from each day. Each of the recommended restaurants were winners and with (literally) step-by-step directions from the nearest subway station it was easy to get around. Whether you've got a day or a month in Beijing, this guide is a great resource.

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