

Beijing (via Tianjin), China

Cruise ships dock at Tianjin's modern Xingang terminal, gateway to one of history's great capitals — where the Great Wall meets imperial palaces and ancient alleyways.

🚢 Pier (docked) ⌚ Typical call: 8–10 hrs (overnight recommended) 🇨🇳 Currency: CNY (Chinese Yuan) 🗣️ Language: Mandarin Chinese

📅 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tianjin International Cruise Home Port (Xingang) — 2 berths, up to 225,000 GT

Best For: World-class history — Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace

Distance to Beijing: ~150 km; taxi to Tanggu station (30–40 min), then high-speed train (~60 min) to Beijing South

Don't Miss: A pre-booked Mutianyu Great Wall section — less crowded than Badaling, with cable car option

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ CNY 150–180 (~USD 21–25) · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Great Wall at Mutianyu** — The most visitor-friendly restored section of the Wall, northeast of Beijing.
- **Forbidden City & Tiananmen Square** — Ming dynasty imperial palace — 980 buildings, 72 hectares, and 600 years of history.
- **Hutong Walk & Rickshaw Tour** — Weave through Beijing's ancient courtyard alleyways — Shichahai or Nanluoguxiang are the most atmospheric.
- **Temple of Heaven** — Where Ming and Qing emperors prayed for good harvests.
- **Summer Palace** — Imperial lakeside garden retreat — Kunming Lake, Long Corridor, and Longevity Hill.

BEST WALKS

- **Beijing's Imperial Axis** 4–5 km | Easy | All-day | Central Beijing — Walk south to north along Beijing's ancient ceremonial spine: Tiananmen Square, through the Forbidden City's central halls, north gate to Jingshan Park (panoramic view...)
- **Shichahai Hutong Wander** 2–3 km | Easy | 1.5–2 hrs | Drum Tower area — Explore the lake-dotted hutong neighbourhood around Shichahai.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇨🇳 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:35AM–6:48PM · Jun 4:44AM–7:38PM · Aug 5:24AM–7:06PM · Sep 5:52AM–6:19PM · Oct 6:20AM–5:32PM	
Apr	70°	48°	4d	🇨🇳 Currency: CNY (Chinese Yuan)	
Jun	88°	69°	8d		
Aug	86°	72°	13d		
Sep	80°	64°	5d		
Oct	66°	49°	4d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book tickets before you sail. The Forbidden City and Mutianyu Great Wall require timed-entry tickets booked online in advance — they sell out. Forbidden City is closed Mondays.
- Set up WeChat Pay or Alipay before arrival. China is largely cashless. Many small vendors and some attractions don't accept foreign cards. Link a foreign card in the apps before you leave home.
- VPN required for Google and Western apps. Download a VPN on all your devices before entering China — Google Maps, Instagram, Gmail, and WhatsApp are blocked without one.
- Private transfer vs. train: Taxis from Tanggu station are fast; private cars door-to-door are easiest. Budget CNY 55 (~\$8) per leg for the high-speed train second-class seat.
- Time your return carefully. Allow 3 hours for the return trip (Beijing → train → taxi → pier). Ship excursions provide the most security; reputable private tour operators also guarantee returns.
- Have addresses in Chinese characters. Show your destination's Chinese characters to taxi or DiDi drivers — pinyin romanisation is rarely useful for navigation.

Beijing (via Tianjin), China — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Museum Area near the cruise terminal, covering China's naval and shipping heritage.



P Cruise port / terminal