



## Beijing Shopping Tour

Route	Beijing
Duration	1 days



## Itinerary

### Day 01 (September 2017): Beijing (Lunch at local restaurant)

- 8:30 am: Meet your local guide at hotel lobby.
- 8:45 am: Departure to Yuanlong Silk Plaza (since 1932) to learn about silk history and silk woven in China.
- The predecessor of Beijing Yuanlong Silk Corporation Ltd. is Yuanlong Guxiu Silk Shop, which had a history of over one hundred years. It restarted business in 1981, majoring in silk and silk products.

Yuanlong insists that customers' satisfaction is its business standard, and that its goods should be real and its service should be warm. Its business character of varieties of silk and the interests of its customers are always put in the first place have drawn the praise of guests in and outside China. The main items of goods in the Yuanlong Building are: silk, satin, woven brocade, embroidery, drawnworks, carpets, bedding, furs, cashmire, Chinese traditional clothes and silk clothing.

Yuanlong silk store has proudly accepted political figures such as former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, former US Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Indian Prime Minister Sophia Gandhi and Finnish President, and celebrities such as world-famous singer Lucia no Pavarotti. Their visits are a proof to the good service and high quality of Yuanlong.

Yuanlong Silk Corporation Ltd.'s address is No. 55 of Tiantan Street. It is a silk shop majoring in silk. The shop is spacious, elegant, and in the traditional and modern styles. Yuanlong people is honest, hardworking and love their customers

- 11:00 am: Transfer to Hongqiao Market (pearl market)
- Despite the name, HongQiao Pearl Market has more to offer than only its three floors of pearls and jewellery. On the ground floor you will find lots of MP3-players, digital cameras, web cameras, memory cards, DVD-players and various other electronics articles. There is also a large selection of watches and also some silk products, underwear, socks, Mao kitsch, flasks, etc.



- 12:30 pm: Lunch at Fangzhuang Quanjude restaurant with Beijing Roast Duck .
- It is thought that the dish, like the tradition of roast turkey in America, owes its origin to the roast goose that is still popular in Europe on festive occasions. Westerners like Marco Polo brought certain European customs to China and may have introduced the concept of roasting poultry to their Chinese hosts during the Yuan Dynasty (1271 - 1368). Ducks had long been domesticated in China and the plump ducks proved to be an excellent substitute for goose in much the same way as the American colonizers found the native turkey to be. However, there is another school of thought based upon certain records that show it has a much longer history dating back as far as the Northern and Southern Dynasties (420 - 589). Up until the Southern Song Dynasty (1127 - 1279), ducks were roasted in the area around Jinling, today's Nanjing. However, the later Yuan Dynasty rulers moved their capital city to Beijing from Jinling and took with them their cuisine thus making this dish popular in the city that was eventually to make it its very own specialty.
- 14:00 pm: Transfer to Yixin tea shop to see tea ceremony
- Tea is a simple beverage, and one that has long been central to the lives of millions of people, originally in the East, and now virtually worldwide. It is said to aid meditation and self-reflection and to induce tranquillity, even perhaps inspiring imagination.
- There are also detailed requirements of the drinkers. Meanwhile, with the popularization of tea, people in different regions and of different nationalities developed their own unique customs of taking tea. In Guangdong, for example, people like drinking morning tea, in Fujian they prefer Kongfu tea, Hunan has Lei tea, Sichuan people love "covered-bowl tea", while people of the Bai nationality treat their guests with "Three-Course Tea". Tibetan people prefer buttered tea and those from Inner Mongolia like milk tea. These various tea customs constitute the rich and profound Chinese tea culture
- 16:30 pm: Transfer back to Hotel
- Optional tour: Chinese Martial Art Show from 17:30 pm to 18:30 pm or later at Red Theatre (row 17- 22). Participants should leave for the show before 16:30 pm



### Included

- All transfers mentioned in the program are in air-conditioned vehicles.
- First entrance fee for all sights mentioned in the program.
- English speaking local guide for all mentioned sightseeing..
- All meals mentioned in the program
- One bottle of complimentary mineral water of local brand per day.
- 24 hour TUI China telephone hotline (German or English): +86 13910187388

### Excluded

- Tips.
- Personal expenses.
- All expenses not mentioned above.

### Notes

- The above mentioned rates are subject to availability. Kindly note that no reservation has been made at this moment.
- For certain sightseeing venues, if a child is taller than 120 cm, entrance fees are calculated as an adult. For further visits or re-entry at some sites, the entrance fee must be paid again and this will be the responsibility of the client.
- If you have any further ideas, please feel free to contact us. We will do our best to adjust the offer according to your wishes.

### End of proposal