

AUTUMN GETAWAY: THE WILD WALL & THE IMPERIAL RETREAT

SEA AWAY TRIP - Discover the untamed beauty of Jinshanling's Great Wall and the timeless elegance of Chengde, the mountain retreat of Qing emperors, on a weekend journey through history, culture, and autumn landscapes.

DESTINATIONS: Jinshanling Great Wall + Chengde

TRANSPORTATION: speed train + coach + speed train

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23-25, 2026



Photo: Putuo Zongcheng Temple, Chengde, Hebei

TRIP OVERVIEW

Travel north from Shanghai for a carefully curated autumn escape combining two of Northern China's most remarkable heritage sites. Hike along the rugged, section of the Jinshanling Great Wall, where watchtowers still stand sentinel over the mountains, before continuing to Chengde, the former summer retreat of China's emperors. Explore the UNESCO-listed Mountain Resort and its magnificent temples while enjoying the golden colors and crisp air of the northern autumn season.

DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAM

Day 1 Friday, October 23 **Shanghai → Beijing → Jinshanling Great Wall**

- 07:00 G4 Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station
High-speed train from Shanghai to Beijing (approx. 4.5–5 hours)
**Lunch is not arranged. Please bring a light meal, or buy lunch upon arrival in Beijing.*
- 11:37 Arrival Beijing South Railway Station
- 12:00 Drive to Jinshanling Great Wall
- 14:30/16:00
Jinshanling Great Wall
A beautifully restored-yet-wild section of the Great Wall, known for its sweeping mountain views and ideal long-distance hiking routes with fewer crowds.
- Late October sunset at Jinshanling Great Wall is typically around 17:15–17:25 local time (Beijing Time).
- 18:30 Check in to your Jinshanling Great Wall Hotel (1-night stay)
- Group dinner at hotel arranged

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Day 2 Saturday, October 24 **Jinshanling Great Wall – Chengde – Mountain Resort & Puning Temple**

- 08:00 Hotel breakfast
- 08:30 Drive from Jinshanling to Chengde (approx. 1.5 hours)
- 10:00 Visit Chengde Mountain Resort (a full-day site, focus on morning & early afternoon)
- China's largest existing imperial garden, it blends landscapes of southern waterways with northern grasslands, once serving as the Qing emperors' summer retreat.
- 13:00 Lunch: local specialty cuisine arranged
- 14:00 Visit Puning Temple
Home to the world's largest wooden statue of the thousand-armed, thousand-eyed Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva, this temple symbolizes imperial prayers for ethnic unity and peace.
- 17:00 Drive to hotel and check in to Chengde Lan Horizen (Mountain Resort) Hotel (1-night stay)
- 18:30 Walking tour in Chengde city and arranging your dinner

Day 3 Sunday, October 25 **Chengde → Beijing → Shanghai**

- 08:00 Hotel breakfast
- 08:30 Check out
Visit Putuo Zongcheng Temple (the "Little Potala Palace")
- Modeled after Lhasa's Potala Palace, this temple features a magnificent golden-roofed main hall and was built to

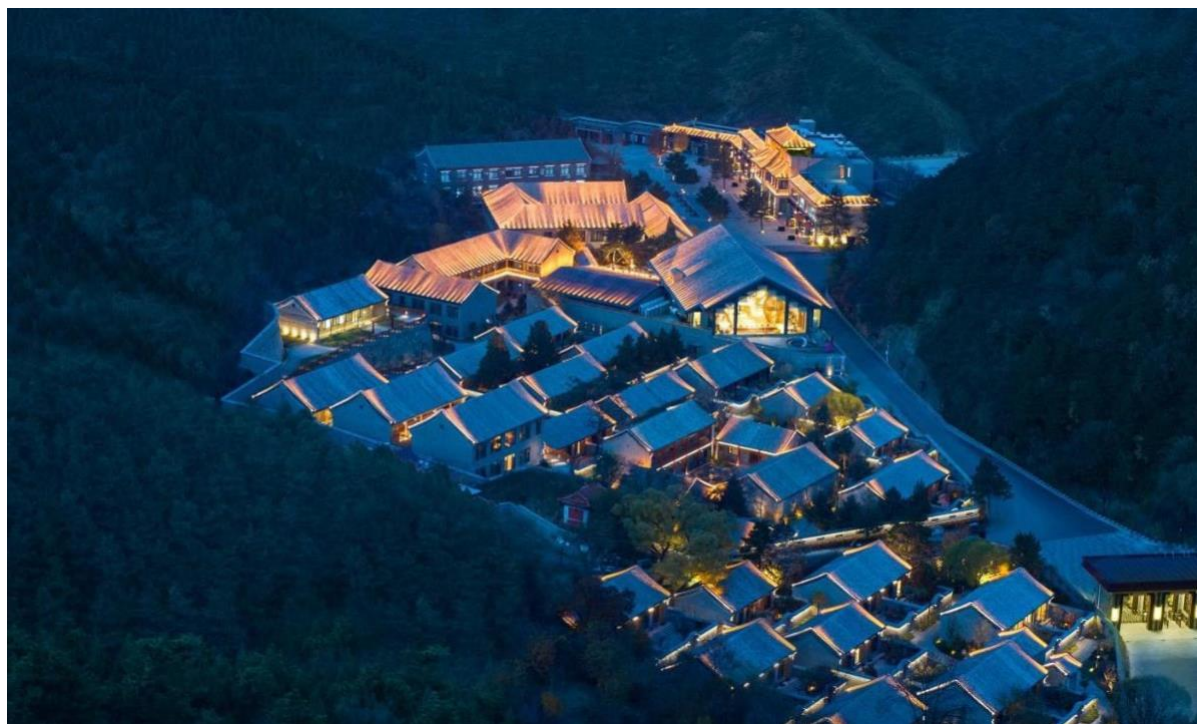
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celebrate the emperor's 60th birthday and the empress dowager's 80th.

- 12:00 Drive from Chengde to Beijing South Railway Station (approx. 3–3.5 hours, traffic permitting)
- 16:00 G13 Train departure
- 20:28 Arrival, Shanghai HongQiao Railway Station.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Oct 23-24, 2026, 1 night Jinshanling Great Wall Hotel



Jinshanling Great Wall Hotel is nestled in the hills at the foot of the Great Wall, fuses cutting-edge design with China's rich cultural heritage. Unwind in contemporary comfort with stylish, social amenities during one of wonders of the world. There are 200 rooms and suites that take inspiration from the mountains and landscapes around the hotel, with cultural elements infused.

Oct 24-25, 2026, 1 night Chengde Lan Horizen (Mountain Resort) Hotel

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Opened in 2023, the Chengde Lan Horizon Hotel is a modern 4-star retreat nestled within Chengde's scenic tourism district.

Located just a 5-minute drive from both the Mountain Resort and the Eight Outer Temples, the hotel offers unparalleled convenience for exploring the area's UNESCO World Heritage sites. Guests can enjoy panoramic views of the iconic Qingchui Peak (Hammer Rock) directly from the property, while the nearby Wulie River adds a serene backdrop.

Inside, the hotel blends contemporary comfort with smart technology, featuring voice-controlled rooms, intelligent toilets, and premium memory-foam mattresses designed to ensure a restful night's sleep after a long day of sightseeing.

With an on-site Chinese restaurant, fitness center, and complimentary parking, this hotel provides a seamless and comfortable home base for your Chengde adventure.

TOUR PRICE

Min. 8 guests travelling together, valid through October 2026

CNY 4980 per person twin share room

CNY 5680 per person single room

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What's Included

- ✓ Dedicated Tour Coordinator
- SEA Away Trip representative
- ✓ Private Transfers
- Air-conditioned coach for all scheduled transfers
- ✓ Guided Experiences
- English-speaking local guide
- ✓ Accommodation 2 nights in standard rooms
- ✓ Meals
- 1 hotel breakfast + 2 lunches + 1 dinner (as specified in daily itinerary)
- ✓ Admissions & Logistics
- All entrance fees + travel insurance
- ✓ Return speed train ticket: Shanghai to Beijing to Shanghai on Oct 23 and Oct 25 with standard class

G4 07:00-11:37 or 08:00-12:26 or similar

G13 16:00-20:28 or G25 17:00-21:18

*Passport copy is requested when booking the trip

What's Excluded

- X First class train ticket surcharge **CNY 804** p. person
- X Meals & beverages unless specified (e.g., extra alcohol beyond tastings)
- X Personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, minibar, etc.)
- X Optional activities (e.g., private tours not in itinerary)
- X Gratuities (guides/drivers at your discretion)

To make a reservation, please contact the Chair of SEA Away
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For the organization of the away trip, SEA hires a reputable vendor. The vendor offers the following terms and conditions.

RESERVATION, DEPOSIT & BALANCE

Reservation deadline: **Oct 2, 2026**

Deposit: **CNY 1000** is required upon booking confirmation.

Balance due: **Oct 16, 2026**, Final payment

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The vendor reserves all rights to make changes at mentioned price in any special circumstances. These can be the change of currency rate, transport prices, fuel prices, tax, extra cost of certain services or other circumstances that the vendor does not have chance to avoid in advance. Generally, the confirmed prices will not be adjusted for less than 8 weeks before travel starts.

PAYMENT

The payment can be settled by cash, via WeChat, Alipay. If the payment does not reach the vendor by the agreed date, the vendor has the right to cancel your booking.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If cancelled after Oct 2, 2026 (including Oct 2), CNY 1000 per person.

If cancelled within 48 hours of the start of the tour or after, there will be no refund given.

LIABILITY CLAUSE

The local vendor is responsible for arranging and delivering the services specified in the confirmed itinerary and shall exercise reasonable care and comply with applicable local laws and industry standards in doing so.

The vendor accepts liability for any loss or injury resulting directly from its own negligence or improper arrangement of services, such as issues related to food, accommodation, or transportation. Where applicable, the vendor will provide or assist with travel insurance to cover such incidents.

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However, the vendor shall not be held liable for any damage, delay, or loss caused by third-party service providers (e.g., hotels, transportation companies, airlines), or by circumstances beyond the vendor's control, including but not limited to natural disasters, political unrest, or force majeure events. Any additional expenses arising from such events shall be borne by the client.

NOTES ON THE TOUR

To the extent permitted by law, the vendor shall not be held liable for any service disruptions or losses caused by force majeure or unforeseeable events beyond its control (e.g., natural disasters, epidemic outbreaks, flight delays). The vendor and clients will, however, make reasonable efforts to minimize any resulting loss or inconvenience.

Any changes to the itinerary made by the clients during the tour are at their own expense. Services voluntarily canceled or not utilized by the clients during the trip will not be refunded.