SPRING GETAWAY: THE WILD WALL & THE IMPERIAL RETREAT

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

DESTINATIONS: Jinshanling Great Wall + Chengde
TRANSPORTATION: speed train + coach + speed train

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 23-25, 2027

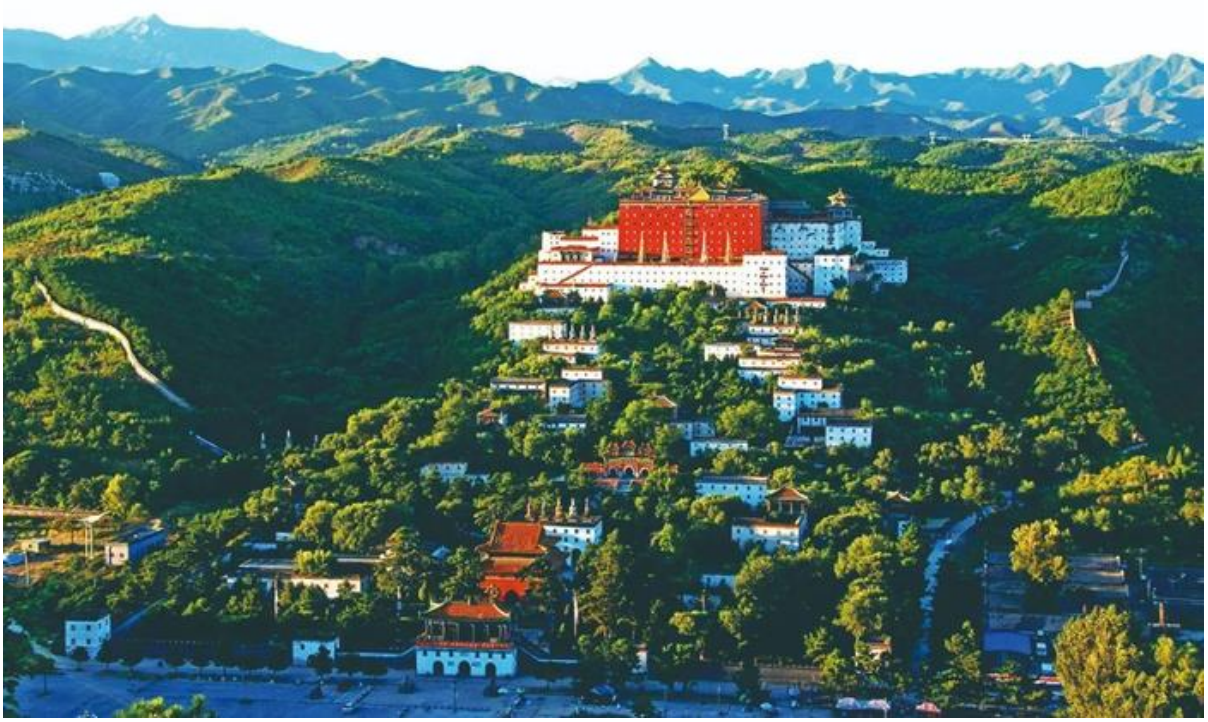


Photo: Putuo Zongcheng Temple, Chengde, Hebei

TRIP OVERVIEW

Spring Getaway: The Wild Wall & Imperial Retreat

Travel north from Shanghai for a carefully curated spring 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 fresh green colors and crisp air of the northern spring season.

DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAM

Day 1 **Friday, April 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

12:30 Drive to Jinshanling Great Wall

15:00 Check in to your Jinshanling Great Wall Hotel (1-night stay)

15:30-19:00
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 Spring sunset at Jinshanling Great Wall is typically around 19:00 local time (Beijing Time).

19:30 Group dinner at hotel arranged

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

08:00 Hotel breakfast

08:30 Drive from Jinshanling Great Wall 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, April 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 celebrate the emperor's 60th birthday and the empress dowager's 80th.

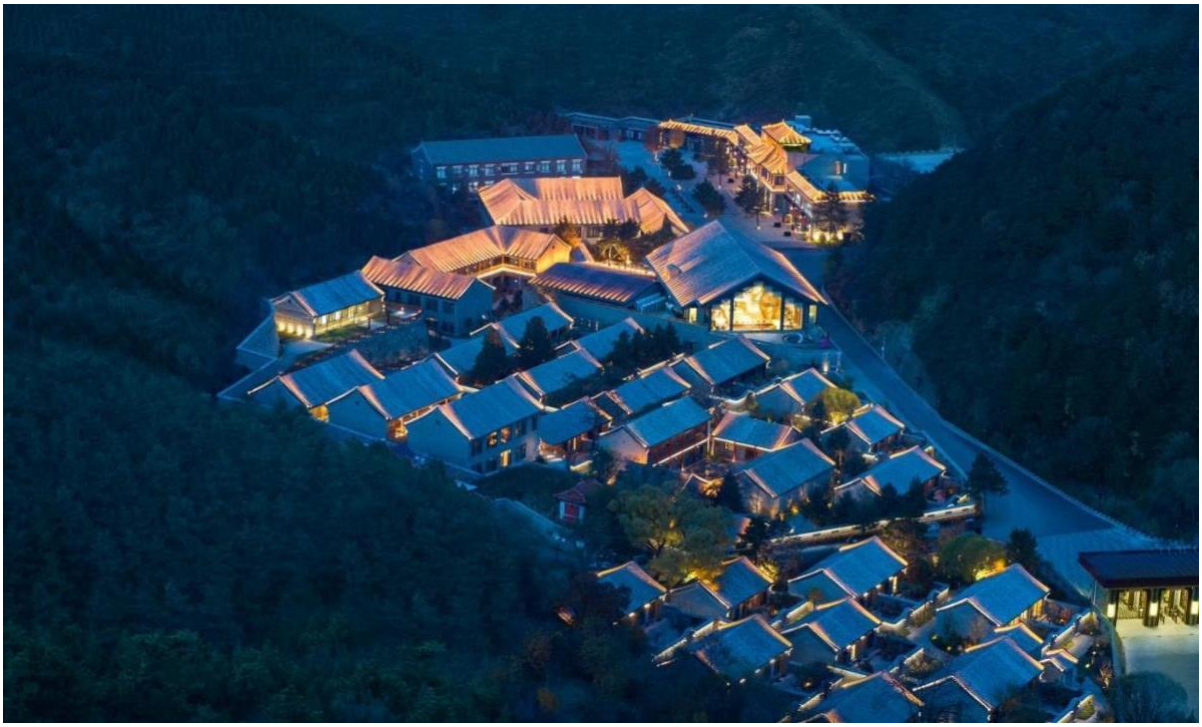
12:00 Drive from Chengde to Beijing South Railway Station (approx. 3–3.5 hours, traffic permitting)

16:00 or 17:00 G13 or G25 Train departure

20:28 or 21:18 Arrival, Shanghai HongQiao Railway Station.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

April 23-24, 2027, 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.

April 24-25, 2027, 1 night
Chengde Lan Horizen (Mountain Resort) Hotel



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 April 2027
CNY 4980 per person twin share room
CNY 5680 per person single room

What's Included

✓ Dedicated Tour Coordinator

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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

2 hotel breakfasts + 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 April 23 and April 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

✗ Meals & beverages unless specified (e.g., extra alcohol beyond tastings)
✗ Personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, minibar, etc.)
✗ Optional activities (e.g., private tours not in itinerary)
✗ Gratuities (guides/drivers at your discretion)

To make a reservation, please contact the Chair of SEA Away Trip: Christy Chen Moeller
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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: **April 2, 2027**
Deposit: **CNY 1000** is required upon booking confirmation.
Balance due: **April 16, 2027,** 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 April 2, 2026 (including April 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.

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.