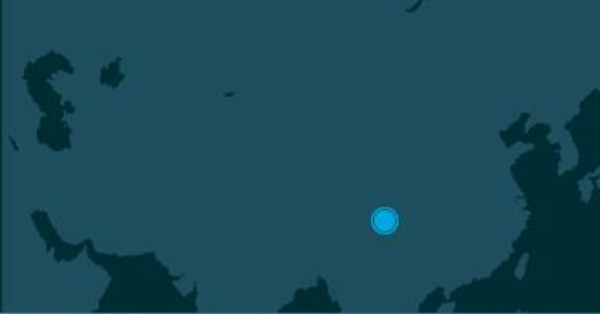


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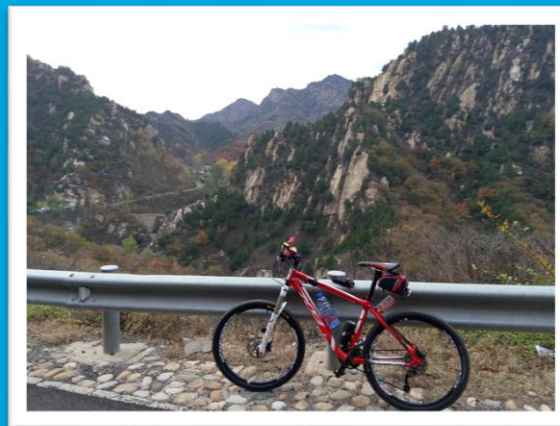
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China Great Wall Bike Challenge

Cycle the ancient land of China on this incredible journey taking in the stunning landscapes around Great Wall of China – the most astounding chain of castles to be found anywhere on earth.

China is the land of towering mountains and epic landscapes – background scenery to the fall of dynasties, the rise of emperors and the turning of the revolutionary wheel.

We ride for five spectacular days over 400km, in the shadow of The Great Wall, witnessing China's fascinating culture, intriguing history and beautiful scenery.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart London for Beijing, China

Afternoon flight on British Airways flight from London Heathrow to Beijing.

Day 2: Arrive Beijing

Upon arrival mid-morning, transfer to hotel in Huairou. We will meet our guides and fit out our bikes before a full briefing about the challenge ahead.

Day 3: Huairou to Yunmeng Mountain (85km)

After breakfast, our challenge begins! We cycle 15km along the busy country road into the 45km landscape valley. You will climb two mountains today and winding up to the final one Yunmeng Mountain through the tunnels. Our overnight hotel is at the entrance of the grand canyon of Yunmeng.



Day 4: Yunmeng Mountain to Jinshanling Great Wall (80km)

Our day starts cycling along the grand canyon, on a mountain road for approx 15km, with some unparalleled views of the mountains and the river valley below. We will then join a bridge where you turn left onto a quiet country road. You will witness typical rural life of northern China en-route and one of the best-preserved sections of the Great Wall - Jinshanling. The route back to the hotel is a long slight uphill [national road](#). [Overnight guesthouse](#).



Day 5 Jinshanling Great Wall to Miyun Reservoir (75km)

This morning we will have time to visit the Great Wall, before we are back on our bike for a 35km ride along the national road. We reach the entrance of Miyun reservoir area, and then descend into the little basin, winding on the narrow village road, bypassing the house-lined neighborhood. The rest of the day is mostly cycling along side the water, with many family-run fish restaurants and orchards on the way. The final part is a fast ride on a new wide country road. Overnight in a cozy country inn for a relaxed overnight stay.



Detailed itinerary

Day 6: Miyun to Ming Tomb Reservoir via Great Wall at Mutianyu and Huanghuacheng (110km)

The first part of our ride today is through a few medium-sized villages connected with good country road. We rejoin the national road after about 2 hours, then cycle into the 2015 APEC site through two tunnels. The whole APEC site covers a few thousand acres with an artificial island in the middle. We cycle in this pretty lush area for another hour, before turning west towards ancient Hongluo Temple and the World Heritage Site Mutianyu Great Wall. Passing by orchards along the country road and Huanghuacheng Great Wall, your destination today is the Nature Times Hotel by Ming Tomb Reservoir.

Day 7: Changping to Yongning Town (52km)

The last day of our China Cycling Challenge! This morning we start with a short ride along the Ming Tomb reservoir to the mausoleum area, where 13 Ming emperors from 1409 to 1644 were buried. We then climb two tough hills up and down along the mountain road with some breathtaking scenery on the way and a glimpse of the Great Wall from a distance.

Day 7 cont:

We finish our ride in the ancient market town of Yongning, where we will say farewell to our bikes and return to Beijing by coach. Overnight in Beijing hotel for 2 nights.

Day 8: Beijing

A fantastic days sightseeing in Beijing, one of the world's most ancient cities. We will visit the old streets of Hutong , the Forbidden City and Tiananmen square. Tonight we celebrate our achievements with a special Peking Duck dinner. Overnight hotel.

Day: 9 Departure Day

Morning flight, arriving London late afternoon.



Challenge grade

Moderate

Best time of year

Mid March– mid May, mid Sept-
Mid November

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