“All you’ve got to do is decide to go and the hardest part is over. So go!”

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Top Itineraries

**Day One**

**Temple of Heaven Park & Dōngchéng South (p104)**

You're jet-lagged anyway, so what the heck? Get up at the crack of dawn and head straight for **Temple of Heaven Park**. Běijīng is blessed with some fabulous city parks, but this is arguably the most captivating of all, and early morning, when it's filled with locals rather than tourists, is the best time to visit. Wander around its ancient cypress trees watching Beijingers perform taichi, fly kites or practise their favourite opera songs, then pay a visit to the magnificent **Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests** – Ming-dynasty architectural perfection.

**Forbidden City & Dōngchéng Central (p50)**

Join the crowds of domestic tourists on their pilgrimage-like tour of China's most famous public space, **Tiān’ānmén Square**, before spending the afternoon exploring the immense palace grounds of the **Forbidden City**.

**Drum Tower & Dōngchéng North (p80)**

Start your evening with cocktails in **Mao Mao Chong**, just a few doors down from the restaurant, before working your way along the numerous bars of **Nanluogu Xiang** and finishing off with some live music in **Mao Livehouse**.

**Lunch**

Sample folk cuisine from Yún-nán province at **Lost Heaven** (p110).

**Dinner**

**Bēipíngjū** (p123) offers excellent-value Peking duck.

**Day Two**

**Drum Tower & Dōngchéng North (p80)**

Ease yourself into Day Two with a calming stroll around the incense-filled courtyards of the **Lama Temple** before visiting the equally peaceful **Confucius Temple**. Grab a coffee at nearby **Confucius Cafe** before heading for lunch.

**Lunch**

At **Qi Shān Miàn** (p90) try delicious Xiān-style noodles.

**Summer Palace & Hǎidiàn (p154)**

Time to escape the city centre and head to the western outskirts for an afternoon trip to the **Summer Palace**, where the imperial court used to decamp to flee Běijīng's midsummer heatwaves. Built around the cooling waters of the huge Kūnmíng Lake, the palace grounds and its buildings demand at least a couple of hours of your time. Stay too long, though, and you'll miss your date with the **Peking opera**. Head to Húguàng Guild Hall, the most atmospheric of Běijīng's opera venues.

**Dinner**

**Dūyīchū** (p112) is more refined than your average dumplings joint.

**Dashilar & Xīchéng South (p128)**

Join the backpackers – and the hùtòng vibe – with a drink at Helen's Restaurant & Bar (p132) in Dashilar.
Day Three

Forbidden City & Dōngchéng Central (p50)

Start your day early in another city park. Jǐngshān Park is also one of our favourites. It’s smaller than Temple of Heaven, but it’s usually bursting with colour, thanks to its flower-filled gardens and the ribbon-waving locals who come here to dance the morning away. After joining in with a game of jiànzi (keepie-uppies with an oversized shuttlecock), climb Coal Hill for splendid views of the Forbidden City. If you have time, hop over to neighbouring Bēihǎi Park for a dash of history and a spot of boating.

Drum Tower & Dōngchéng North (p80)

Catch one of the shudderingly loud drumming performances inside the Drum Tower before walking across the square to climb the equally sublime Bell Tower. Save some time to walk over to Pénghǎo to enjoy an am-dram show in this small hútòng venue.

Lunch Zuǒ Lín Yǒu Shè (p70) does Bēijīng grub in a no-nonsense setting.

Dinner Try charming Dǎlǐ Courtyard (p90) for stylish Yúnnán cuisine.

Day Four

Sānlǐtún & Cháoyáng (p136)

Head out to 798 Art District in the morning (not too early, though; nothing opens before 10am) to immerse yourself in Bēijīng’s art scene. Wander the galleries, stop for coffee and chat to young artists whilst eyeing up your possible options for lunch.

Lunch 798’s first cafe, At Cafe (p144) is still popular with local artists.

Sānlǐtún & Cháoyáng

You’re in the district for shopping. Either head to the ultra-modern, and ultra-cool, at Sānlǐtún Village or dive into the curio chaos at Pānjīáyuán Market. Save time to catch an acrobatics show before dinner. Cháoyáng Theatre is nearest, but Tiānqiáo Acrobatics Theatre is better.

Dinner Nàjiā Xiǎoguǎn (p140) – imperial cuisine with an old-Bēijīng vibe.

Sānlǐtún & Cháoyáng

For a rough-and-ready finale, catch a metal band at Dos Kolegas. For something more refined, head to the roof terrace at Migas or sip cocktails in Apothecary.