



FAMILY WEEKEND ESCAPE

Overnight in the Hills



Destination Northern Hills



Think you've explored Beijing? Mountains surround Beijing and extend into Hebei province, providing extraordinary scenery, limitless hiking and outdoor opportunities, and fascinating mountain villages where people have maintained a traditional way of life for centuries.

Beijing's backyard and the rugged terrain of Hebei has protected the capital from the invaders for centuries. As one of the most geographically diverse provinces in China, these hills are a premier destination for outdoor enthusiasts, adventure seekers or those simply looking to find some tranquility outside of the city.

Right in the middle of the hills is our Shimenshan Outdoor base, the perfect spot for a weekend getaway, intersected by a waterway, and surrounded by hills its the perfect base from which to enjoy a few days away from the city.

Day 1 Beijing - Shimenshan

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Private Cabin option or
Camping Tent option

Morning

- Beijing City bus pickup
- Transfer to Shimenshan Outdoor Base
- Grab a coffee and brief orientation
- Check in or Tent set up

Afternoon

- Picnic Lunch
- Whole group Lawn Games
- Break time
- Water obstacle course playtime
- Break and showers

Evening

- BBQ Dinner
- Kids activities and Adult chill time
- Family friendly quiz and Adult drinks

Day 2 Shimenshan - Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: N/A

Morning

- Breakfast
- Via Ferrata optional course
- Art Activities and free time
 - use the playground
 - throw a frisbee
 - shoot some hoops

Afternoon

- Family Spaghetti Cookoff
- Pack up and freetime
- Transfer back to Beijing City



Face your fears on the cliffs of Shimenshan!



Highlight **Via Ferrata**

This one-of-a-kind activity will push brave Beijingers to their limit as they brave the high courses that run across the canyon's steep faces. Developed in the high Alps of Europe, Via Ferrata or "way of iron" consists of steel cables anchored to the rock to which adventurous souls are attached while they climb and traverse the course.

Scaling cliff faces that would normally be the preserve of only the serious mountaineer, this accessible course allows total beginners to take in spectacular vistas and stunning valley views, as they edge their way along the cliff face - as long as they're brave enough!

Learn, laugh and have fun, with
the Hutong Hills quiz!

Highlight **Family Quiz**



Our experienced Hutong quiz-masters will be setup with all of the gear for a family quiz that will provide an opportunity to work together, laugh together, show off your collective family knowledge, and create some fun memories!

Of course no quiz is complete without a supply of frosty beverages: Have no fear your host(s) with the most will have plenty of chilled beverages on hand for kids and adults alike, and will be doing their best to make sure everyone is having a great time (regardless of how many world flags they've memorized or kids shows they've watched!)

Inflatable Sausage Race!



Highlight **Lawn Games**

We will kick things off with a Lawn Games tournament! Three-legged race and Egg-on-a-spoon sound familiar? What about Cookie Face or Mother of Dragons? We'll play these and more with family teams participating in a number of purely silly games that will have everyone moving, laughing, and making new friends to get the weekend started!

Shimenshan **Gallery**





Our Accommodation **Shimenshan Outdoor Base**

Located North of Beijing city and nestled between in a quiet valley, Shimenshan outdoor base will be our home for the weekend. With beautiful fields, fun adventure park equipment and first class facilities you're sure to be relaxed and comfortable here.

The basic but comfortable camp-cabin style rooms come with twin beds and private bathrooms. Located just a short stroll from where we will be holding our activities they couldn't be more convenient.

Alternatively BYO tent (or rent one from us) and camp-out under the stars!

Essentials

Registration and payment

1. Please scan the QR code below to sign up for the this program over the YooPay platform.
2. Fill out the registration form over YooPay. Not sure about the correct form of ID required, or have any other questions? Please contact us at education@thehutong.com!
3. Submit the full payment over YooPay to complete your registration. YooPay accepts UnionPay, WeChat, and Alipay. If you're unable to use those payment systems please e-mail us. Please note there is a 3% non-refundable booking fee that YooPay charges for its services.
4. Receive your confirmation e-mail - and that's it, you're ready to go!



What's next?

The trip team will be in touch over the coming weeks with important information and pre-trip documents, including:

- QR code for the trip WeChat group
- Pre-Departure Packet (packing list, weather information, trip team overview, itinerary)
- Details regarding pick-up and drop-off times and locations
- Scheduling for the Pre-Trip Presentation for parents and participants
- as well as any relevant updates on the situation with COVID-19.

Essentials

Important Information

What does this camp include?

- Bus transportation to/from a central pick-up and drop-off location in the city
- First-aid trained Hutong guides and facilitators
- All meals (as indicated in itinerary), snacks, and drinking water
- Accommodation
- All activity and entrance fees
- Basic travel liability insurance

I'm interested in signing up, what is the next step?

Please scan the QR code on the preceding page to sign up and submit payment over the YooPay system. Following registration and payment, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

I'm having issues using the YooPay system, what should I do?

Contact us at education@thehutong.com if you are having difficulties with YooPay, or have questions regarding the sign-up process.

What are your cancellation policies?

We request full payment to secure the booking, with free cancellation up to 7 days prior to the trip start date. For cancellation within 7 days we request a 50% cancellation fee to help defer our booking costs. Unfortunately we are unable to offer a refund for cancellations within 72 hours. Any Refund will exclude YooPay transaction fees.

Want to learn more?

For other general FAQs regarding The Hutong and our programs, please visit our FAQ website page: <https://education.thehutong.com/faq>





Essentials

Important Information: Health & Safety

What if local policies or government regulations change prior to the trip and it needs to be canceled?

We are keeping a close eye on how the evolving situation with COVID-19 is impacting local government regulations with travel and accommodation. Should our trip need to be cancelled due to changing restrictions, we will offer a full refund to all participants (less a 3% refund fee incurred by YooPay). We will keep participants updated on the situation in the lead-up to the trip.

How are you managing the potential risk with COVID-19?

We are taking a two-pronged approach to mitigating the risk posed by COVID-19. First, and most importantly, we are implementing a thorough pre-camp screening policy, to verify that all attending participants, staff and local partners are not considered at risk of having contracted COVID-19. As a part of this, all participants will be required to fill out a health waiver, which will be sent in advance of the trip, along with additional supporting documentation.

Second, while on program, we are instituting a number of hygiene, activity facilitation and training measures aimed at limiting any chance of contagion. To request a more detailed policy, please get in touch with us at education@thehutong.com and we would be happy to provide more information.

What is your health and safety policy?

We are continuously communicating, updating and assessing our risk management procedures in order to provide an exceptional and adventurous experience in a safe environment. We also take a dynamic approach to safety and are continuously analyzing and evaluating our protocols to keep pace with the industry's highest standards. All of our guides have First Aid training, in many cases Wilderness Advanced First Aid certification, and will have undergone numerous internal trainings.

Do you provide travel medical insurance?

As a licensed travel operator, we provide standard liability insurance as required by Chinese law. As this insurance is quite basic, we require all trip participants to have their own medical insurance should an emergency situation arise.

Our hutong courtyard doors in Beijing have been open since 2007

The Hutong **A Bit About Us**



The Hutong creates unforgettable travel experiences throughout China for students from international schools around the world. Since 2009, we have been running educational programs to off-the-beaten-track destinations across China: from the rainforests of southern Yunnan to the grasslands of the Mongolian steppe, all of our programs are meticulously researched and planned to optimize student learning and to offer fun, innovative, and immersive experiences.

As well as being a licensed travel operator across Greater China, The Hutong is at heart a transformative education company. We partner with leading schools to build programs that incorporate learning objectives and life skills, all the while maintaining absolute professionalism, and an impeccable safety record. From our team of international educators to our travel specialists, each and every Hutonger shares a passion for providing exceptional learning experiences.



The Hutong Education

LOCATIONS

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