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Day-to-Day Itinerary

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• Oct. 4, arrive in Beijing. Meet the guide and transfer to hotel. Visit Beijing Old Town and the historic landmark. Tian-An-Men Square, dinner provided.
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• Oct. 6, climb the Great Wall. B/L (dinner not included)
Oct. 7-9, Tibet
Lhasa, capital of Tibet, is the home of 6 million Tibetan Buddhists. The unique civilization highlights the majestic and unworldly beauty of the land and welcomes an exceptional connection to the spiritual world. Intercontinental Hotel, 3 nights
• Oct. 7, fly to Lhasa. Rest at hotel to adjust for high altitude. B/D (hunch on the plane)
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Oct. 10, Chengdu
Chengdu, home of the giant panda and famous Sichuan food, is the capital of China’s most populated Sichuan province. Jin Jiam Hotel, 1 night
• Oct. 10, fly to Chengdu. Free in the afternoon. B/L/D (dinner not included)
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