

STEP INTO THE FUTURE

BEIJING INNOVATION TOUR 2026

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Deadline 14th August 2026
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Designed for students, young entrepreneurs, young professionals, and future changemakers.



Location:
Beijing, China



Tour Dates:
September 13th–20th, 2026

APPLICATIONS OPEN

Step inside China's innovation ecosystem and experience Beijing through technology, entrepreneurship, culture, and international exchange.

WHY JOIN THE BEIJING INNOVATION TOUR?

Successful 2025 Tour ✓

Following the successful 2025 tour, the Beijing Innovation Tour returns in 2026 with an expanded focus on innovation, culture, entrepreneurship, and future technologies.

Unlock China's Innovation Center

Spend 8 days in Beijing, one of the world's most dynamic cities — where ancient culture meets cutting-edge innovation. From technology companies and leading universities to world heritage sites and entrepreneurial networks, this program offers direct access to China's innovation ecosystem.



Explore China's Innovation Powerhouse

Visit innovation hubs, technology companies, research institutions, and future industry spaces — with a special 2026 focus on humanoid robotics, AI, smart manufacturing, and future technologies.



Connect with Thought Leaders

Attend talks, keynote sessions, expert exchanges, and discussions with innovators, founders, researchers, entrepreneurs, and ecosystem builders.



Experience Culture & Creativity

Discover Beijing through cultural landmarks, local life, shared meals, creative city spaces, and moments that connect history, tradition, and modern innovation.



Engage in Future Opportunities

Explore internship conversations, startup cooperation possibilities, innovation platforms, and China-Europe collaboration opportunities.



Top Academic Access

Gain insights from leading universities, research institutions, students, and academic partners connected to Beijing's innovation ecosystem.



Build a Global Network

Meet like-minded young talents, local peers, industry contacts, and partners from both China and Europe.

WHERE GLOBAL TALENT MEETS CHINA'S INNOVATION ENGINE

Beijing isn't just a city
—it's a launchpad for the future.

As China's leading innovation center, Beijing combines deep academic strength, entrepreneurial energy, research excellence, and global technology ambition. From world-changing startups to globally recognized research hubs, Beijing is where ideas scale, industries transform, and talent thrives. This is your gateway to explore cutting-edge technologies, connect with pioneers, and discover what's next — right at the source.

Also home to:

- High-tech enterprises and innovation-driven companies
- Unicorn companies and fast-growing startups
- National key laboratories
- Top-tier research institutes and universities
- Global headquarters and R&D hubs of major technology companies

2026 Focus:

In 2026, the tour will place a special focus on humanoid robotics, AI, smart manufacturing, embodied intelligence, and future industries.

Spotlight: Zhongguancun Innovation Ecosystem

Known as "China's Silicon Valley," Zhongguancun is home to thousands of high-tech enterprises and has become the launchpad for many of China's leading technology companies. It represents Beijing's dynamic ecosystem where startups scale, research becomes application, and global companies innovate.

Birthplace of world-leading firms like:

 ByteDance

Baidu 百度

XIAOMI

JD.COM

- ByteDance – Short video, AI, digital media, and global platforms.
- Baidu – Search, autonomous driving, generative AI, and AI applications.
- Xiaomi – Smart devices, smartphones, AIoT, and consumer technology.
- JD.com – E-commerce, smart logistics, robotics, and digital supply chains.

WHERE TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGIES ARE BUILT

Beijing is one of China's most important centers for future technologies. The city brings together research institutions, universities, startups, technology companies, industrial platforms, and innovation zones that shape the next generation of industries.

Featured Innovation Sectors

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Beijing is a major center for artificial intelligence, with strong research, industrial applications, and leading companies working in areas such as generative AI, computer vision, autonomous driving, and intelligent systems.

Humanoid Robotics & Embodied AI

A special focus of the 2026 tour will be humanoid robotics and embodied intelligence. Participants will gain insight into how robotics, AI, sensors, data, and real-world application scenarios are coming together.

Smart Manufacturing

Explore how digital technologies, robotics, automation, and intelligent systems are transforming production, logistics, and industrial processes.

Smart & Green Mobility

Beijing is a key location for autonomous driving, electric mobility, smart transport, and future-oriented urban mobility.

Biotech & Life Sciences

The city hosts leading medical research centers, biotech companies, and life science innovation platforms working on solutions for health and society.

Quantum & Frontier Technologies

Beijing's research ecosystem also covers frontier technologies such as quantum science, aerospace, 5G/6G, satellite systems, and

Green Tech & Sustainability

From energy storage and smart cities to climate-related innovation, Beijing continues to support technologies that contribute to sustainable development.

Elite Research Institutions

Tsinghua University

A global leader in technology, engineering, research, and innovation.

Beijing University

A symbol of academic excellence and foundational research.

(Chinese Academy of Sciences) Institute of Automation

Home to leading research in robotics, machine learning, intelligent systems, and frontier science.

“When you're in Beijing, you're already in the future.”

BEIJING: WHERE MILLENNIA OF CULTURE INSPIRE THE FUTURE

Timeless Landmarks & Living Heritage

The Forbidden City

Once home to emperors for 500 years, the largest palace complex in the world offers a glimpse into China's imperial power, aesthetics, and history.

The Great Wall

A world wonder stretching across mountains, symbolizing China's strength, resilience, and unity through centuries.

The Summer Palace

A masterpiece of Chinese landscape design combining lakes, palaces, gardens, and natural harmony.

Temple of Heaven

A symbol of cosmological order, where Ming and Qing emperors prayed for good harvests.

Traditional Hutongs

Narrow alleyways weaving through Beijing's oldest neighborhoods — home to tea houses, artists, local life, and authentic city culture.

Innovation in Beijing does not happen in isolation. The city's deep cultural identity, history, creativity, and global outlook help shape the way ideas are formed, shared, and developed.

From the grandeur of imperial palaces to the energy of traditional hutongs, Beijing offers a deep cultural experience that connects the past to the present. Explore the stories behind ancient landmarks, discover the art and philosophy that shaped a civilization, and feel the rhythm of a city where history is alive in every corner.



A CITY OF MUSEUMS, ARTS AND CULTURAL FUSION

Beijing is not only a center of technology and entrepreneurship. It is also a city of museums, art, performance, architecture, and cultural fusion — where tradition and modern creativity exist side by side.

7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Discover some of the world's most significant historic treasures and cultural landmarks.

Art & Performance

Explore Beijing Opera, contemporary theater, street art, immersive experiences, and creative cultural spaces.

180+ Museums

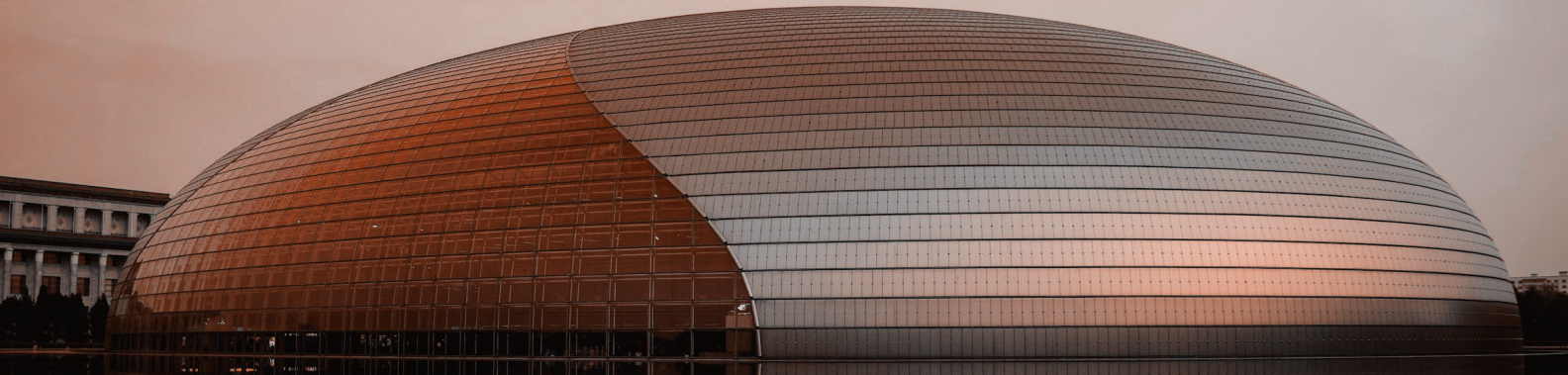
From imperial artifacts to modern art, science, technology, and design, Beijing offers a rich museum

Olympic Legacy

Walk through iconic Olympic sites and experience how Beijing connects global events, architecture, sports, and urban transformation.

Connection to Innovation

Innovation does not happen in isolation. In Beijing, deep cultural identity fuels bold ideas. The balance of heritage and forward-thinking is what makes the city a hub of creativity and global influence.



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DISCOVER
CONNECT
EXPERIENCE

A Full Week of Immersion in
Beijing's Innovation and Culture

Day 1

● Arrival in Beijing

Arrival in Beijing, hotel check-in, welcome session, project introduction, and orientation.

Day 3

● Tech & Robotics Experience

Visit to the Robot 4S Store, autonomous driving experience. Company visits to Xiaomi Factory and selected innovation enterprise. Insight into smart manufacturing and future technologies.

Day 5

● Innovation Field Visit

More company visits, innovation ecosystem exchange, regional field visit. Cultural experience and group reflection. Evening: local performance

Day 7

● Cultural Heritage & Reflection

Cultural experience at the Temple of Heaven. Visit to Mutianyu Great Wall. Free evening and final reflection moments.

Day 2

● Campus Exchange & Innovation Orientation

Tsinghua University exchange, Tsinghua X-Lab visit, Buddy Program start, and Zhongguancun innovation ecosystem session. Beijing's innovation ecosystem, and opportunities for international talent in China.

Day 4

● Project Pitch & Cultural Discovery

Innovation project pitches, meet and talk with Chinese unicorn company, expert feedback. Afternoon cultural experience at the Forbidden City.

Day 6

● Humanoid Robotics Focus Day

Visit to Humanoid Robot Data Collection Center. Exchange with robotics companies and future industry partners, Leju Robotics and Guanglun Intelligence. Focus on humanoid robotics, embodied intelligence, AI, data training, and real-world application scenarios. Evening group dinner

Day 8

● Departure

Departure from Beijing and alumni follow-up.

*Program partners, visits, and daily activities are subject to updates. The final schedule will be shared with confirmed participants before departure.



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Visa Info

Visa requirements depend on your nationality and may change. Selected participants will receive guidance and invitation documents if needed.

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READY TO JOIN THE FUTURE IN BEIJING?

Take the next step into China's innovation ecosystem. Explore future technologies, experience Beijing's culture, build international connections, and gain first-hand insight into one of the world's most dynamic cities.

Whether you're a student, a young entrepreneur, a young professional, or a future leader — your journey starts here.

How to Apply

Step 1 Apply Online

Go to beijinginnovationtour.com or scan the QR code. Submit your application online and tell us about your background, motivation, and interests.

Step 2 Rolling Review

Applications are reviewed during the application phase. Selected applicants may receive confirmation before the deadline.

Step 3 Confirmation & Preparation

If selected, you will receive a separate confirmation email with the participation agreement, preparation materials, and briefing details.

Step 4 Beijing Tour

Join 8 days of innovation visits, robotics insights, university exchange, cultural discovery, and international networking in Beijing.

Participation Fee

For Students: €880
For All Others: €1,200

Price includes:

- 7 nights' accommodation in Beijing (shared twinroom – single room upgrade available at extra cost)
- Daily breakfast
- 8 full meals
- All In-city transportation during official program activities
- Entry fees for scheduled cultural sites and guided visits
- Full access to company visits, innovation hubs, university exchanges, and program sessions
- Special events, talks, networking activities, and local coordination support

Experience 8 days of immersive learning, culture, exchange, and innovation — all in one curated program package.

Important note:
Submitting an application does not automatically confirm participation.

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