



Beautiful, modern, luxury hotel. Right in the center of all the action in historic Beijing. A few easily walked blocks from the Forbidden City and a block away from a wonderful night market at Wangfujing.

Hotel offers airport pick up service, the driver was waiting for me at Beijing Airport as I exited immigration. Ride from airport was 45 minutes, traffic was light. Hotel has individual private check in, which is neat. When you arrive, you are escorted directly to your room by a clerk, who also checks you in with a small digital device. No waiting in line. Room was an upgraded club room, still only \$179 a night due to very favorable exchange rate. Beautiful view over the city. Big luxurious beds, large flat screen TV. Amazing, super big marble bathroom with several flat screen TVs.

Hotel has its own little mall of luxury shops like Louis Vuitton and Coach. Restaurant food was average, well made and well executed, but nothing special. Hotel staff is very helpful. Like most places in China, there are many employees so there's always someone to help you.

Hotel arranged a trip to the Great Wall for us, just wish they had advised us of rush hour times. We got caught in rush hour at 6 pm, returning to the hotel, and sat in smoggy traffic for 2 hours, instead of the 1 hour it took to drive out to the wall. I did complain a bit on our return and hotel offered us complimentary transportation to the airport in the hotel's Rolls Royce, so we had to experience that.

Highlight of the trip was a rickshaw ride through the old Hutong neighborhoods, with a driver we met at The Forbidden City.

We would definitely recommend the hotel, we have found some great specials on the Peninsula website [here](#).

