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Schoolhouse Canteen.



Beijing's Underground City.

Schoolhouse Canteen, Beijing

Established by a conglomerate of expatriates and local Beijingers, the Schoolhouse Canteen is located in Mutianyu Village, less than one kilometre from a less-touristy section of the Great Wall.

First opened as a glass studio, the Schoolhouse has been renovated by the team and now features meeting and conference facilities as well as a fantastic restaurant dishing up meals using organic local produce. A healthy breakfast followed by a tour of the old village can be arranged. A quick lunch in a nearby noodle house – also renovated and owned by the Schoolhouse team – can also be included followed by a trip to the Great Wall, with cocktails on the patio to end the day. Boutique accommodation will soon be available.

Beijing's Underground City

A relic of the Sino-Soviet conflict in 1969, the city is a network of bomb shelters and tunnels that wind for more than 30km and cover an area of 85km², eight metres to 18m below street level in the heart of Beijing's commercial district. Built over 10 years by 300,000 locals (including children), the city includes 1,000 anti-air raid structures that have been turned into stores, restaurants, clinics, schools, theatres, reading rooms, factories, a roller skating rink, a grain and oil warehouse, barber shops and a mushroom cultivation farm for growing food that require little light, and even a hostel. Official tours are available in an approved section through a small shop front in Qianmen, south of Tiananmen. Tour groups can enter free of charge without prior permission, while individual tourists are charged RMB20 (US\$2.40).

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