



## Lost Civilizations: China, Beijing : The Forbidden City



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Ancient China's civilisation has kept a presence in today's China. Its imprint reminds us of China's greatness, at the time when it reigned over the greater part of Asia.

The Forbidden City, at the heart of Beijing, incarnates the ancient emperors' power.

A city within the Imperial city, it is where the Emperor of China lived, leaving the compound on very rare occasions.

The legend tells the Forbidden City only has 9 999 rooms, 10 000 room palaces being for heavenly deities.

Made up of an interior court and an outside court, the Forbidden City represented the Emperor's private and public spheres.

The Exterior Court was the city's official area, where the sovereign received his ministers and presided over official ceremonies.

The interior court was the private area, where the Imperial family lived, and where the most beautiful rooms and halls were, such as the Palace of Heavenly Purity, the Hall of Union, and the Palace of Earthly Tranquillity.

We will delve into the compound of the ancient palace, previously forbidden to any visitor, to have a glimpse of the beauty of the site that was kept hidden for decades.