

## 3 Days Xian -Luoyang Tour

**Tour Code:** LCT-XL-3D-01

**Duration:** 3 days

**Attractions:** Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, City Wall, Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Great Mosque, Muslim Quarter, Longmen Grottoes, Shaolin Temple

### Overview

Both Xi'an and Luoyang is one of China's seven ancient capital cities and is noted for its places of historical interest such as Terracotta Soldiers Museum, the Shaolin Monastery and Longmen Caves, while the Shaolin Martial Arts have inspired people world wide, something that should not be missed during your trip. Besides, we will lead you to explore the Xi'an in a different way by tasting the local food in the evening, learning calligraphy class in tranquil place and play Shaolin Kongfu in Martial Arts School.

### Highlights

1. See the Terracotta Warriors and Horses which have been buried for thousand of years;
2. Taste authentic local food;
3. Ride a bike on City Wall;
4. Try Chinese high-speed train;
5. Be amazed by the famous Longmen Grottoes;
6. Learn about the Martial Arts in Shaolin Temple

### Itinerary:

Day 1: Terracotta Warriors Museum, Traditional Cave Dwelling, City Wall, Shuyuanmen Street

09:00 a.m: With sunny smile hanging on face, your tour guide will greet you at your hotel lobby/

09:50 - 12:30p.m: Your three day heritage tour begins with the most significant site - **Terracotta**

**Warriors Museum**. There are three pits waiting for you to visit, of which pit one is the most

important one. There are about 8000 soldiers up there. Each figure has its own unique face and

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expression. From the formation, you can see how Qin Dynasty soldiers fight and how they rank in the army. From the museum, you will know how ancient people think of death.

12:30 - 13:30 pm: Find a local restaurant for lunch, pay on spot.

13:30p.m: Visit a local family lives in **Traditional Cave Dwelling**. Your tour guide will introduce to you why people like to live here.

14:10 p.m: Depart Terracotta Warriors and get back to the city. It takes about 50 minutes to get back to City from the Terracotta Warriors museum, during which time you can have a little rest and be prepared for the afternoon tour.

15:00p.m: Visit the **Ancient City Wall**, there are two choices available. You can either walk or ride a bike, or even take a golf car (please pay on moment if you want to ride bikes or golf car). This City Wall is the best preserved and most complete wall that has survived through China's long history. It is about 12 meters high, 12 to 14 meters wide across the top and 15 to 18 meters thick at the bottom. The entire circumference is about 13.7 kilometers. It can take a while if you choose to walk all through.

16:30 p.m: Go to the **Shuyuanmen Cultural Street** and learn about Chinese calligraphy and painting. Its name is originated from the Guanzhong Academy, which was the highest institution of higher learning in the Ming and Qing dynasties in Shaanxi, and now has become a painting and calligraphy center in Xi'an. There are sound splash-ink works now, and most of the high-quality goods exhibition, both the street stalls selling arrangement, and elegant display of price tag. When wandering in the street, you will have the misconception of walking in the ancient China. Every year a large number of painting and calligraphy masters converge in Xi'an, holding various kinds of exhibition. You might take part in one of them if you are lucky.

17: 00p.m: Your will be dropped off at hotel and your tour comes to an end.

Day 2: Longmen Grottoes, Shaolin Temple

06:30 a.m: Your Xian driver will pick you up at the hotel and drive you to Xian North Railway Station.

09:54 a.m: Your Luoyang tour guide will hold a welcome sign with your name on and greet you at the Luoyang Longmen Train Station.

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10:10 - 12:30 p.m: Visit the world-famous **Longmen Grottoes**. Seated at the banks of Yi River, 12km south of current Luoyang City, Longmen Grottoes are ranked the first of Four Great Grottoes in China, together with Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang, Yungang Grottoes in Datong and Mount Maiji Grottoes in Tianshui. It is also listed into the World Cultural Heritages and Relics by UNESCO in 2000 for its broad collections and profound cultural influence in the world. Dotted between Xiangshan Mountain and the Longmen Mountain, with Yi River flowing below, the Longmen Grottoes are harmonious with mountains, forests, rivers, displaying a serene and peaceful atmosphere.

12: 30- 13: 30p.m: Look for the most featured food in Luoyang, like Lam Soup, Spicy soup, Bu Fan Soup , Tang Mian Jiao, noodles in Green-bean milk, etc..

14:30 - 17:00 p.m: After lunch, you will go to **Shaolin Temple**, which is in the region of Song Mountain, Dengfeng City, Henan Province, and is reputed to be “The Number One Temple under Heaven” . Included on UNESCO's World Cultural and Heritage List in 2010, it is the cradle of the Chinese Zen Buddhism and the Shaolin Martial Arts such as Shaolin Cudgel.

18: 00 p.m: Drop you off at Luoyang Longmen Train Station.

20:09p.m: Xian North Railway Station pick up and Xian hotel drop off.

Our driver will hold a welcome sign with your name on it to meet you at the train station upon your arrival, since the train station is huge and not easy for our driver to find you, there is some notice about where you can meet our driver.

The arrival hall of this train station is the basement level of the building. Since there are few exits to go out, sometimes it's pretty confusing to know which one to go. When you get into the arrival hall (there are two sides to go down to the arrival hall from the platform, and it's hard to find which side you will be on), please remember to find the “Information Desk” (问询台/信息台) which is in the middle of the hall and near the exit end, with four big screens in four sides above the desk!

The driver will be there to wait for you!

Day 3: Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter

09:00 p.m: Get ready to be picked up by your smiley tour guide.

09:30 - 12:00p.m: Start your day tour with the only underground museum in China - **Hanyangling**

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**Museum**, also called Jingdi's Tomb. It is located near the airport about 30km north of Xian City.

This is a burial sight for Emperor Jingdi and his wife Empress Wangzhi. This tomb could be dated back to 2,100 years ago. You will see some of the funeral goods such as pottery figurines dated back to Han Dynasty, Luoqing Stone that was used for measurement, and all kinds of stela inscribed with words.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Enjoy a Chinese lunch at somewhere local usually go. You will need to cover this expense on spot. You may try something different from what you had in the last day.

13:40 - 15:30 p.m: Your afternoon tour will start with a visit to **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. It's located inside the Da Ci En temple. It was built in Tang Dynasty to store all the Buddhism sutra and Buddhism figures that Xuan Zang has brought back from India. It's the biggest and also the earliest square pagoda that has been built. Now, it has been remodeled and enlarged like a large park. In the sunny days, local people usually come here and relax themselves. If you come here at night, you will see local people dancing, singing, children running, fountain show performing, and various small stalls setting up for local snacks.

15:50 - 16:20 p.m: Visit the symbol of Xian city - **Bell Tower (Or Drum Tower)**. In ancient times, the bell and the drum were used to strike time in the morning and at dusk because people didn't have clocks or watches, so there is a saying 'Morning Bell and Dusk Drum' in Chinese. The two towers are the name card of Xi'an, as they are the best preserved all around China.

16:20 - 17:00 p.m: You will head for the famous food paradise - **Muslim Quarter**. With its name, you can assume that this is the Muslim Neighborhood, so please do not mention pork in any circumstances. Be surrounded by various kinds of local snacks and artifacts, it's hard to resist the temptation of try one or two.

17:00 p.m: Finish your day tour and be back to your hotel.

### **What's Important:**

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned.

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Bottled water.

Second class train tickets between Xian and Luoyang.

What's not included:

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items in sites.

Tips or gratuities for guide and driver if we did a good job(recommended)

Accommodations.

What to take: smile and a relaxing heart.

**Good to know:**

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or the shops for shopping.
2. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food with a fair price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.
3. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. If you want a tour with a duration exceeding the working period of our tour guide and driver, we need to charge you for your extra hours with the standard of 100 RMB per hour.
4. The tour we provide you are based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for over 6 hours yet less than 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
5. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
6. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will be only with your families or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
7. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
8. During your visit to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you may encounter some local people

following you to sell souvenirs, just ignore them.

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## FAQ

1. Does the quote include the train tickets to Luoyang?

Re: Yes, the quote includes the both way train tickets (second class seat) back and forth Luoyang.

2. When does the tour usually end in each day?

Re: The tour usually ends at 17:30 p.m.

3. How long do we have time in the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: You will have a whole morning or afternoon wander in the museum and be immersed in the great wonder.

4. How far is the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: It is about 50 mins drive from city center.

5. How long it takes to go to Luoyang from Xian?

Re: About 1.5 hours.

6. Can you book train tickets for us?

Re: Sure, you just need to submit your full name and passport numbers.

7. What's the difference between First class seat and second class seat?

Re: First class seat is more spacious and comfortable, and of course a little expensive.

8. Can I learn Kung Fu in Shaolin Temple?

Re: Considering the short time period you will stay there, you won't have time to learn Kung Fu. If you do have time, there are two kinds of practicing class. You can choose to learn from the monks in the Temple or learn under the instruction of someone near the temple. Practicing with the monk would be expensive and more fun!

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9. Can I see the Kung Fu Show?

Re: Sure, you will enjoy the Kung Fu Show in Shaolin Temple. The show performs every day.

10. Can I add more sites in Luoyang?

Re: Sorry, Longmen Grottoes and Shaolin Temple would make a full day. You will even need to bring some easy meals for lunch. There is no time for other sites.

11. Can the itinerary be changed on the spot?

Re: Sure, you can change the itinerary whenever you want. Any alterations on sites may lead to different price. Just let your tour consultant know your preference, they will help you with that.

12. I'm a vegetarian, where could I find such a place?

Re: Don't worry, your tour guide will take you to a local restaurant where only vegetarian food is served.

**Cancellation policy:**

No less than 2 weeks, you will lose your deposit;

Within 7 days - 13 days, loss of 50% of your payment or just the deposit.

Within 6 days, loss of full payment or just the deposit.

Please bear in mind that your deposit is still available for your next trip with us. You may also offer this deposit to someone else as their tour deposit with us.



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