

Xian & Pingyao 3-day Tour

Tour Code: LCT-XP-3D-01

Duration: 3 days

Attractions: Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, City Wall, Pingyao Ancient Town, Qiao's Compound

Highlights

1. Walk in the Pingyao Ancient Town and know about the delivery business in old times of China.
2. Taste unique Shanxi dishes and snacks.
3. Learn about Qing Dynasty architecture by visiting the Qiao's Compound.
4. Visit Terracotta Warriors Museum and learn about the Qin Dynasty history.
5. Learn how to make dumplings in Xian if you want.

Overview:

Arrive in Xian, visiting the most significant site of all - Terracotta Warriors Museum. Then, take a high-speed train to Pingyao to experience the life dating back to Ming and Qing Dynasties. Pingyao Ancient Town is one of the only two towns that have been listed into UNESCO World Heritage site as a whole town. Taking this tour would enable you to see every aspect of the life in Ming and Qing Dynasties from commerce to daily commons. You will access one of the most famous compound - Qiao's compound to have an idea of how prosperous the economy was and how business family run their commercial empire.

Itinerary

Day 1: Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall, Muslim Quarter

09:00 a.m: With sunny smile, your tour guide will greet you at your hotel lobby. Your day tour commences. You will head for Terracotta Warriors Museum first.

09:50 a.m: Arrive at **Terracotta Warriors Museum**. Your guide will explain every details of this museum and its history as well facts. You will be fed with tons of knowledge. Being the most significant excavation 20th century, Terracotta Army is a must-see site for people coming to Xian.

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You will not only see different figurines and ancient weapons in three pits, but also learn about the motivation and significance of why this mausoleum is so grandly built.

12:30 p.m: Taste the most **authentic local lunch** (pay on spot). Xian is one of the famous food cities in China. For lunch, you will have a variety of choices such as Chinese Hamburger, Baozi (steamed stuffed bun), Spicy soup, Tofu Jelly, Deep - fried dough sticks, Pita Bread Soaked in Mutton Soup, Biang Biang Noodles, Guokui, etc..

13:30p.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.

14:20p.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.

16:00 p.m: Get off the City Wall and proceed to have a stroll in **Muslim Quarter**. Learn about all kinds of folk art and taste various snacks here.As a block famous for its various food, although the Muslim Quarter is regarded as a tourism spot for the tourists coming from other places, the locals considered it as the place for snacks and entertainment. Especially in summer, you can find tons of local people having snacks and amusing themselves there. Besides the Beiyuanmen Street, Daxuexi Street and Xiyangshi, there are also a large area including Dapiyuan, Dongyangshi, Beiguangji Street and Qiaozikou. Old Xian people call these areas as “ Fangshang” . In here, you can find the true Xian lifestyle. However, these places need your further discovery.

17:00p.m: Head back to your hotel and end of tour.

Day 2: Xian North - Pingyao by high-speed train G2506 (09:07- 11:28), Rishengchang Draft Bank, City Wall, Ming Qing Street

07:00 a.m: Your Xian local driver would be ready at your hotel lobby and take you to the Xian

North Railway Station for G2506. Have a leisure train ride.

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11:28 a.m: Arrive at Pingyao train station and meet your Pingyao local guide.

11:40 - 12:40 p.m: Enjoy a Pingyao-style meal at a nice local restaurant (pay on spot) before begin your exploration.

13:00 - 18:00 p.m: Wander in the ancient town. Visit the precedent of modern Chinese banks - **Rishengchang Draft bank**. Move to take a nice walk on the well preserved Ancient **City Wall**.

Discover the defensive system with your professional local guide and get a panoramic view of the ancient town. Afterwards, drive to explore the business street - **Ming Qing Street**, the Wall Street of ancient China. The whole street remains its original pattern. On both sides of the street, Ming and Qing Style residences and shops are located, lots of which bear a history of over a hundred years now.

18:00 p.m: Check in your Pingyao hotel for rest.

Day 3: Confucius Temple, Ancient Country Government, Qiao's Compound, Pingyao tour and take train (D2565, 16:43 - 18:29) back to Xian.

09:00 a.m: Meet your guide at the hotel lobby and start your last day tour.

09:50 a.m - 12:00 p.m: Continue your stroll in the ancient town to the **Confucius Temple** and **Ancient Country Government**. There are a couple of Confucius Temples in China, but the one in Pingyao is the earliest one discovered. It's also the only Confucius temple that built in Jin Dynasty. You will find the largest Confucius statue and other philosophers of Ru. Then, you will go inside the Ancient Country Government and learn how ancient officials lived and worked.

12:50 - 15:00 p.m: Visit the **Qiao's Compound**. It's a enclosed castle-like compound with an area of 4175 sq meters, composed of 6 big yards, 20 small yards and 313 rooms. There are no other houses or mansion neighboring it, but some streets. This compound belonged to a local family named Qiao family. This family made their way in commercial business, particularly in bank business. From this compound, you will see the architectural concept of ancient Chinese people.

15:50 p.m: Drop you off at the Pingyao train station where you will get back to Xian.

18:29 p.m: Your Xian driver will be ready at the Xian North Railway Station upon your arrival.

Then, you will be transferred back to your Xian hotel. This Xian & Pingyao tour would come to an end.

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What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned.

Bottled water.

2nd class train tickets between Xian and Pingyao.

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

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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.

FAQ

1. Do you provide airport pick up service? How much does it cost?

Re: Yes, Lilysun China Tour provides airport / train station transfer service. The price depends on what kinds of vehicles you need.

2. When does the tour usually end?

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

3. Can I check in the Pingyao hotel before visiting the sites?

Re: Sure, just let your guide know beforehand. He/she will help you check in first.

4. 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.

5. How far is the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

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

6. Can the itinerary be changed on the spot?

Re: Sure, you can change the itinerary whenever you want. Your tour guide will accommodate your needs.

7. Where do we have lunch?

Re: Your tour guide will take you to a nice local restaurant instead of some tourist ones for lunch.

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You can try some delicious meter-long noodles.

8. 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.

9. Can I take different trains instead of the ones listed in the itinerary?

Re: Yes, we can arrange you to take a different train and revise the itinerary to accommodate your train preference.

10. I want to see some local market, can you arrange?

Re: Yes, there are several famous wet markets in Xian. We can take you to one of them to have an experience on how local people lived. You can even buy some materials and make dumplings or noodles in a local family.

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.