

6 Days Xian & Chengdu Panda Tour

Tour Code: LCT-XC-6D-01

Duration: 6 Days

Attractions: Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter, Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Panda Breeding Center, Leshan Giant Buddha

Overview: In this 6 days trip, you will have a chance to visit the cutest animal in the world - Giant Panda and the world-class archaeological finding - Terracotta Army and Horses. With your jet lag eased in the first day, you will start your tour by visiting the historic city - Xian and explore its the profound history and culture by visiting City Wall, Bell Tower and Hanyangling Museum. Take a high-speed train to Chengdu, you will begin your amazing panda tour and taste bud-challenging tour in Chengdu. At last, go to Leshan city nearby Chengdu and have a view of the Giant Buddha before head for your next destination.

Highlights

1. Get really close to scrutinize the Terracotta Army and Horses with a telescope.
2. Ride a bike (if you choose) on the bumpy City Wall and imagine how it feels to ride a horse there.
3. Visit Giant Pandas and take photos with them if you choose.
4. Challenge your taste bud with spicy Sichuan cuisine or just have a hotpot.
5. Enjoy a Tang Dynasty Dinner Show in Xian or a Mask Changing Magic in Chengdu.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival Xian

Arrive in Xian by air and meet your driver at the baggage area. Have a good rest.

Day 2: Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter

09:00-12:00p.m: Visit the **Terracotta Warriors Museum**, a museum that was established on the original site of Terracotta Army and Horses. Your guide will explain every details of this museum

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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. 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 - 13:30p.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..

14:20 - 15:30 p.m: Head back to city center, you will climb on the **Ancient City Wall**. As the most completely - preserved city wall in China, Xian Ancient City Wall has survived over 600 years. It served as a part of defence system to resist any attack from other countries. The whole is built in a rectangular shape, connected by four big solid gates. There are three ways to explore this grand city wall. The easiest way is to take a golf car (pay on moment), which is comfortable but not very rewarding, especially when you are accompanied with guide. You may also take a bike (pay on moment), which may be a little bumpy. The last way is walk slowly and feel the history.

15:40-16:20 p.m: Visit the **Bell Tower**. Built in 1380, the Bell Tower is a brick and timber structure used for hour announcement. Before the Bell Tower moved, there was a copper bell in the tower named "Jingyun Bell". Its sound can spread several kilometers. No matter from the shape, the sound, or the engraving technology of the bell reflected the high craftsmanship of the metallurgy of Tang Dynasty. After the Jinglong Bell moved with the Bell Tower, the Jingyun Bell was preserved in the Beilin museum of Xi'an. Now the big iron Jinglong Bell on the Bell Tower was made in Ming Dynasty and it weighs 2,500 kilograms. It has given time to the city for more than 400 years.

16:20-17:00 p.m: Stroll in **Muslim Quarter**. It's pretty obvious from the name that this place is a Muslim people residence. It is composed of several commercial streets that are crowded with people all year round. There are stands and booths along side the street, mingled with shops and stores, which made the street extremely busy. The most common transportation form is Tuk Tuk, a small and flexible vehicle that can contain 3-4 people at most. Many people coming here for the authentic local food. We suggest you have a try.

17:00 p.m: Finish your day tour and return to hotel for rest.

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Day 3: Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Hanyangling Museum, Xian North - Chengdu by high-speed train
(D1943, 16:16- 20:33)

09:00 a.m: Meet your Xian guide and set off for the day tour. It's suggestive that you packed all your luggage and bring them with you for the day trip.

09:20- 11:30 a.m: Visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. This is a Tang Dynasty Buddhism temple dated back to 1,300 years ago, also named Da Ci'en Temple. Tang Dynasty famous monk - Xuan Zang has been here to work on the Buddhism Scriptures that he brought back from India. It was him who spread the Buddhism out and loud. You will get to learn historical facts and enjoy interesting stories here. Fountain Show, which is regarded as the biggest fountain square in Asia. At night, this place together with the Datang City nearby will be decorated with all kinds of lights and many local people like to visit then.

11:30 - 12:30p.m: Enjoy lunch in a nice local restaurant before your afternoon trip (pay on spot).

13:10 - 14:50p.m: Visit the **Hanyangling Museum**, also called Jingdi's Tomb. This is a burial sight for Emperor Jingdi and his wife Empress Wangzhi. This tomb could be dated back to 2,100 years ago. It is the only underground museum in China. Emperor Jingdi was a great emperor back then. Much influenced by the concept of Wuwei (non-interference), he had done a lot on national tax, diplomacy with neighboring countries, and the punishments to criminals. People admired him. In his mausoleum, you can hardly find anything martial like Qin Shi Huang's mausoleum, just some day to day stuff and terracotta figurines from servants to cavalry. These figures were originally decorated with colors and clothes, but all faded with time.

15:20 p.m: Transfer you to Xian North Railway Station for the high-speed train to Chengdu. Your Chengdu driver will be ready at Chengdu East Train Station at 20:33. You will be dropped off at Chengdu hotel for rest.

Day 4: Panda Breeding Center, Wuhou Memorial Temple, Jinli Street

09:00 a.m: Greeted by your Chengdu guide, you will set out to explore this amazing city.

09:30 - 12:00 p.m: Visit **Panda Breeding Center**. Coming to Chengdu, Panda - the “National

Treasure of China” is must-see sight. Situated on the Futou Mountain 10 km away from the city center, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding is a huge replica of natural habitat for the preservation and breeding of pandas so as to prevent them from extinction. Founded in 1987, Chengdu Panda Base has rescued many wild pandas and survived over 100 kinds of wild animals, including the red panda, the white stork, the white swan, the black swan, the mandarin duck, the *Grus nigricollis* etc.. Besides the rare animals, the Base is also abundant in rare-bred plants. It would be a interesting to see pandas doing all kinds of stuff.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Find a local restaurant to enjoy the authentic Sichuan cuisine (pay on spot). As we all know that Sichuan cuisine is world famous, now it's time for you to try the real dishes.

13:30 - 15:00 p.m: Go to **Wuhou Memorial Temple**. As the “Shrine of the Three Kingdoms” , Wuhou Memorial Temple is mainly composed of three sightseeing parts, the Cultural Relics Area, the Garden and Jinli Street. In the Cultural Relics Area, visitors can appreciate Du Fu (a great poet in Tang Dynasty)’ s couplets, exquisite carvings, sophisticated stone inscriptions, calligraphy works and paintings, as well as the rooms Zhuge Liang lived in and statues of famous people in Three Kingdoms Period.

15:20- 16:30 p.m: Stroll in **Jinli** old street. It is said that Jinli was one of the oldest and most commercial-featured street in Western Shu Kingdom. It was nation-wide famous back in Qin, Han Dynasties and Three Kingdoms Period. As part of Wuhou Street, Jinli street has internalized the cultural deposition from Qin, Han Dynasties and Three Kingdoms Period, enriched itself with old folk customs of western Sichuan people while displaying in Ming and Qing Dynasties style. It's a great chance for you to learn about old Sichuan people's life by having a cup of tea in the tea house, enjoying a piece of Sichuan Opera in theater, tasting traditional snacks, and appreciate some art works.

17:00 p.m: Come back to Chengdu hotel for rest.

Day 5: Giant Buddha, Huanglongxi Ancient Town

07:30 a.m: Get up early and be prepared to visit the Giant Buddha.

09:30 - 11:00 a.m: Visit the **Giant Buddha** in Leshan city. It's located at the river outlet of Min River,

Qingyi River and Dadu River, over 160km north away from Chengdu city. Built on the cliff based on

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Xixia Peak of Lingyun Mountain, Giant Buddha was the largest stone-carved Buddha with height of 71 meters. There are two ways to admire this giant Buddha. The ordinary way is to go inside the site and come down the foot of the Buddha. The other way is ride a cruise and watch it in a distance, which provides better views.

11:00 - 12:00 p.m: Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant nearby Giant Buddha (pay on spot).

13:30 - 15:30 p.m: Visit the **Huanglongxi Ancient Town**. Named after Huanglong River that runs through, Huanglongxi Ancient Town has a history of 1,700 years. Most of its buildings date back to Qing Dynasty, featured with cobbled streets, wooden buildings, tranquil tea houses, tall old trees and temples. Coming here will make anybody calm and peaceful. It's precisely these facts attracts many producers come here and shoot movies.

16:30 p.m: Transfer back to Chengdu hotel for rest.

Day 6: Departure Chengdu

Chengdu hotel pick up 3 hours prior to your flight and airport drop off.

What's Important:

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for sites mentioned, including the cruise in Giant Buddha.

Bottled water.

Second class train tickets between Xian and Chengdu.

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.

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What to take: smile and a relaxing heart.

Good to know:

1. You are recommended to take cruise in Giant Buddha, which can reward you with better views.
2. If you are interested in panda holding, or panda keeping program, please advise in advance so we can arrange for you.
3. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or the shops for shopping.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
8. 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.
9. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
10. During your visit to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you may encounter some local people following you to sell souvenirs, just ignore them.

FAQ

1. Can you arrange cooking class for us?

Re: Yes, we can arrange for you.

2. What kind of car will I have?

Re: It depends on your group size. For group size of 1-2 people, you will be offered with a sedan car. For group size of 3-4 people, you will enjoy a van with 7-seat. While 14-17-seat van will be in service if there are 5-8 of you. When your tour group size is larger, 33-seat coach or bigger will be offered.

3. Can you help me booking the train tickets?

Re: Sure, we can help you to book all the train tickets or flight tickets. This is one of our service features. After booking the tickets, your paper train tickets would be expressed to your Beijing hotel before you can use.

4. How can I book internal train tickets online?

Re: There are several ways to book train tickets or flight tickets on your own. The traditional way would be get to the train station or airport to buy tickets on spot.

If you book online, the official booking system 12306.com is unavailable for foreigners right now. You can try Ctrip.com. This website can help you book train tickets and air tickets.

5. Can I confirm this is a private tour?

Re: Yes, this is a private tour just for your group. No other people will join you.

6. Can the tour guide accompany us to have dinner and help us order?

Re: The working time for the tour guide and driver are 8-9 hours. If you finished your tour rather early, our tour guide can certainly help you until you get to dinner. Otherwise, you will need to pay extra for their overtime work.

7. Who travels with Lilysun China Tours?

Re: Lilysun China Tours has hosted a lot of foreigners, mostly English-speaking ones. Majority of them are originated in United States, some are British, Australian, Finnish, Indian, Singaporean, etc.. We are honored to serve people who appreciate the profound history of China, open to various customs and food, willing to explore exotic regions and can spare time to adventure. The first-time
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comers are mostly welcome. That's how we build up our brand. However, our former customers keep coming back to us, that's how we hold our brand.

8. What kind of tour can you offer?

Re: Lilysun China Tours offers private tours only for now. Given the fact that Lily China Tours has been operating as a private tour agency for decades, it does what it's good at. All your tours are just for your small group, whether just 1 person or a big group of 100. Your tour guide and driver will both be assigned specially for you. No other else will join you.

Meanwhile, Lily China Tours can offer private tours all over China. Even though you might not see few cities in the website, we can arrange. All you have to do is ask.

9. Do you offer children-friendly tours?

Re: Yes, that's one place we shine. Based on your children's age and interests, we can customize the itinerary. From a more general perspective, we can provide car booster for babies under 2.

Meals will be recommended catering to children. The tour will be relaxing and educational.

10. Why should I choose a private tour when group tour is so economically-efficient?

Re: Sure, group tours or seat-in-coach tours are cheap, but their service quality can be very unsatisfying. When you choose a private tour, you choose high-standard service. You can actually control your travel. Your tour guide can be your friend, who only make suggestions for you. It's almost like a self-guided tour, except you have your personal tour guide and driver.

We can't say that all private tours don't take you to shopping places, but Lily China Tours doesn't for sure. Group tours, mostly, will definitely take customers to shops or factories for shopping, where commission will be made.

11. How to plan my China travel with you?

Re: It's pretty easy to reach us. You can contact us via phone number/ email/ wechat/ viber/ Whatsapp. No matter which way you contact first. Lilysun China Tours will reply you via email.

Here are some steps for email booking.

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I: You need to tell us: who you are, where you want to go, when you come and departure, how many people you have, what you want to see, which hotel you stay at, etc..

II: One of our tour consultant will come up with an itinerary that suits you with quotation and send it over;

III: You check the itinerary and email again with more questions and concerns, which our tour consultant will address very promptly.

IV: You are satisfied with the arrangement. Our tour consultant will inform you to submit certain amount of deposit to secure the booking.

V: You send the deposit and the tour is confirmed. Our tour consultant will give you the confirmation paper with all your information in.

VI: You check the confirmation and fill in what's missing.

VII: Our tour representative host you in person and you enjoy the trip.

VIII: When you get to home, our tour consultant will write for some feedback. Then, we will improve ourselves based on your experience.

12. When does the tour end each day?

Re: About 5:00 p.m.

13. When do we get picked up from our hotel?

Re: Usually, we pick up our customers at 9:00a.m for the tour. If you prefer a earlier time to beat the crowds or a later time, our driver and guide can always cater to your needs.

In case you need to catch a train or flight, we will pick you up according to your time schedule.

14. Do you provide tour guides speak other languages other than English?

Re: Sure, we can provide the most commonly-used language speaking tour guides, like English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Japanese, Italian, etc.. Please inform your language preference beforehand.

15. Is it worth hiring a tour guide traveling in China?

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Re: It's totally worth it. China is a country with long history and profound culture, you'd be lost if you are travelling on your own for the first few times. With a local tour guide, you will actually soak into the native culture and get a comprehensive understanding of it. You won't be so confused and don't know what is in front you.

16. How do I tip my guide?

Re: You may know that we don't tip people in China. Indeed, tipping is not a compulsory thing here, but our tour guide and driver would expect you do. They would see it as a sign of their hard work and good job. There is no specific amount how much you need to tip. It depends on you.

17. What do I do if I have some free time, but unwilling stay at hotel?

Re: If you want to explore on your own, please prepare yourselves with a map, your hotel's card and your tour guide's phone number. Just ask your guide whenever you got a problem.

18. Does our tour guides accompany us in each site?

Re: Of course, your tour guides will escort you to all the sites arranged. They will enter the sites and introduce to you all the stories and facts.

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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

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