

5-day Premium Tour between Xian and Shanghai

6-Tour Code: LCT-XS-5D-01

Duration: 5 Days

Attractions: Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall, Tang Dynasty Dinner Show, Yuyuan Garden, Huangpu River Cruise, the Bund.

Overview:

Join this 5-day Xian & Shanghai tour will enable you to visit the top-rated sites like Terracotta Warriors Museum, Shaanxi History Museum, City Wall, Yuyuan Garden, Shanghai Museum and have a cruise on Huangpu River. Watch a famous Tang Dynasty Dinner Show and enjoy a dumpling feast if you choose before head to Shanghai and be amazed by its modern charisma. Visit Yuyuan and sit under a cool pavilion while watching water flowing quietly under the bridge. Climb on the World Financial Center and have a bird-eye view of the whole city. Go to water town and ride a boat if you want to leave the last memory for your leave.

Highlights

1. Two whole days in Xian and visit all the major sites, including Terracotta Army and Shaanxi History Museum.
2. A private business van and personal tour guide will always be there for you.
3. Have a comprehensive day tour to Shanghai with Zhujiajiao water town covered.
4. Learn Chinese history in museums while see modern China through river cruise.
5. Enjoy a Dumpling Banquet if you want.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival Xian

Upon your arrival at Xian Xianyang International Airport, meet your Xian local driver at the baggage area and be dropped off at Xian hotel for rest.

Day 2: Terracotta Warriors Museum, Banpo Museum, City Wall

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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. 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 **Banpo Neolithic Village Museum**. Dating back to about 6,000 years, the Banpo Neolithic site is a typical representative of Yangshao Culture. In the site, there are 46 sites of houses. The house is mainly in two forms - circular and square; while the architectural structure is mainly in two forms - half-cave and wooden house on the ground. All the houses are well arranged. There is a rectangle building in the village center, functioning as the public area for people. While other small houses seem to be the accommodations for common people. In the living area, there are over 200 caves and houses interlaced together, which are for the st-oration of food and tools. There are also the tombs in the site, which can express the features of matriarchal clan society. From all these, you will have a general idea how people back then lived.

16:00 p.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.

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

Recommended activity: Tang Dynasty Dinner Show.

Day 3: Xian day tour to Shaanxi History Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter, head to Shanghai.

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

09:30 - 12:00 p.m: Have a visit to **Shaanxi History Museum**. It's the first comprehensive modern museum and one of the largest museum in China. Appearing in Tang Dynasty architectural style, it houses about 370,000 items covering bronze, gold, jade, pottery, paintings, murals, etc. from antiquity to Qing Dynasty, many of which are national-level treasure. If you are a culture addict, it's the perfect place for you to study Chinese history.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m Have lunch at a local restaurant (pay on spot).

13: 10 - 15: 00 p.m: Visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. It's locate 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.

15:20 - 16:00 p.m: Get on the **Bell Tower**. The Bell Tower was built in 1380, at first it lays in the center of Xi'an City. The tower base is square and it covers an area of 1,377 square meters. It is 8.6 meters high and 35.5 meters wide and built completely with green bricks. The tower is a brick and timber structure and 36 meters high. 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.

Nowadays, the clear and loud time-given sound on the tower in Xi'an was the recording sound of that bell.

16:00- 17:00: 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.

17:40 p.m: Transfer you to Xian North Railway Station for D308 (19:44 - 06:26).

Day 4: Zhujiajiao Water Town, Yuyuan Garden, World Financial Center, the Bund.

06:26 a.m: Your Shanghai tour guide will meet you at Shanghai Central Train Station upon your arrival. You can check in your hotel first and fresh up a little.

09:00 a.m- 12:00 p.m: Start your amazing Shanghai tour with **Zhujiajiao Water Town**. It was an significant trading hub for countries nearby in 1700 years ago. People use boats to ferry all kinds of stuff here. On the bank, there are many houses built in rows with interlaced narrow path connecting each other. You are advise to take a boat and enjoy a leisure time on the river. Please pay on moment if you do rent a boat.

12:00 - 13:00: Enjoy an authentic local food under the instructions of your tour guide.

14:00 - 15:30: Visit the **Yuyuan Garden and old Bazaar area**. Situated in Anren Jie, Yuyuan Garden is the only fully restored classical Chinese garden in Shanghai. It was initially built by a government officer Pan Yunduan in 1577 as a resort for his parents to spend their remaining years in comfort and happiness. “Yu” in Chinese signifies pleasure and satisfaction, thus, the garden was named as “Yu”. As a perfect model of the south Chinese landscaping style garden from Ming and Qing dynasties, it is a MUST for all tourists coming to Shanghai. Wandering in pavilions,

corridors, streams, courtyards as well as many other natural features in the Garden, you will enjoy both the natural beauty and the human relics.

15:50 - 16:30 p.m: Climb on the **World Financial Center** and have a bird eye of Shanghai city.

Located in Pudong district, it's a comprehensive building with mixed usage as office, shopping mall, conference room, hotel, observatory decks. You will get on the observatory deck and enjoy a full view of the city.

16: 40 - 17:10 p.m: Walk in the **Bund**. Located at the west bank of Huangpu River in Shanghai, the Bund was originally a pathway for boatmen and hard laborers; while nowadays, the Bund becomes the most characteristic view and the most recognized symbol in the city with rich cultural connotations for hundreds of years. For the Europeans, it was like the Wall Street in the east, where prosperous trading was proceeded and massive fortunes were made and lost. In the opposite side of the Bund, it faces other marks of Shanghai City - Oriental Pearl TV Tower and Jinmao Tower.

Therefore, it is a must in your tour in Shanghai.

17:30 p.m: Drop you off at the hotel for rest.

Recommended activity: Huangpu River Cruise.

Day 5: Shanghai - Xian by train G1920, 09:24- 16:25.

07:30 a.m: Your Shanghai driver will pick you up and drop you off at the Shanghai Hongqiao Train Station. You will take G1920 and head back to Xian.

16:25 p.m: Meet your Xian local driver at Xian North Railway Station and head back to Xian 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.

Bottled water.

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Second class train tickets from Shanghai to Xian.

Soft sleeper train tickets from Xian to Shanghai.

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. In case you can't check in when you arrive in Shanghai in the morning. Your guide will take you to have breakfast first and you can fresh up a little before begin your Shanghai trip.

2.As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or the shops for shopping.

3.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.

4.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.

5.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.

6. Please be aware that your itinerary is changeable anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.

7. 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.

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8. Wheelchairs are accessible, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.

FAQ

1. Does the quote include the train tickets?

Re: Yes, the quote includes soft sleeper train to Shanghai and second class train back to Xian.

2. Can I book the train tickets online?

Re: Yes, you can book the train tickets online, after which you will need to bring your passport to draw the paper tickets in the train station. When we book for you, we will deliver the paper tickets to your hotel before you use them.

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. Can I add Shanghai Museum / Jade Buddha Temple in this itinerary?

Re: For this particular itinerary, there is no room for any more sites. However, we can slot them in if you are willing to change the train and come back to Xian later in the last day.

5. How long it takes to get to Shanghai from Xian?

Re: About 11.5 hours for the D308, while 7 hours for G1920 when you come back to Xian.

6. About sleeper train tickets, can you book a private carriage just for us?

Re: It takes exactly 4 people to fill in a carriage. If your group has 4 people, it won't be a problem. In case you only have 2 people or 3 people, you will have to buy extra 2 or 1 tickets to engage a private carriage.

7. I want a lower bunk, can you arrange?

Re: In usual cases, the system will randomly arrange your tickets. But we can help to choose a lower bunk for you. You need to be aware that lower bunk ticket is higher than higher bunk. We can book for you if you are ok with the extra charge.

8. 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.

9. Can you help to book business class train tickets?

Re: Yes, we can book business class train tickets for you. However, you need to be aware that business class tickets are always in short supply. You will need to submit your passport information as soon as you confirm this trip.

10. 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.

11. Do we have time for the Cruise after the tour?

Re: Yes, there are a couple of cruise choices available in Shanghai. Based on your time, we suggest you take the one beginning at 19:00. It will leave you enough time for dinner before getting aboard.

The ticket is 120 RMB per person.

12. Our children want to learn about Chinese painting, can you arrange?

Re: Yes, we can arrange Chinese painting and calligraphy class in Xian. We also have other activities like cooking class, opera masking making, rubbing, etc..

Cancellation policy:

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

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

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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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