

6-day Beijing - Xian Trip

Tour Code: LCT-BX-6D -01

Duration: 6 Days

Attractions: Forbidden City, Mutianyu Great Wall, Tian'anmen Square, Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall

Overview: This tour is perfect for people who only have 5-6 days but still want to visit the most famous sites in China. Arrive in Beijing and go inside the Forbidden City and explore its background stories. Climb on the Mutianyu Great Wall and admire the war wisdom and architectural intelligence of ancient people. Then jump on a high-speed train and go to another ancient capital city of China - Xian. Arrive in Xian, have a visit to Terracotta Army and enjoy typical Xian snacks like Chinese Hamburger and Pita Bread Soaked in Lamb Soup.

Highlights:

1. Go inside the world's best preserved imperial palace - the Forbidden City and admire its splendor.
2. Enter the local Hutongs and visit a family while learning about their lives.
3. Take cable car up and down the Mutianyu Great Wall and enjoy its breathtaking views.
4. Visit the Terracotta Army and Horses Museum and have an idea of ancient Chinese concept of after life.
5. Rent a bike and cycle on the City Wall.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival Beijing

Arrive at Beijing airport and be picked up by Beijing local driver.

Day 2: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Jingshan Park, Beijing Hutong Walking.

09:00 a.m: Commence your day tour by meeting the smiley tour guide at the hotel lobby.

09:30 a.m: Your foremost sight would be the **Tian'anmen Square**, also called Gate of Heavenly

Peace. There is not much to see about the square itself, except that it's the largest inner city square

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in the whole world. You are here because of several significant historic events happened here. The most important one is that it was here where Chairman Mao proudly announced the founding of the People's Republic of China. Following your guide, you will learn about the other progressive events ever happened here.

10:30 - 13:00 p.m: Not far from the Tian'anmen Square, there is **Forbidden City**, the core site of the day. Served as the home for imperial families for over 500 years, Forbidden City has survived both the natural disasters and the artificial damages. Being the largest and the best preserved palace compound in the world, it has symbolized the imperial power, simply because of which common people are prohibited to access. Now, it's more like a cultural symbol, telling the old stories.

13:00 - 14:00 p.m: Enjoy a local Beijing lunch at your own expense.

14:20 - 15:00 p.m: Filled with energy, you are set out for the **Jingshan Park**. It's also one of the imperial park in old times. Nowadays, it's just a place where local people have a leisure time. Coming here, only one thing you can't miss. That is have a commanding view of the whole Forbidden City. If you are visiting in autumn day, the red maple forest would make a splendid scene.

15:30 - 17:00 p.m: Stroll in the old **Beijing Hutongs** where old Beijingers have lived. A few decades ago, almost all people in Beijing lived in Siheyuan in Hutongs. There are might be a couple of families in one yard. They might be living together for a long time and they know each other well. You can imagine the hustle and bustle of old times. Nowadays, there are still some people live there and most Hutongs are vacant. If you are interested, you may join some groups for activities like opera mask making, paper cutting, rickshaw riding, kite flying, calligraphy or paint learning.

17:00p.m: Drop you off at the tour end.

Day 3: Mutianyu Great Wall, Summer Palace

07:30 a.m: Start your day tour by meeting the tour guide at hotel lobby.

09:00 - 12:00 p.m: Time to hike on **Mutianyu Great Wall**. It become popular just recently and yet attracted more visitors every day. Take a cable car up and enjoy the most breathtaking views. Hike on the Great Wall, while learning about the history and function of the towers and parapets. After

walking for about 1-2 hours, take a sled down, which can be quite an experience.

12:00 - 13:00 p.m: Have a authentic rural lunch at the foot of the Great Wall. You are recommend to choose one of the farm stays to taste the local food.

14:30 - 16:00 p.m: After lunch, you will set out for the **Summer Palace**. It's a summer resort for royal families to escape from the capital heat. Like other palaces in Beijing, there are man-made hills, artificial lakes, bridges, pavilions, trees and beautiful gardens with various flowers blooming every season. If time permits, it recommended for you to take a boat ride on the lake. You just need to cover this expense on spot.

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

Day 4: Temple of heaven, Yonghe Palace, head to Xian.

09:00 a.m: Meet your local guide and set off for the day tour.

09:30- 11:00 a.m: Head for the **Temple of Heaven**. Ringed by the lush vegetation, Temple of Heaven is a sacred place for ancient emperors to pray for good harvest and offer sacrifices. The temple itself was built entirely with wood, no nails, which is also an unique architectural achievement originated in China. Composed by two parts, rectangular foundation and semi-circular top, the temple was a typical representative permeated by Chinese concept of circle heaven and rectangular ground. Nowadays, it has become a public park where you will see local people do morning exercise.

11:00 - 12:30 p.m: Visit the **Yonghe Palace (Lama Temple)**. It's situated in the northeast of Beijing. Originally built as a palace for the fourth prince Yong by the Emperor Kangxi in Qing Dynasty, it becomes an emperor's palace after the prince ascended to the throne. During the rule of Emperor Qianlong (Emperor Yongzheng's son), the palace was changed into a Buddhism temple, also called Lama Temple aiming to show kindness to southwest minority groups such as Tibet people.

13:30 p.m: Drop you off at Beijing West Train Station and take G349 (15:13 - 19:45) to Xian.

19:45 p.m: Your Xian local driver will pick you up at Xian North Railway Station and drop you off at Xian hotel.

Day 5: 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. 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 6: Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Hanyangling Museum, Departure Xian

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

09:30 - 11:30p.m: Start your day tour with 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.

11:40 - 12:40 p.m: Have lunch at a local restaurant (pay on spot).

13:20 - 15:00: Visit to only underground museum in China - **Hanyangling 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, Luojing Stone that was used for measurement, and all kinds of stele inscribed with words.

After the tour, you will be transferred to Xian airport and departure Xian.

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.

Second class train tickets between Beijing and Xian.

What's not included:

Meals

Personal expenses or private entertainment items in sites.

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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.

FAQ

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

Re: Yes, the quote includes the train tickets (second class seat) from Beijing 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 Peking Opera/ Kungfu Show in this itinerary?

Re: Yes, we can arrange performance for you. Please let us know when do you want to enjoy.

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

Re: About 5.5 hours. Some train may be faster.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

8. Some members in my group want to take cable car down the Mutianyu Great Wall, while others want to ride the sled down, can you arrange?

Re: Yes, we can arrange as well. Both way costs the same amount of money. It's just the meeting point for sledding down would be a little far from that of cable car. You will need to walk a little to

get there.

9. 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. in Beijing, you just need to pay on moment. Please advise in advance about your preferences.

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.