

Half Day Terracotta Army Tour with Local Cave House Visiting

Trip Code: LS- XA-1/2D-Terracotta & Cave tour

Trip length: 6 hours

Attractions: Terracotta Warriors Museum

Overview: On this half day trip, you will visit the most important sight in Xian and then head for a local cave house and learn about this old living form. In the morning, your guide will lead you to the must-see sight Terracotta Warriors Museum and where you can dive into the Qin culture. Replete with history and culture, you will pay a visit to a local cave dwelling family and explore the reasons why such a living style is still in use nowadays. At the end of this trip, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Highlights:

1. Admire the Terracotta Army in a close way;
2. Visit a local cave dwelling family;
3. Learn about the living conditions of rural people in China;
4. Savor the delicious local food.

Detailed Itinerary:

09:00: Your friendly local tour expert will meet you at your hotel lobby and this amazing half day trip begins. The first sight is also the very highlight of this trip. You will head for the world wonder, Terracotta Warriors Museum. This museum is established on the very site that about 8,000 life-size terracotta soldiers and objects were buried to protect Qin Shi Huang in his immortal life. There are about 2,000 figures on display. Not far from the museum is the mysterious mausoleum of Qin Shi Huang, which still remains intact. Your visit to this grand museum covers three pits on the original sites. Your guide will lead you to examine them closely one by one. Pit 1 is the principle pit that houses the major combating force, whilst Pit 2 is the mechanized troupe, and the last one Pit 3 is the command center. There are also extra exhibitions available inside the museum, displaying bronze Chariots, terracotta acrobat figures and some other bronze weapons. It's definitely a great demonstration of Qin history and culture.

12:00-13:00: Have lunch at a restaurant frequented by locals.

13:30-14:00: Your guide will take you to visit a local cave house family. Cave houses built in the mountains are quite common in some areas of middle and northwestern China. To avoid wild animals and keep cool in summer and warm in winter, ancient people discovered that cave living

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was very useful. Further development led to cave houses being carved out of the hillside, especially on the vertical side of loess hills. The bottom is rectangle-shaped and the ceiling a semi-circle. To make it safer and more attractive, modern people usually use bricks or cement to decorate the outside and paint the inside. The cave house is usually built on the south side of a hill. Beside the door is a large window, allowing in more light. Another fascinating thing about cave houses is that they have beds made out of loess. Such beds are hollow inside so the owners can make a fire inside to keep the bed warm. Seeing such a way of living will give you a new understanding of the rural Chinese people.

15:00: Get 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 Terracotta Warriors Museum.

Bottled water.

Lunch

What's not included:

Personal expenses or private entertainment items at the sights.

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

What to take: smile and a relaxed, enthusiastic attitude.

Good to know:

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or shops for shopping.
2. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your family or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
3. Wheelchairs are available, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
4. Please be aware that your itinerary can be changed at anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it,

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we will help you with that.

5. The cave dwelling visit also requires an entrance fee, please do not donate money to them.
6. There will be local villagers outside the Terracotta Warriors Museum that seem extra enthusiastic about showing you some mini terracotta figures or other artefacts, please firmly say no if you don't want to buy any of them. Otherwise, they may follow you far just to sell you goods.

FAQ:

1. How long is this tour?

Re: The tour lasts about 6 hours.

2. How far is the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: It's located to the east of Xian, about 40 km away from the airport. It takes about 50 minutes to drive.

3. 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.

4. I want to try some local food, what do you recommend?

Re: Xian people love noodles. If you are not allergic to gluten, we would strongly recommend the hand-pulled noodles with spinach. There are also many other options like Chinese Hamburger, locally produced Ice Peak, Pomegranate Juice, Pita Bread Soaked in Mutton Soup.

5. I'm a vegetarian, where can I eat?

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

6. I only eat Halal food, can you help me with that?

Re: In Xian, there is a famous area named the Muslim Quarter, where many Muslims live. You will find a large variety of food to enjoy.

7. Where is the cave house?

Re: The cave house we take you to on this day tour is nearby the Terracotta Warriors Museum, about 30 minutes drive.