

## Terracotta Army Day Tour with Local Food Exploration

**Trip Code:** LS- XA-1D-Terracotta & Food tour

**Trip length:** 8-9 hours

**Attractions:** Terracotta Warriors Museum

**Overview:** Are you vexed for not having enough time to admire the profound history and culture in Xian while exploring the authentic local food? This day trip will offer you an opportunity to visit one of the most significant archeological excavations in Xian while taking you to the hidden paths of the city where the authentic Xian food available.

### Highlights:

1. Unveil the mysteries of the Terracotta Army and Horses under the guidance of a local expert;
2. Visit a local cave dwelling family and learn about their life;
3. Take Tuk Tuk down the narrow alleys to hunt for the most authentic local food;
4. Feel the hustle and bustle of this fantastic city.

### Detailed Itinerary

12:00: Meet your guide at noon and get ready for this amazing day trip.

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13:00 - 15:30: After almost an hour's drive, you will get to the world wonder Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, where some of the funerary findings from Qin Shi Huang's mausoleum are presented. About four decades ago, a group of local peasants were digging well, and some fragments of clay figure came out, which turns out to belong to one of the most magnificent mausoleums. Not long later, an entire army of life-size terracotta soldiers and horses interred for two thousand years was discovered. Despite that some hundred of pits were detected, there are only three accessible nowadays. The pit 1 is so far the largest one and the major infantry force where the soldiers stand in formation based on their ranks in the army. There are altogether over 1000 figurines, 8 war chariots, 32 clay horses and tens of thousands of bronzes excavated. The most astonishing thing is that each warrior wears a different expression and appearance. Pit 2 is located to the north of pit 1. The whole army in pit 2 is composed of four units playing separate roles as bowmen, chariot rider, infantry, and cavalymen. While the pit 3 is the situation room where senior generals direct the whole army. This Terracotta Army tour will uncover the mystery of the Qin Dynasty and unveil a great dynasty in front of you.

15:50- 16:30: Your next destination will be a local Cave Dwelling family. Please do not expect to see how stylish or fashionable the cave will be. Instead, we will take you to visit one of the authentic cave dwellings where urbanization hasn't cast too much influence. You will learn about the magic of this cave that makes people unwilling to move out. You will also see the old lady's embroidery work.

17:30 - 20:00: You will come back to the city and be dazzled in the breathtaking night views in the city center. Unlike the solemnness in the day time, Xian reveals its modernity and vitality at night. You will pass the beautiful Bell Tower and Drum Tower and go westwards to the Muslim Quarter area. Even though you have seen the hustle and bustle of this place, Muslim Quarter at night is nothing like that. It's even 2-3 times more riotous. With vendors yelling to sell their goods, local snacks giving off faint fragrance, people lining up just for a bit of Chinese Hamburger or Roast Meat,

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small Tuk Tuks navigate swiftly here and there, this place is perfect for strolling. You will also take a Tuk Tuk with your guide to get around and explore the exotic food. You will be able to taste five to six kinds of food.

Satisfied both in mind and stomach, you will head back to the hotel to savor this incredible day.

### **What' s Important**

What' s included:

Air-conditioned vehicles with an experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for Terracotta Warriors Museum, Cave Dwelling House.

Bottled water.

Tuk Tuk riding fee during the Food Tour.

5-6 kinds of local snacks during the Food Tour.

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)

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

Good to know:

1. As our customer, your time is precious to us. We will never take you to any factories or shops for shopping.
2. Please be aware that the clay making experience is changeable. If you prefer other activities or even no experience at all, please advise.
3. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your families or friends. No other people are joining your tour.
4. Wheelchairs are available; please advise before your trip in case you need any.
5. Please be aware that your itinerary can be changed at any time. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
6. The cave dwelling visit also requires an entrance fee; please do not donate money to them.
7. There will be local villagers outside the Terracotta Warriors Museum seem extra enthusiastic about showing you some mini terracotta figures or other artifacts, please firmly say no if you don't want to buy any of them. Otherwise, they may follow you far just to sell goods.
8. Food tour took place not only in the Muslim Quarter area, but some other private spot.

#### **FAQ:**

1. How long is this tour?

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Re: The tour lasts about 8 hours, depending on your pace.

2. How far is Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: It's located in the east of Xian, about 40 km away from the airport. It takes about 50 mins 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, etc..

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?

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

7. Where is the cave house?

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

8. Can we start early in the morning?

Re: Yes, you can start this day trip in the morning. The problem is that the food tour experience is better arranged in the evening when the city began to vitalize.

9. How do we get back to the hotel?

Re: If your hotel is in the city center, your guide will take you back to the hotel by public transport with your consent. However, if your hotel is in the suburb, your private driver and guide will escort you back to the hotel.