

## Day Tour to Terracotta Warriors and Banpo Neolithic Museum

**Trip Code:** LS- XA-1D-Warrior tour with Banpo Museum

**Trip length:** 8-9 hours

**Attractions:** Terracotta Warriors Museum, Banpo Neolithic Museum

**Overview:** Xian is one of the cities that incubated Chinese civilization. Many historical events occurred here, which left their mark on every corner of this ancient city for later generations to explore. This day trip will lead you to discover the Yangshao culture which existed about 6000 years ago by visiting the remains of neolithic settlements in the Banpo Neolithic Museum. After that, you will travel back 2000 years to see how the world wonder, Terracotta Warriors and Horses were made in the Qin Dynasty. In the end, you will travel to a more modern time and learn about a traditional kind of cave dwelling before heading back to your hotel.

### Highlights:

1. Marvel at the matriarchal society system in the Yangshao Culture in the neolithic era;
2. Learn about the complex Chinese surname culture;
3. Unveil the secrets of Terracotta Warriors and Horses;
4. Visit a local family and enjoy the beauty of an old living form;
5. Get a bite of authentic Xian food.

Detailed Itinerary: Banpo Neolithic Museum, Terracotta Warriors Museum, Cave House

09:00: Meet your local tour representative at your centrally-located hotel and set off for your first sight of the day, the Banpo Neolithic Museum. Located in the Yellow River Valley east of Xian city, the Banpo Museum is a site that contains the remains of some neolithic settlements showing the culture and living conditions of the Yangshao matriarchal society dating back between 6700-5600 years ago. The whole area is divided into 3 parts: pottery manufacturing area, residential area complete with moat, and cemetery. In the pottery manufacturing area, different kinds of potteries from that time have been excavated revealing the culture and life. In the residential area, primitive houses can be seen and if you like, you can even build such a house under the guidance of a local expert. In the last section, the matriarchal culture is clearly exhibited.

11:30-12:30: Enjoy lunch at a restaurant frequented by locals and taste authentic Xian food.

13:30 - 16:00: After a drive of about an hour, you will arrive at the renowned Terracotta Warriors Museum. Your tour guide will take you through all important figures, horses and weapons. By

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examining the terracotta figures discovered here, you can imagine what the Qin soldiers looked like 2000 years ago. From the horse cart and weapons displayed, you will have an idea how these soldiers used to fight. If you look closely enough, you will discover that each figure has different facial expressions, which is astonishing considering how many figures there are. Then, you will appreciate how great this work is and why the Terracotta Warriors Museum is regarded as the Eighth Wonder in the world.

16:30-17:00: 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 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.

18:00: Your guide will escort you back to your hotel, this day trip ends here.

### **What's Important**

What's included:

Air-conditioned vehicle with experienced driver.

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for the Terracotta Warriors Museum, Banpo Neolithic Museum and Cave House.

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, 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.
7. 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 at the standard rate of 100 RMB per hour.

**FAQ:**

1. How long is this tour?

Re: The tour lasts about 8-9 hours, depending on your pace.

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 near to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, about 30 minutes drive.

8. Is the Banpo Museum really worth visiting?

Re: For people who are fascinated by Chinese history and culture, the Banpo Museum is definitely worth visiting. For people who are not really history fans, it may still be interesting. However, with our guide's explanation, everything in the museum becomes very vivid in your eyes.