

2 Days Heritage Xian Tour

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-XA-2D-01

Duration: 2 days

Major Attractions: Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, Traditional Cave Dwelling, City Wall, Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter, Great Mosque.

Overview:

Have the chance to fully experience the charm of this ancient city. In addition to the classic trip to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you may cycle on the City Wall and see the hustle and bustle of the city center. Go to the Bell Tower and listen to the sound of the old bell. Stroll in the Muslim Quarter, treat yourself to all kinds of snacks. The next day, dig a little further and visit Jingdi's Tomb, climb the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, and learn about Chinese calligraphy and paintings in the cultural street.

Highlights

- Get close to the Terracotta Army and see their features;
- Climb on the City Wall and see the hustle and bustle of the city center;
- Ride a bike on ancient city wall;
- Stand on the old Bell Tower and listen to the bell sound;
- Taste all kinds of local foods and snacks in the Muslim Quarter;
- Learn about the Muslim culture in Xian.
- See the one and only underground museum in China - Hanyangling Museum (Jingdi's Tomb);
- Learn about the history of Buddhism in the Tang Dynasty by visiting the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.
- Appreciate Chinese calligraphy and painting in Shuyuanmen Cultural Street.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	9:00 a.m	Terracotta Warriors Museum, Traditional Cave Dwelling, Ancient City Wall, Shuyuanmen Cultural Street
Day 2	9:00 a.m	Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter

Day 1: Terracotta Warriors Museum, Traditional Cave Dwelling, Ancient City Wall, Shuyuanmen Cultural Street

09:00: Greeted by your tour guide, your exploration of this great city begins.

09:50: You will arrive at **Terracotta Warriors Museum**.

Your tour guide will take you through all important figures horses and weapons. By 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.

12:30: Savour the most **authentic local lunch** (lunch is for your own account). Xian is one of the famous food cities in China. For lunch, you will be faced with a variety of choices such as a Chinese Hamburger, Baozi (steamed stuffed bun), Spicy soup, Tofu Jelly, Deep - fried dough sticks, Pita Bread Soaked in Mutton Soup, Biang Biang Noodles, Guokui, to name but a few.

13:30: Visit a local family living in a **Traditional Cave Dwelling**. Your tour guide will explain to you why people like to live here.

14:10: Depart the Terracotta Warriors and return to the city. It takes about 50 minutes to get back to the City from the Terracotta Warriors museum, during which time you can have a little rest and be prepared for the afternoon tour.

15:00: Visit the **Ancient City Wall** in a style that suits your preferences. You can either walk or ride a bike, or even take a golf cart (golf carts and bikes for your own account). 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 base. The entire circumference is about 13.7 kilometers. It can take a while if you choose to walk the whole way around.



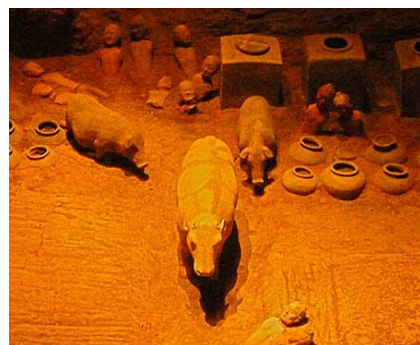
16:30: Visit the **Shuyuanmen Cultural Street** and learn about Chinese calligraphy and painting. The name originates from the Guanzhong Academy, which was the highest institution of higher learning in the Ming and Qing dynasties in Shaanxi, and now has become a painting and calligraphy center in Xi'an. Today there are sound splash-ink works and high-quality goods on exhibit, sold in street stalls with elegant displays of price tags. Wandering in the street, you will have the misconception of walking in ancient China. Every year a large number of painting and calligraphy masters converge on Xi'an, holding various exhibitions. You might take part in one of them if you are lucky.

17:00: You will be dropped off at hotel and your day tour comes to an end.

Day 2: Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter

09:00: Be ready to be picked up by your friendly tour guide.

09:30 - 12:00: Start your day tour with the 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 the burial site of Emperor Jingdi and his wife Empress Wangzhi. This tomb has been dated back 2,100 years. You will see some of the



funeral goods such as pottery figurines dating back to the Han Dynasty, Luoqing Stone that was used for measurement, and all kinds of stele inscribed with words.

12:00 - 13:00: Enjoy a Chinese lunch somewhere that locals frequent at your own expense. You may try something different from what you had the previous day.

13:40 - 15:30: Your afternoon tour will start with a visit to the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. Start your day tour with the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. Located inside

the Da Ci En temple, it was built in the Tang Dynasty to store all the Buddhist Sutras and Buddhist figures that

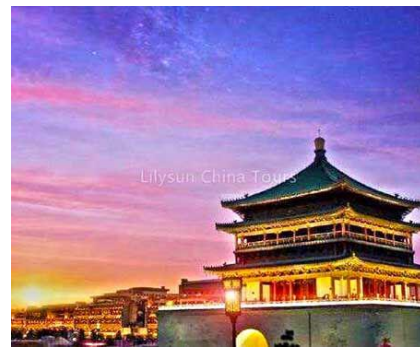
Xuan Zang brought back from India. It's the largest and oldest square pagoda ever built. Today, it has been

remodeled and enlarged into a large park where local



people come to relax on sunny days. If you come here at night, you will see local people dancing and singing, children running, fountain show performances and various small stalls selling local snacks.

15:50 - 16:20: Visit the icons of Xian city - **Bell Tower (Or Drum Tower)**. In ancient times, the bell and the drum were used to strike time in the morning and at dusk because people didn't have clocks or watches, so there is a saying 'Morning Bell and Dusk Drum' in Chinese. The two towers are icons of Xi'an, as they are the best preserved in all of China.



16:20 - 17:00: Wander in the **Muslim Quarter**. This area is famous for its various foods and is regarded as a tourist spot for the tourists coming from all around the world, but is also especially popular with the locals in the summer where you will find them gathering for snacks and amusement. In fact, all the "Huifang" area is filled with restaurants and various Muslim food stalls, in which you can find the widely-renowned old shops. Enjoy a local lunch here.

17:00: Finish your day tour and head 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 sights mentioned.
Bottled water.

What's not included:

Meals
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. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food at 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 at the standard rate of 100 RMB per hour.
4. The tour we provide you is based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for between 6 hours to 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
5. Please be aware that your itinerary can be changed at anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
6. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your families or friends.

There are no other people joining your tour.

7. Wheelchairs are available, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
8. When visiting the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, you will only wander in the Da Ci'en Temple. In case you want to climb the pagoda, you will need to pay extra.
9. During your visit to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you may encounter some local people following you to sell souvenirs, just ignore them.

FAQ

1. How long is the tour each day?

Re: The tour lasts about 8-9 hours, starting from the time when you leave your hotel.

2. When does the tour usually end each day?

Re: The tour usually ends at 17:30.

3. How much time do we have in the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: You will have a whole morning or afternoon to wander in the museum and be immersed in the great wonder.

4. How far is the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: It is about 50 mins drive from the city center.

5. Can the itinerary be changed on the spot?

Re: Sure, you can change the itinerary whenever you want. Any alterations to sights may lead to different price. Just let your tour consultant know your preference, they will help you with that.

6. Where do we have lunch?

Re: Your tour guide will take you to a nice local restaurant instead of the tourist ones for lunch.

You can try some delicious meter-long noodles.

7. I'm a vegetarian, will I find a place to eat?

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

8. I'm a Muslim, will I find a place to eat?

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

9. I want to see a local market, can you arrange this?

Re: Yes, there are several famous wet markets in Xian. We can take you to one of them to experience how local people live. You can even buy some ingredients and make dumplings or noodles with a local family.

10. Can I use a credit card?

Re: Sorry, we can't accept credit cards yet, but we do accept Paypal and bank transfers.

11. I want to see the fountain show at the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, can you arrange this?

Re: Yes, the fountain show takes place several times a day at the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, you can enjoy the one in the afternoon.