

Day Trip to Terracotta Army and Huaqing Palace with Song of

Everlasting Sorrow

Basics

Trip Code: LS- XA-1D-Warrior & Huaqing Palace Tour

Trip length: 8-9 hours

Attractions: Terracotta Warriors Museum, Huaqing Palace

Overview: The first section of this tour provides a great opportunity to dive into the rich culture of Qin and be awed by the magnificent formation of the Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses.

While the second and third sections will be completely different. It's well-known that the great Tang dynasty originated in Xian, but do you have any idea how the Tang Dynasty royals lived?

What was it like living in the Tang Dynasty? This trip will lead you to visit a Tang-era palace, the Huaqing Palace where the secret, ancient royal lifestyle is revealed. Following that you will watch a grand show - Song of Everlasting Sorrow, displaying the moving love story between an emperor and a lady.

Highlights

- Admire the great Qin dynasty by scrutinizing the funerary goods excavated from Qin Shi Huang's mausoleum;
- Be immersed in the intriguing cultural differences between the Qin and Tang Dynasties;
- Enjoy a leisurely walk in the Tang palace and completely relax yourself;
- Be deeply moved by the love story between Emperor Xuan Zong and Lady Yang;
- Taste authentic Xian local food at a restaurant frequented by locals.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	13:00 p.m	Terracotta Warriors Museum, Huaqing Palace, Song of Everlasting Sorrow

13:00: Your local tour expert will meet you at your hotel lobby and accompany you to visit the first destination.

13:50 - 15:30: Following about a 50 minutes drive, you will arrive at the world-famous

Terracotta Warriors Museum. This museum is built on the site of the funerary objects of Qin Shi Huang's Mausoleum. The tomb is yet to be excavated, but the accompanying Terracotta Warriors and Horses were discovered in 1974 when some farmers were digging wells nearby. A grand underground kingdom has been uncovered ever since. About 8000 human sized warriors with unique



facial expressions and ranks were revealed. More objects like arrows, bronze horses, chariots, swords and many other daily things were discovered. Now, the museum is divided mainly in three pits which you will visit.

16:00 - 17:30: Next, you will pay a visit to the **Huaqing Palace**, aka Huaqing pool. This place has been famous for its hot springs since the olden times and has served as a side royal palace for three millennia. The spring is naturally generated from geothermal heating and was already used about 6000 years ago. Although the preceding dynasties built palaces here as well, the Huaqing Palace built in the Tang Dynasty really spread its fame. It's precisely in this palace that the love story between Emperor Li Longji and his consort Yang Yuhuan occurred and left us a beautiful love legend. A later rebellion led by An Lushan and Li Siming broke those two love birds, leading to the famous poet Bai Juyi writing a great poem: Song of Everlasting Sorrow.



Huaqing Palace is famous not only because of the love anecdote, but also because it was the place

of 1936 Xi'an Incident when two generals Zhang Xueliang and Yang Hucheng kidnapped then national leader Chiang Kai-shek and forced him to sit down and participate in a joint force against Japanese invaders with the Chinese Communist Party.

18:00-19:00: Have dinner near the Huaqing Palace and be ready for the performance.

20:10 - 21:20: Enjoy the world-famous show **Song of Everlasting Sorrow**. Through the performance, you can admire how grand the Tang Dynasty court was, how beautiful Lady Yang must have been, and how their story lasts forever.



22:30: You will be dropped off at 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, Huaqing Palace, and Zone A show tickets.

Bottled water.

Dinner at a nice local restaurant.

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.

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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 families 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. During your visit to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you may encounter some local people following you to sell souvenirs, just ignore them.
5. The Song of Everlasting Sorrow is performed twice a day. If you prefer a later start from your hotel, you can still enjoy the second show (21:40-22:50), in which case extra compensation is required.
6. The show seats are tentatively set in Zone A. Any change of the ticket shall be advised in advance.

FAQ

1. How long is this tour?

Re: This day tour lasts about 9 hours.

2. Can I add more sights in this day trip?

Re: If you are willing to start in the morning, extra sights can be added. However, an extra morning tour will incur extra compensation for both the guide and driver.

3. Where do we enjoy the performance?

Re: The Song of Everlasting Sorrow Performance is performed inside the Huaqing Palace.

4. Is Mt. Lishan included in the itinerary?

Re: No, this itinerary doesn't include Mt. Lishan. If you want to climb it, we can include it for you.

5. How far is the Cave Dwelling from the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: It is just about 15 minutes drive away.

6. Is this a group tour or private one?

Re: This is a private tour just for you and your fellow travelers.