

3 Days Xian -Luoyang Tour

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-XL-3D-01

Duration: 3 days

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

Overview:

Both Xi'an and Luoyang belong to China's seven great ancient capital cities and are noted for places of historical interest such as the Terracotta Warriors Museum, the Shaolin Monastery and the Longmen Caves. As the Shaolin Martial Arts have inspired people worldwide, it's something you definitely won't miss during your trip. In addition, we will lead you to explore Xi'an in a different way by tasting the local food in the evening, learning calligraphy in a tranquil place.

Highlights

- See the Terracotta Warriors and Horses which have been buried for thousands of years;
- Taste authentic local food;
- Ride a bike on the City Wall;
- Travel on a Chinese high-speed train;
- Be amazed by the famous Longmen Grottoes;
- Learn about the Martial Arts in the Shaolin Temple.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	9:00 a.m	Terracotta Warriors Museum, Traditional Cave

		Dwelling, City Wall, Shuyuanmen Street
Day 2	6:30 a.m	Longmen Grottoes, Shaolin Temple
Day 3	9:00 a.m	Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter

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

09:00: Your friendly tour guide will meet you at your hotel lobby

09:50 - 12:30: Your three day heritage tour begins with the most significant sight - the **Terracotta Warriors Museum**. There are three pits available, of which, pit 1 is the most important..The whole site holds about 8000 soldiers, each owns has its own unique face and expression. From the formation, you can see how Qin Dynasty soldiers fought and their army ranks. From the museum, you will know what ancient people thought of death.



12:30 - 13:30: Find a local restaurant for lunch, (lunch is for your own account).

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.

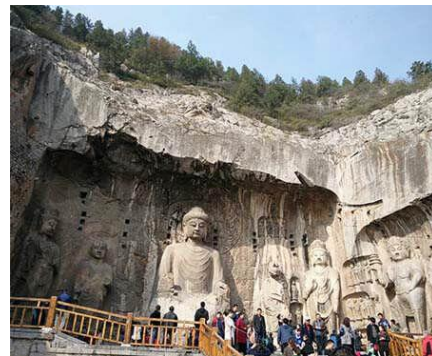
17:00: You will be dropped off at your hotel and your day tour comes to an end.

Day 2: Longmen Grottoes, Shaolin Temple

06:30: Your Xian driver will pick you up at the hotel and drive you to the Xian North Railway Station.

09:54: Your Luoyang tour guide will hold a welcome sign with your name on and greet you at the Luoyang Longmen Train Station.

10:10 - 12:30: Visit the world-famous **Longmen Grottoes**. Set on the banks of the Yi River, 12 km south of Luoyang City, the Longmen Grottoes are ranked the first of the Four Great Grottoes in China, together with the Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang, Yungang Grottoes in Datong and Mount Maiji Grottoes in Tianshui. It was



also listed into the World Cultural Heritages and Relics by UNESCO in 2000 for its broad collections and profound cultural influence in the world. Dotted between Xiangshan Mountain and the Longmen Mountain, with the Yi River flowing below, the Longmen Grottoes are harmonious with mountains, forests and rivers displaying a serene and peaceful atmosphere.

12:30- 13:30: Look for the most famous food in Luoyang, like Lamb Soup, Spicy soup, Bu Fan Soup , Tang Mian Jiao, noodles in Green-bean milk, etc.

14:30 - 17:00: After lunch, you will go to the **Shaolin Temple**, which is in the region of the Song Mountain, Dengfeng City, Henan Province, and is reputed to be “The Number One Temple under Heaven”. Included on UNESCO's World Cultural and Heritage List in 2010, it is the cradle of Chinese Zen Buddhism and Shaolin Martial Arts such as the Shaolin Cudgel.



18: 00: Drop-off at the Luoyang Longmen Train Station.

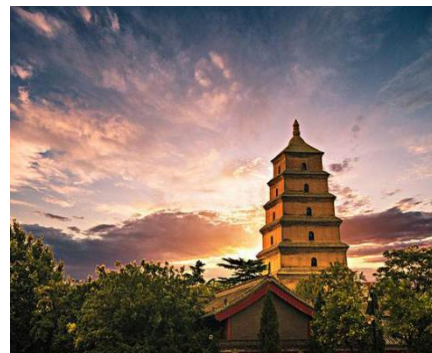
20:09: Our driver will meet you at the train station holding a welcome sign with your name on. The train station is huge and not easy for our driver to find you, so here are some guidelines to help you find each other.

The arrival hall of this train station is in the basement level of the building. Since there are few exits to go out, sometimes it's pretty confusing to know which one to use. When you get into the arrival hall (there are two sides to go down to the arrival hall from the platform, and it's hard to know which side you will be on), please remember to find the “Information Desk” (问询台/信息台) which is in the middle of the hall and near the exit end, with four big screens on four sides above the desk! The driver will be there waiting for you!

Day 3: Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter

09:00: Get 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**. 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: You will head for the famous food paradise - the **Muslim Quarter**. From its name, you can assume that this is a Muslim neighborhood, so please do not mention pork under any circumstances. You will be surrounded by a variety of local foods and interesting artifacts, it's hard to resist the temptation to try one or two.

17:00: Finish your day tour and return 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.

Second class train tickets between Xian and Luoyang.

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)

Accommodation.

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. During your visit to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you may encounter some local people following you to sell souvenirs, just ignore them.

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FAQ

1. Does the quote include the train tickets to Luoyang?

Re: Yes, the quote includes the return train tickets (second class seat) to and from Luoyang.

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 a 50 mins drive from the city center.

5. How long does it take to go to Luoyang from Xian?

Re: About 1.5 hours.

6. Can you book train tickets for us?

Re: Sure, you just need to submit your full name and passport numbers.

7. What's the difference between First class seat and Second class seat?

Re: A First class seat is more spacious and comfortable, and of course a little expensive.

8. Can I learn Kung Fu in the Shaolin Temple?

Re: Considering the short time period you will stay there, you won't have time to master Kung Fu.

However if you do have time, there are two kinds of classes. You can choose to learn from the monks in the Temple or learn under the instruction of someone near the temple. Practicing with the monk will be more expensive but also more fun!

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9. Can I see the Kung Fu Show?

Re: Sure, you will enjoy the Kung Fu Show in the Shaolin Temple. The show is performed every day.

10. Can I add more sights in Luoyang?

Re: Unfortunately, the Longmen Grottoes and Shaolin Temple take up a full day. You will even need to bring some food for on the go. There is no time for other sights.

11. 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 a different price. Just let your tour consultant know your preference, they will help you with that.

12. I'm a vegetarian, will I find somewhere to eat?

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