

5-day Xian- Beijing Boutique Tour

Basics

Tour Code: LCT-XB-01

Duration: 5 Days

Attractions: Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall, Forbidden City, Mutianyu Great Wall, Tiananmen Square

Overview: This tour is perfect for people who only have 5-6 days but still want to visit the most famous sights in China. Arrive in Xian and visit the Terracotta Army first while learning about this charming ancient capital city of China. Then jump on a high-speed train to visit the current capital city of China - Beijing. Enter the Forbidden City and explore its background stories. Walk on the Mutianyu Great Wall and admire the war strategy and architectural intelligence of ancient people.

Highlights

- Get a close look at the Forbidden City;
- Ride a boat on the lake of the Summer Palace if you choose;
- Learn about the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum on site;
- Visit a local Cave Dwelling in a Xian suburb;
- Be awed by the grandiose Great Wall.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	Flexible	Arrival in Xian
Day 2	09:00 a.m	Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall, Muslim Quarter
Day 3	09:00 a.m	Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Hanyangling Museum,

		Xian North - Beijing West by G428 (16:21 - 21:49)
Day 4	07:30 a.m	Mutianyu Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City
Day 5	07:30 a.m	Beijing West - Xian North by G571 (09:22 - 15:03)

Day 1: Arrival Xian

Upon your arrival at Xian Xianyang International Airport, meet your local Xian driver in the baggage area and be dropped off at your Xian hotel.

Day 2: Terracotta Warriors Museum, City Wall, Muslim Quarter

09:00: With sunny smile, your tour guide will greet you at your hotel lobby. Your day tour commences. You will head for Terracotta Warriors Museum first.

09:50: Arrive at the **Terracotta Warriors Museum**.

Your guide will explain every detail of this museum, its history and other interesting facts. You will be fed with tons of knowledge. Being the most significant excavation of the 20th century, the Terracotta Army is a must-see sight for people coming to Xian. You will not



only admire the craftsmanship of the different statues and ancient weapons in the three pits, but you will also learn about the motivation and significance of why this mausoleum was so grandly built.

12:30 p.m: 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: Depart 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.

14:20: 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.



16:00: Get off the City Wall and take a stroll in the **Muslim Quarter**. Learn about all kinds of folk art and taste various snacks here. This block is famous for its various foods and is regarded as a tourist spot for the tourists coming from all around the world, but also a place for locals to enjoy snacks and entertainment. It is especially popular with the locals in the summer where you will find them gathering for snacks and amusement. In addition to Beiyuanmen Street, Daxuexi Street and Xiyangshi, there is also a large area including Dapiyuan, Dongyangshi, Beiguangji Street and Qiaozikou which old Xian locals call "Fangshang". Here you will find the true Xian lifestyle if you are willing to explore.

17:00: Head back to your hotel and end of the tour for the day.

Day 3: Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Hanyangling Museum, Xian North - Beijing West by G428 (16:21 - 21:49)

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

09:30 - 11:30: 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.

11:40 - 12:40: Have lunch at a local restaurant (for your own account).

13:20 - 15:00: Visit 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.



15:20: Drop you off at the Xian North Railway Station for your train to Beijing.

21:49: Arrive at the Beijing West Train Station and meet your local Beijing driver who will drive you to your hotel.

Day 4: Mutianyu Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City

07:30: Meet your tour guide in your hotel lobby and commence your day tour.

09:00 - 11:30: Drive around 1.5 hours to the **Mutianyu section of the Great Wall** and have a quick lunch at the Subway (restaurant) at the foot of the

Mutianyu Wall. This is one of the most famous and idyllic sections of the Great Wall. You will have a choice of taking the cable car or chair lift up the breathtaking wall and spend a leisurely 1 to 2 hours walking up and down the various sections exploring the Watch Towers



and marvelling at the construction and beauty of the renowned and legendary Wall. You then have the option of an exhilarating toboggan ride back down or simply returning the way you came with cable car.

11:30 - 12:30: Enjoy a typical Beijing lunch nearby the Mutianyu Great Wall (lunch is for your own account).

14:00 p.m - 16:00: Visit the magnificent **Forbidden City** the largest Imperial Palace in the world. We'll spend a couple of hours wandering around this amazing example of Imperial architecture and learning about the history of the palace. Enclosed by long scarlet walls extending 3.5km, the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City was the very



centre of power of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. This large palace witnessed the prosperity and the decline of feudalism. Here you will directly experience how royals lived and how they ruled.

16:00 - 16:40: Visit **Tiananmen Square**, a rectangular square of 440,000 sq meters. Tiananmen Square echoes the layout of the Forbidden City to some extent. It also displays the major concept of Chinese politics in ancient times namely, centralism. Many historic events took place here , the most famous of which is the Tiananmen Incident. Now, it's just a symbol.

17:00: Return to your Beijing hotel..

Day 5: Beijing West - Xian North by G571 (09:22 - 15:03)

07:30: Be picked up from your Beijing hotel and transferred to the Beijing West Train Station for train G571.

15:03: Your local driver will pick you up at the Xian North Railway Station upon your arrival.

Your Xian & Beijing tour comes to an end.

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 Beijing.

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.

FAQ

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

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

2. Can I book the train tickets online?

Re: Yes, you can book the train tickets online, after which you will need to bring your passport to the train station for the tickets to be issued. If we book for you, we will deliver the paper tickets to your hotel before you need them.

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. Can I add Summer Palace / Temple of Heaven to this itinerary?

Re: For this particular itinerary, there is no room for any more sights. However, we can slot them in if you are willing to change the train and return to Xian later on the last day.

5. How long does it take to get to Beijing from Xian?

Re: About 5.5 hours. Some trains may be faster.

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

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

7. Can you help to book business class train tickets?

Re: Yes, we can book business class train tickets for you. However, you need to be aware that business class tickets are always in short supply. You will need to submit your passport information as soon as you confirm this trip.

8. 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.

9. Some members in my group want to take the cable car down the Mutianyu Great Wall, while others want to ride the sled down, can you arrange this?

Re: Yes, we can arrange this as both cost the same. It's just that the meeting point for sledding is a little far from that of the cable car. You will need to walk a little to get there.

10. Our children want to learn about Chinese painting, can you arrange this ?

Re: Yes, we can arrange a Chinese painting and calligraphy class in Xian. We also have other activities like a cooking class, opera masking making, rubbing, etc.